



## AMROA 2026 Workshop/Conference

### “Empowering Excellence: Leadership, Compliance, and Community Impact”

*Presiding: Joan Brutkiewicz, President*

#### Agenda

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. **Early Registration**

Thursday, July 16, 2026

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast Buffet**

8:30 a.m. **Welcome**

*Joan Brutkiewicz – AMROA President*

*Jeremy Arthur – Director, Government and Economic Development Institute*

8:45 a.m. **SPEAKER:** *Phyllis Fenn, Director of Food and Lodging – Alabama Department of Public Health*

9:45 a.m. **Break**

10:00 a.m. **SPEAKER:** *Tiffany Loveless – Alabama Licensing Board for General Contractors*

11:00 a.m. **Business Meeting**

12:00 p.m. **Luncheon**



1:30 p.m. **SPEAKER:** *Kenny Anderson, Keynote – “Principles of Empowering Leadership”*

2:15 p.m. **Break**

2:30 p.m. **SPEAKER:** *Kayla Bass, Deputy Director – Alabama League of Municipalities*

4:00 p.m. **SPEAKER:** *Panel – GTA Certification Requirements with CRE*

4:30 p.m. **Adjourn / Business Meeting Continued If Needed**

5:00 - 7:30 p.m. **Dinner on Your Own**

Friday, July 17, 2026

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast Buffet**

8:30 a.m. **SPEAKER:** *Audits Panel, Jay Thomas, Laura Copeland, and Joan Brutkiewicz–  
“Things that Make You Go Hmm.”*

9:30 a.m. **Extended Break for Checkout**

10:30 a.m. **SPEAKER:** *Summer Childers, Licensing and Compliance Division Director –  
Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board*

11:30 a.m. **Door Prizes/Evaluations/Adjournment**



**BIOS:**



**Phyllis Fenn**

Director of Food and Lodging

Alabama Department of Public Health

I am currently the Director of Food & Lodging for the Bureau of Environmental Services with the Alabama Department of Public Health. With a total of 35 years in the field of public health and food safety, my administrative responsibilities include supervising program policies and practices so that the technical aspects of the environmental program comply with requirements pertinent to the laws and rules of the retail food, lodging, and body art regulatory programs.



**Tiffany Loveless**

Executive Director

Alabama Licensing Board for General Contractors

Tiffany is the Executive Director of the Alabama Licensing Board for General Contractors. She began her career with the State of Alabama as an Administrative Assistant in 2005. After working in various capacities with the Board since 2006, Ms. Loveless was appointed as the Executive Director in 2018.





**Kenny Anderson**

Keynote Speaker

Kenny Anderson spent many years working as a mental health professional, college instructor, administrator, and public servant before retiring in October 2024.

Since 1990, Kenny has been the host/producer of a live, weekly radio talk show called "2nd Chance." As Executive Director of Leadership Empowerment Enterprise, Kenny promotes personal development seminars, life coaching, and philanthropy.



**Kayla Bass**

Deputy Director

Alabama League of Municipalities

Kayla was born in New Brockton, Alabama. She received her Associate of Arts degree at Enterprise State Community College in 2011 and her B.S. degree in journalism from Faulkner University in 2013. Prior to joining the Alabama League of Municipalities, Kayla served as the Communications Specialist to Governor Robert Bentley, Press Secretary to Alabama's Secretary of State John Merrill and Communications Director for VOICES for Alabama's Children.

Kayla currently serves as the Deputy Director for the Alabama League of Municipalities. In this role, she is directly responsible for overseeing the daily operations of the following departments: Advocacy, Communications, Member Services and Information Technology. Kayla will continue to provide direct lobbying support while the Legislature is in session and continue to oversee the League's strategic partnership and membership engagement programs.

Prior to serving as Deputy Director, Kayla served as the League's Director of External Affairs. As the Director of External Affairs, she worked to promote League legislative



positions through the development and implementation of grassroots campaigns and specific advocacy strategies as well as year-round communications efforts by the League.

In 2017 she was named one of “30 Women Who Shape the State” by AL.com and Birmingham Magazine and in 2019 Kayla received the Faulkner University Young Alumna Award for the College of Arts and Sciences English, Humanities, Music, Great Books Honors Program.



**Summer Childers**

Licensing and Compliance Division Director

Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Summer Childers grew up in Montgomery, Alabama and graduated from Faulkner University with a degree in Criminal Justice. Summer has worked with the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board since April of 2010 and is currently the Director of Licensing and Compliance for the Agency. Summer was instrumental in developing the ABC Licensing and Compliance Division during the transition of the ABC Enforcement Division to Alabama Law Enforcement Agency in 2015. Since that time, the division has grown to over sixty civilian employees. Summer is aware of the dangers of alcohol, is passionate about its regulation, and realizes the importance of preventing sales to minors. She strives to always be fair to Alabama licensees and has worked diligently to form a relationship with them.

