



PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR USMA 2026

Program for 2026, Port Charlotte, FL

Times and other details are subject to change without notice

All educational sessions will take place at the Sunseeker Resort, Port Charlotte, Florida

Sunday, May 17, 2026

- Optional Activities with a separate fee (pre-registration required)
- 6:30 am Bus departs from main hotel portico (Sunseeker Resort) for the golf course. Annual Frank Bennett Golf Challenge, Aileron Golf Club, breakfast at course. A separate fee and pre-registration are required. This event is sold out.
- 6:45 am Annual USMA Charity 5K – meet in hotel main lobby (Sunseeker Resort). A light breakfast will be available after the run/walk.
- 1:00 -5:00 pm Name Badge Pickup – 2nd Floor, Sunseeker Resort
Registration is closed (the conference is sold out).
- 4:30 pm First Timers Reception – The Great Egret Ballroom (2nd floor, Sunseeker Resort)
Business Casual attire suggested.
Registration is closed (conference is sold out).
- 5:00 – 6:30 pm Welcome Reception – The Great Egret Ballroom (2nd floor, Sunseeker Resort)

Monday, May 18, 2026

- 7:00 am Barista, 2nd floor, Sunseeker Resort
- 7:15 am Group Breakfast – Great Egret Ballroom, Name badge required
- 8:00 am Opening by the President of USMA, Ron Burchfield (Great Egret Ballroom)
Welcome: Margie Sweezer-Fischer, VP Transmission & Substation, Florida Power & Light
Keynote Speaker: Mike Massimino, Former NASA Astronaut
The Team's Success is Your Success
- 9:45 am Beverage Break
- 10:15 am Session resumes with USMA *Gives Back* (31 years of charity giving)
Rick Morrison reviews golf & run charities
Duncan Wardle, Former Disney Head of Innovation – *Working in Harmony with AI*
- 11:45 am Break
- 12:00 pm Lunch Great Egret Ballroom, Name badge Required



1:00 pm – 2:15 pm Concurrent Sessions (6 sessions)

MB1	MB2	MB3	MB4	MB5	MB6
Utility Supply Chain of the Future	Sales & Persuasion Mastery	Human Resources Topic	Utility Category Management	Utility Vegetation Management Sourcing	Peer to Peer Discussion Group
Panel	Brook Jennings	Margaret Morford	Panel	Panel	S. Evans & C. Snover
Royal Tern A	Royal Tern B	Silver Perch	Palometa	Blueback	Reef Ideation Suite

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm Concurrent Sessions (6 sessions)

MB7	MB8	MB9	MB10	MB11	MB12
Modernizing Procurement	Sales & Persuasion Mastery	Oncor HUB	Small Modular Reactors	Investment Recovery	Peer to Peer Discussion Group
Team Presentation	Brook Jennings	Panel	Panel	Team Presentation	John Brown & Brian Serati
Royal Tern A	Royal Tern B	Silver Perch	Palometa	Blueback	Reef Ideation Suite

4:00 pm – 5:15 pm Concurrent Sessions (5 sessions)

MB13	MB14	MB15	MB16	MB18
Tariff Update	Supply Chain Risk Management	Human Resources Topic	Small Modular Reactors	Utility Only Peer to Peer Discussion Group
Abigail Singer	Fatine Zaaj, ConEd	Margaret Morford	Panel	D. Watkins, R. Schmelzer & S. Evans
Royal Tern A	Royal Tern B	Silver Perch	Palometa	Reef Ideation Suite

5:45 pm Monday Night Event (Dinner & Entertainment), Offsite location. Bus transportation will depart the Sunseeker Resort, main portico beginning at 5:45 pm. Resort casual attire

9:00 pm End of evening, bus transportation back to hotel.

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

7:00 am Barista, 2nd floor, Sunseeker Resort

7:15 am Breakfast – Great Egret Ballroom, name badge required

8:00 am Opening, USMA 1st VP, Dusty Nimmo

8:15-9:15 am The Outlook for the U.S. Economy, Economist Christopher Thornberg

9:15 – 9:45 am Break

9:45-10:45 am The Science of Productivity & Performance, Cognitive Neuroscientist, Dr. Sahar Yousef

11:00 am Concurrent Sessions (6 sessions)



TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4	TB5	TB6
The US Economy	Analytics for CM	Human Resources Topic	Early Contractor Engagement	Technology Contracting	Peer to Peer Discussion Group
Christopher Thornberg	Panel	Margaret Morford	Panel	Panel	N. Minnis, N. Ensinger
Royal Tern A	Silver Perch	Pompano	Palometa	Blueback	Reef Ideation Suite

12:15 pm Lunch (will be held in the Harbor Yards Food Hall on the ground floor of the hotel (name badge required for access to the buffet)

12:45 pm End of Lunch

1:00 – 2:15 pm Concurrent Sessions

TB7	TB8	TB9	TB10	TB11	TB12
Growing Talent	Freight in 2026	Human Resources Topic	Emergency Management	Women in Utilities	Peer to Peer Discussion Group
Panel	Panel	Margaret Morford	Matthew Moxley, FPL	Facilitated Discussion	C. Bollinger & R. Schmelzer
Royal Tern A	Pompano	Blue Back	Palometa	Silver Perch	Reef Ideation Suite

2:30 – 4:00 pm Town Hall Session – Royal Tern A/B
 Featured Speaker, John Sitalides, Geopolitical Strategist – The New Geopolitics of Trade, Energy, Diplomacy and War

4:00 pm Networking Session with Suppliers (Great Egret Ballroom)

6:00 pm End of programming for this day

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

7:00 am Barista, 2nd floor

7:15 am Breakfast (Great Egret Ballroom), Name badge required

8:00 am Opening by USMA 2nd Vice President, Rusty Batch

Closing General Session – Recruitment and Retention for the Future of the Grid,
 Industry Expert Panel (Wesco, Oncor, Kiewit, Southwire)

10:00 am Closing with video highlights