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MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY
August 19, 2026

Call to Order

The Chair, Senator Hickman, called the Government Oversight Committee to order at approximately 9:36 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Senators: Senator Hickman, Senator Farrin, Senator Timberlake, Senator Tipping
Senator Duson (via Zoom), Senator Guerin (via Zoom)

Representatives: Representative Mastraccio, Representative Lee, Representative Lemelin,
Representative Perkins, Representative Stover
Absent: Representative Eder

Legislative Staff: Peter Schleck, OPEGA Director
Jennifer Henderson, OPEGA Senior Analyst
Kari Hojara, OPEGA Senior Analyst
Jennifer Greiner, OPEGA Administrative Secretary/GOC Clerk

Introduction of Committee Members

The members of the Committee introduced themselves.

New Business

To watch this meeting - the recorded Live Stream can be viewed here: [August 19, 2026 GOC Meeting](#)

Meeting Summaries – May 20, 2026, and June 17, 2026

Copies of these Meeting Summaries can be found here: [May 20, 2026 GOC Meeting Summary](#), [June 17, 2026 GOC Meeting Summary](#)

The Committee accepted and approved these meeting summaries.

Proposed Annual Categorization of Tax Expenditure Reviews (Schedule) Per 3 M.R.S. § 998

Sen. Hickman invited OPEGA Senior Analysts Jen Henderson and Kari Hojara to walk the Committee through the Annual Tax Expenditure Categorization & Scheduling Process as required by statute, and which process requires Committee votes.

Ms. Henderson stated the purpose of this process is to make adjustments as needed in two areas; the Review Category Assignments, and the Full Evaluation Schedule, incorporating any changes to tax expenditures that have occurred in the most recent legislative session.

Ms. Henderson stated that in past years this Committee's consultation with the Tax Committee on this matter happened via a letter that this Committee had sent to the Tax Committee noting the changes that this Committee voted on and requesting any input from the Tax Committee. Ms. Henderson noted that if the Tax Committee sends input on this process, this Committee can always decide to take up that input and make further decisions at a later date.

Ms. Henderson shared with the Committee the proposed adjustments to review category assignments which may be found here: [Proposed Adjustments to Review Category Assignments](#)

Ms. Henderson stated there are two categories available in statute which are Category A – Full Evaluation by OPEGA, and Category C – No Review and explained the recommended changes to Category C.

Sen. Tipping asked, regarding the Pass-Through Entity Tax Credit recommended for No Review, if the cap for this tax credit which the Tax Committee set is appropriate or if there was a way to ensure the cap amount is correct, adding that the Tax Committee's goal was to maximize the State return and the benefit to companies.

Ms. Henderson stated that this Committee can assign OPEGA to do some limited work to gather information for this Committee or the Tax Committee at any time.

Sen. Tipping stated at this time he believes the recommendation of OPEGA to move this item to the No Review category is appropriate.

Rep. Mastraccio stated that she assumed that there is a constant look at Tax Expenditures, adding that if a item is in the No Review category, that does not mean it will always be in the No Review category.

Ms. Henderson stated she is not aware of anything in statute that requires Tax Expenditures in the No Review category to be reconsidered for Full Evaluation, except for this annual process. Ms. Henderson also stated that the OPEGA Tax Team does go through the Maine State Tax Expenditure Report, which is published every two years and includes the projected revenue loss for all the tax expenditures, and takes note of any expenditure that has a substantial change in projected revenue loss, or change in the nature of the tax expenditure, and brings those to the Committee's attention.

Rep. Mastraccio stated she appreciates that OPEGA keeps an eye on these matters.

