

NAR REALTORS® Legislative Meetings – Washington DC Convention Center | June 2026

- **Bias Override: Overcoming Barriers to Fair Housing** – Well-attended continuing education session focused on barriers to Fair Housing policy and recent regulatory changes; content was highly informative and valuable. Discussion on IDEA - (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Advocacy. Presented: “Blind Spots,” we group people into categories we feel they should be in. We can’t solve inclusion problems by being exclusionary. Book: The Color of Law - Richard Rothstein. (recommended)
- **Leading Edge Advisory Board** – Strategic planning-focused advisory committee. Notable: this committee will be sunseting on December 1, 2026.
- **General Session – Fireside Chat: Doris Kearns Goodwin & Nykia Wright** – A fun and inspirational session featuring Pulitzer Prize-winning presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin in conversation with NAR CEO Nykia Wright. Doris shared insights drawn from her deep study of American presidents, exploring themes of leadership, resilience, and the defining moments that shape the future.
- **Regulatory Issues Forum: AI Innovation, Real Estate & Regulation** – A candid discussion on the evolving landscape of AI regulation and its implications for the real estate industry. AI in our industry is pivotal. Fireside Chat (Krakos (sp?) - White House US Chief Technology Officer. Katelyn Vannoy - NAR. Discussion on Agentic AI. Not a lot of Federal Regulation; states have filled the regulatory gap. REALTORS are on the front line. 1800 pieces of legislation are being debated now. Developer vs. Deployer. The Great American AI Act. (269 pages)
- **Multiple Listing Issues and Policies Committee** – This committee develops and recommends policies related to the operation of MLS systems nationwide. Damian Eales with [REALTOR.COM](https://www.realtor.com) indicates there is a duty of care, ethics, and values. Some companies are suppressing public information on listings. A representative from RPR, Jeff Young, states his role is to work with REALTORS, not to tell them how to do their job. Conversation about Automation enforcement. Data is the new heavyweight. AI is predicted to be a major component for the MLS, data checking, etc.
- **Residential Economic Issues and Trends Forum** – Presented by NAR Chief Economist Dr. Lawrence Yun and Dr. Jessica Lautz; covered mortgage rate history and outlook, macroeconomic conditions, regional housing market variations, and client engagement strategies across key buyer segments, including Gen Z, baby boomers, and first-time buyers. Yun predicts the average home price will be worth 1 million in 25 years. A variety of information charts were presented.

- **Risk Management Issues Committee** – Featured presentations on cybercrime and Business Email Compromise (BEC) by a U.S. Secret Service special agent, E&O insurance risks from overreliance on AVMs and AI tools, seller impersonation and deed fraud, proper use of the REALTOR® marks, and emerging regulatory trends from ARELLO.
- **Treasurer's Budget Forum** – Reviewed NAR's 2025 financial performance, the 2027 zero-based budgeting process, legal settlement payment schedules for the Sitzer-Burnett and Decora cases, and motions presented to the Board of Directors regarding dues and membership assumptions. Dues are expected to remain the same.
- **RPAC Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony** – Attended to cheer on three honorees from our region: Cindy Lanier, Robin Wallace, and Jannie Wiseman, each recognized at the \$25,000 investment level. A proud moment for Montana!
- **Capitol Hill - Legislative Meetings/Congressional Delegates.** Met with Tim Sheehy with fellow MAR REALTORS. Discussion led by Bill Leininger. Capital Gains Tax Housing reform. Tim expressed the need for REALTOR support in forestry maintenance and for clearing downed timber across a variety of areas. There is strong opposition to controlled burns and foliage clearing by a Flathead area Judge, presenting a very large fire danger in Northwest Montana, particularly if legislation isn't passed to perform maintenance and clearing in a variety of areas.
- **Region 12 Caucus** – Hosted by Regional Vice President Drew Coleman, representing Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. Montana was proudly represented by our very own President, Angela Klein-Hughes.
- **Board of Directors Meeting** – The full NAR Board of Directors meeting, led by President Kevin Brown and the Leadership panel. The board elected the 2027 Treasurer, Patty Fitzpatrick, as the new NAR Treasurer. A variety of items were presented for a vote. (Dues, policy changes, candidates)