

2026 National Conference Agenda—Executive Directors, Group 5-6 Orchestras

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The following agenda describes sessions specifically designed for the above-mentioned constituents. For a full listing of Conference events and larger sessions, please visit <https://leagueconference.org/full-schedule>.

Monday, June 1, 2026

1:00pm-2:30pm **Constituency Meeting Block 1**

1:00pm-1:05pm **Welcome and Introductions**

Karen Yair, Vice President, Research and Resources, League of American Orchestras

1:05pm-2:30pm **Balancing Mission and Financial Sustainability**

Facilitator: Paul Jarrett, Executive Director, Akron Symphony Orchestra

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

3:00pm-5:00pm **Constituency Meeting Block 2: Strategies for Effective Education and Community Engagement**

Facilitators: Elizabeth Brown-Ellis, Executive Director, Lima Symphony Orchestra, and Carrie Neal, Leading Changemakers

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

11:15am-12:45pm **Constituency Meeting Block 3: Digital Marketing and Artificial Intelligence**

Speaker: Anna Scheider, Consultant, Digital Marketing, Capacity Interactive

Facilitator: Kathryn Boucher, Executive Director, Spartanburg Philharmonic

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