Ms. Hojara then explained the recommended changes to Category A involving the Deduction for Interest and Dividends on Maine State and Local Securities for both individuals as well as corporate income tax. Ms. Hojara stated that OPEGA had begun work on these evaluations and ended up producing an Information Brief for the Committee. Ms. Hojara stated that these two deductions are part of a larger Maine tax policy generally exempting the interest and dividends on these types of state and local securities from taxation. The Information Brief may be found here: [Information Brief: Deductions for Interest and Dividends on Maine State and Local Securities](#)

Ms. Hojara then shared with the Committee the Proposed Reclassification document, which may be found here: [Proposed Reclassification of Deductions for Interest and Dividends on Maine State and Local Securities](#)

Ms. Hojara stated that conducting a Full Evaluation of these two items would be inconsistent with how other tax exemptions for state and local bonds are treated in the review process.

Rep. Mastraccio stated she had some concerns regarding the No Review of Business Purchases of Automobiles for the Purpose of Rentals for less than One Year, adding the projected revenue loss for this is \$104 million and she believes it is a lot of money for no review and how are companies monitored to ensure they are following the rules.

Ms. Henderson stated that she does not have the answer to Rep. Mastraccio's questions at present and to find out more information, other than what is outlined in statute, OPEGA would need to conduct a limited review.

Rep. Mastraccio stated she would appreciate knowing more about this particular item.

Sen. Tipping, who is on the Tax Committee, stated the Tax Committee's conversations on the Tax Expenditure for business purchases of automobiles for the purpose of rentals for less than 1 year centered around whether the state was taxing the initial purchase of the automobile, or whether its tax was collected when individuals rented the automobiles, adding that the Tax Committee wanted to prevent double taxation. Sen. Tipping stated that the goal was to tax similar items all the same way.

Rep. Mastraccio stated that while this particular Tax Expenditure is in the No Review Category, it still may be of interest to gather enough information for future legislation to review if this works as intended.

Sen. Hickman stated that he agreed it would be beneficial to learn if over the life of automobiles involved the state is recovering the funds of what would have been collected through the sales tax at the initial purchase.

Sen. Timberlake stated that the state also collects a sales tax at the time a business decides to sell rental equipment, adding that tax on rental equipment or vehicles is a higher rate than tax on sales of the same item.

Ms. Henderson next reviewed the document for the Proposed Tax Expenditure Review Schedule for Category A (Full Evaluations), which is a tentative order of priority for future OPEGA Reviews.

With no further questions from the Committee, Sen. Hickman asked if there was a motion.

Motion and Vote

Rep. Mastraccio made the motion: To accept the Proposed Tax Expenditure Review Categorization changes as recommended by OPEGA; and to accept the Proposed Tax Expenditure Review Schedule as recommended by OPEGA.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Stover

Sen. Tipping stated that he agrees with the motion and added that he would like this decision to be transmitted to the Tax Committee Chairs to ensure it meets their expectations, and that this Committee should revisit the matter if the Tax Committee had objections.

Sen. Hickman stated that what Sen. Tipping has stated is part of this process.

With no further discussion, the vote was taken.

The motion was approved unanimously by all members who voted. (Eleven members were present for the vote, one member was absent.)

Request by Senator Timberlake Regarding DHHS OCFS Involvement, if any, in the case of Braxtyn Smith

Sen. Hickman turned to the next item on the agenda and invited Committee member Sen. Timberlake to present his request to the Committee.

Sen. Timberlake stated that he had sent a letter to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) requesting information regarding any DHHS involvement with Braxtyn Smith prior to his death. Sen.

Timberlake stated that in the response letter he received, DHHS stated one of the three individuals who plead guilty has not been sentenced and therefore could not release information until after that sentencing.

Sen. Timberlake's request letter may be found here: [Request letter from Sen. Timberlake DHHS OCFS - Braxtyn Smith](#)

Sen. Timberlake then played a short audio clip of a statement made by the late Sen. Bill Diamond regarding Braxtyn Smith.

Sen. Timberlake expressed frustration at the lack of information surrounding this case and referenced the Committee's work in Child Protection and previous OPEGA reviews of case files involving child deaths. Sen. Timberlake stated he would like to figure out why children are still dying in Maine and would like OPEGA to do a full investigation of Braxtyn Smith's case.

