
2026 NextGen Council Member Overview

NextGen Council (NGC) is a committee of GNO, Inc. to bring new leadership into GNO, Inc., to benefit from the vigor and ideas of emerging regional leaders and to develop future economic leaders. It is composed of the “next generation” of business and community leaders from across Greater New Orleans.

NGC focuses on issues and projects that (1) support GNO, Inc.’s mission, and (2) are congruent with the overall GNO, Inc. strategic plan. NGC also promotes positive relationships and partnerships between GNO, Inc. and the region’s business and community organizations.

NGC members are selected via a formal nominations process which takes place annually in Q4. Interested individuals may submit a membership application along with a professional bio or resume. Selected candidates will be asked to submit a letter of support from their employer. The GNO, Inc. Nominating Committee considers several factors when selecting new NGC members, including geographic location and industry sector. Ideal candidates hold management and/or senior positions.

The following represents NextGen Council membership requirements:

Time Commitment

- 2026 NextGen Council meetings will generally be held on the second Thursday of each month from 11:30am – 1:00pm at GNO, Inc. (lunch provided)
- Semi-annually, in place of the regular monthly NGC meeting, there will be a Joint Meeting of the Board and NGC at an offsite location in the region
- In May or June (during the State Legislative Session), members are encouraged to attend “NextGen Council Day at the Capitol” in Baton Rouge
- Minimum in-person attendance of 50% of regular meetings per year is required
- Additional time commitments may include participation on GNO, Inc. committees, ad hoc involvement on specific projects or issues, or attendance at GNO, Inc. events, such as Quarterly Investor Impact Breakfasts

Term

- NGC members are offered a two-year term
- At the invitation of the Nominating Committee, members may serve up to three consecutive terms
- Officers of the NextGen Council may be exempt from term limits

General Requirements

- NGC member’s employer must be a GNO, Inc. investor, which begins at \$5,000/year
- Age between 30-45
- Support of GNO, Inc.’s mission of regional economic development
- Demonstrated service as a valued and emerging regional leader
- NGC members are encouraged to share and promote economic development wins and news with their networks
- NGC members are encouraged to tailor their involvement in GNO, Inc. in a way that maximizes the efficiency, productivity, and enjoyment