



12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	LUNCH
12:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	BUS TOUR OF CHARLESTON PORT South Carolina Ports Authority
2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	BREAK
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	SESSION 5: SOUTH CAROLINA PORTS UPDATE Byron Miller - Chief Commercial Officer, South Carolina Ports Authority
3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	SESSION 6: THE STATE OF OCEAN FREIGHT AND DATA TECHNOLOGY Eric Johnson – Journal of Commerce, Senior Editor, Technology
4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	SESSION 7: NINE DIFFERENTIATORS THAT SEPARATE ACQUISITION WINNERS AND LOSERS Spencer Tenney - President and CEO, Tenney Group, specialized merger and acquisition advisory firm dedicated to transportation and logistics since 1973.
5:00 p.m. – 5:10 p.m.	TUESDAY CLOSING REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIONS Mike Padjen – Executive Director, AHFA Specialized Furniture Carriers Division
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	SOUTH CAROLINA AQUARIUM EXPERIENCE AND RECEPTION <i>Take in spectacular waterfront views of historic Charleston as you network and browse the South Carolina Aquarium, while enjoying hors d'oeuvres, drinks, live music, and a few surprises.</i>
<b>Wednesday, June 14</b>	
8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	WELCOME BACK! Bill Smith
8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	SESSION 8: FURNITURE INDUSTRY LEADER KEYNOTE Caroline Hipple – President, Norwalk Furniture; Board of Governors, Withit; AHFA Board of Directors, 2023 Chair of the Home Furnishings Hall of Fame
9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	SESSION 9: SUSTAINABILITY AND ESG (ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, GOVERNANCE) WHAT IS COMING AND HOW DO YOU PREPARE? Peter Grieshop – Head of Strategic Transformation, SPARQ360 Robert Mather – Head of Sustainability Americas, SPARQ360
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	BREAK
10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	SESSION 10: (ZOOM): STATE OF THE HOME FURNISHINGS INDUSTRY Jerry Epperson – Managing Director, Mann, Armistead, and Epperson, Ltd.

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**10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

**SESSION 11: SHIPPERS PANEL DISCUSSION OF HOME FURNISHING'S SUPPLY CHAIN CHALLENGES**

**Moderator: Tiffany Bowman** - President/CEO, Bluewater Logistics Group

**Brad Russell** – Sr Vice President, Operations, Bassett Mirror Company, Inc.

**Robert Buford** – Logistics Manager, Uttermost

**Barry Bailey** – Director of Transportation, Fairfield Chair Co.

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**11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**CONFERENCE CLOSING REMARKS**

**Dan Hunt** – CEO, American West Worldwide Express, Inc.

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