

2025 Legislative Agenda

1 — Economic Development

The delivery of business services that help existing Memphis businesses thrive and grow, and that attract new businesses with high-quality jobs to the region

Legislative Priorities:

- Support measures to ensure that violent offenders remain in custody through comprehensive bail reform and support of the pending constitutional amendment on bail.
- Support Artificial Intelligence policy that ensures that AI technologies are used responsibly, securely, and effectively while never stifling the progress of Tennessee's thriving AI and technology ecosystem.

2 — Diversified Human Capital

Workforce development and educational alignment that fosters a labor force diverse in the skills our employers need and is inclusive of all races and demographics

Legislative Priorities:

- Support a statewide, comprehensive workforce strategy to ensure that Tennessee has a future ready workforce. This plan should include tactics to train students to be ready for the rapidly transforming job market and reengage working adults who are underemployed or whose current jobs are ripe for automation.
- Support funding for facilities and programs to provide support for working adults who are seeking to reengage in the workforce.

3 — Infrastructure Development

Direct support to improve and expand regional physical infrastructure and illuminate infrastructure needs that are critical for Memphis businesses

Legislative Priorities:

- Support funding for downtown safety infrastructure to ensure a thriving central business and entertainment district.
- Support strategies to eliminate cargo theft including stiffer criminal penalties.
- Support transportation infrastructure development as an economic driver. Priority projects include but are not limited to the completion of Elvis Presley Boulevard, Lamar Avenue, and funding the International Airport Gateway.