

# Schedule and Agenda

## Schedule:

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

### **BREAKFAST**

9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

### **WELCOME**

9:15 a.m. – 9:20 a.m. – Rep. Walker Welcomes the Attendees  
9:20 a.m. – 9:23 a.m. – Senator James Lankford Opening Prayer  
9:24 a.m. – 9:25 a.m. – Rep. Walker Introduces Rep. Cedric Richmond and Dr. Carla Hayden  
9:25 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – Rep. Cedric Richmond Speaks  
9:30 a.m. -9:34 a.m. – Dr. Carla Hayden Welcomes Attendees  
9:34 a.m. – 9:35 a.m. – Rep. Walker introduces Senator Tim Scott  
9:35 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. – Senator Tim Scott Opening Remarks

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

### **BREAK and MOVE**

10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

### **DISCUSSION I: Bridging the Gap: From Classroom to Corporate World**

#### **Peter Brooks**

*Senior Director, Talent Acquisition for Northrop Grumman's Mission Systems Sector*

#### **Brett Cohen**

*Vice President of Human Resources and Employee Development for Elbit Systems of America*

#### **Dr. Vernon Ross, Jr.**

*Director of Inclusion and Diversity at SAIC (Science Applications International Corporation)*

#### **Ted Colbert**

*Chief Information Officer of The Boeing Company and senior vice president of Information & Analytics*

#### **Will Whitley**

*Chief of Staff and Director of Events within the Communications and Brands Department for Michelin North America*

#### **Moderator: The Honorable Trey Gowdy**

*United States Representative, South Carolina*

**Discussion Topic:** The future of building and sustaining public and private partnerships relies heavily on HBCUs' ability to win and successfully complete federal and private contracts. In this session, federal agencies, corporate representatives, and HBCU leaders will

discuss the past outcomes and future possibilities of contracting to provide a new avenue for HBCUs to conduct business with both the federal government and private corporations.

**10:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**BREAK**

**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**DISCUSSION II: Breaking the Mold**

**The Honorable Tim Scott**

*United States Senator, South Carolina*

**The Honorable Marco Rubio**

*United States Senator, Florida*

**The Honorable Bradley Byrne**

*United States Representative, Alabama*

**The Honorable Mia Love**

*United States Representative, Utah*

Moderator: **The Honorable Mark Walker**

*Chairman, The Republican Study Committee*

**Discussion Topic:** HBCUs are an integral part of America's higher education system, and it is as important as ever for Republicans to engage with them. In this session, representatives and HBCU leaders will discuss important issues that HBCUs face.

**12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**BREAK and MOVE**

**12:00 – Press Conversation with Senator Tim Scott and Chairman Mark Walker ONLY**

**12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.**

**KEYNOTE LUNCHEON**

12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Continuation of Buffett Lines

12:30 p.m. – 12:32 p.m. – Rep. Mark Walker opens lunch with

prayer and introduces Dr. Michael L. Lomax, President of UNCF

12:33 p.m. – 12:36 p.m. – Dr. Michael L. Lomax Greets and

Introduces Rep. Alma Adams

12:36 p.m. – 12:41 p.m. – Rep. Alma Adams Speaks about the Bipartisan HBCU Caucus and the Bipartisan HBCU Internship Program

12:41 p.m. – 12:42 p.m. – Rep. Mark Walker thanks Rep. Alma Adams and introduces Mrs. Kelly Walker

12:43 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. – Mrs. Kelly Walker Speaks

12:45 p.m. -12:46 p.m. – Rep. Walker and Mrs. Kelly Walker introduces Secretary Betsy DeVos

12:46 p.m. – 12:58 p.m. – Secretary Betsy DeVos Speaks  
12:58 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Rep. Mark Walker thanks Secretary DeVos and Secretary DeVos leaves  
1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. – Rep. Mark Walker Introduces Members of Congress in Attendance

- Senator Bill Cassidy
- Rep. Ron DeSantis
- Senator David Perdue (possible)
- Rep. Virginia Foxx – Speaking for 2-3 minutes
- Senator Lamar Alexander – speaking for 2-3 minutes

1:16 p.m. – 1:20 p.m. – Rep. Mark Walker Closes Lunch

**1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**BREAK and MOVE**

**2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**FACEBOOK LIVE EVENT**

**The Honorable Mark Walker**

*Chairman, The Republican Study Committee*

**The Honorable Tim Scott**

*United States Senator, South Carolina*

**Moderator: Johnny C. Taylor, Jr.**

*President and CEO, Thurgood Marshall College Fund*

**Special Guest: The Honorable Paul Ryan**

*Speaker, The United States House of Representatives*

**Discussion Topic:** To close out the day's discussions, this session will review the issues that were previously raised and discuss ways to move forward and grow relationships between Republican Members of Congress and HBCU leaders.

**3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Travel to the National Museum of African American History and Culture**

**3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**Tour of the National Museum of African American History and Culture**