Sen. Hickman asked Sen. Timberlake to confirm he was requesting an OPEGA investigation into this matter as his letter to the Committee did not request a formal investigation.

Sen. Timberlake stated that his letter also indicated he may ask for a full investigation in the future, and that he was doing so today.

Rep. Stover asked if Sen. Timberlake knew when the sentencing hearing date for the third of three defendants was scheduled.

Sen. Timberlake stated he does not know if the sentencing hearing has already happened or is scheduled to happen soon.

Rep. Stover stated she has spent her adult career working in various ways centered around child welfare and child abuse. Rep. Stover stated that she wonders when children in abuse situations go to school, why someone did not notice the signs of abuse and say something. Rep. Stover stated she believes truancy statutes should be strengthened and when children miss a large amount of school for unknown reasons that bad things could be happening.

Sen. Timberlake stated he agreed with Rep. Stover.

Sen. Farrin stated that in this case, all adults involved have pleaded guilty, and expressed frustration over waiting for sentencing of the last individual to find out information from the Department and believes the delay in information is a stall tactic.

Rep. Lee stated that, according to media reports, both the mother and grandmother of Braxtyn Smith have been sentenced but the father is not scheduled for sentencing until September.

Sen. Tipping asked Sen. Timberlake if he thinks there are specific elements of this case that will be helpful to the Committee, adding that the Committee has done a lot of work on previous child death case file reviews and through those the Committee identified systemic issues and made recommendations in a report. Sen. Tipping added that it may be appropriate to see which of the recommendations this Committee made have been applied by DHHS, and what changes has the Department made in a broader way rather than looking at just one case.

Sen. Timberlake stated that he believes it is important to look at this individual case, and it is important to learn how this happened and whether no one recognized the abuse happening and tried to stop it. Sen. Timberlake stated he would like to know if there are any differences between this case and the previous case files reviewed. Sen. Timberlake stated he believes this information will be important for the new administration and any new Commissioner that will take over DHHS in 2027.

Rep. Lemelin asked if DHHS was already involved in this child's life in any way.

Sen. Timberlake stated again that he had submitted a letter to the DHHS Commissioner asking if there had been any involvement with Braxtyn Smith prior to his death, adding that the Department will not answer the question. Sen. Timberlake stated he believes the Department was involved in this child's life however he does not have any proof.

Rep. Lemelin stated he does not understand how DHHS would miss the signs of abuse.

Rep. Perkins stated that if DHHS was not aware of the treatment of the child, he wants to learn why, especially due to the condition the child was in at the time of his death. Rep. Perkins stated that there had to be someone that had eyes on this child at some point. Rep. Perkins stated that if there was DHHS involvement and it was handled inappropriately, the Committee needs to learn why. Rep. Perkins stated the Committee will not learn the answers to these questions unless a review is conducted and he fully supports Sen. Timberlake's request and would like to make the motion to do so.

Sen. Hickman invited Director Schleck forward to share his input on this matter.

Sen. Tipping asked if the Committee should wait a few weeks, until after the final sentencing, to review the memo that will be released by the Department as required by statute before making decisions on whether or not the Committee assigns this work to OPEGA.

Sen. Timberlake stated that the Committee should not wait to take action, adding that he believes it is important to find out what happened and that he does not have a lot of trust in the Department.

Sen. Farrin asked that if the answer is no, the Department was not involved in any way with Braxtyn Smith, should the Committee then focus on mandated reporters and reporting requirements to see how this child fell through the cracks.

Sen. Timberlake stated he would like mandated reporters to be looked into, and he would like to learn if any mandated reporters made reports regarding Braxtyn Smith and if so what became of those reports and how DHHS handled those reports.

Rep. Lee asked who provided the excuse of the waiting for the final sentencing on this case for not providing answers to Sen. Timberlake's questions.

Sen. Timberlake stated that the DHHS Commissioner responded to his requests with a letter stating that information could not be provided until after the sentencing because of confidential information.

Sen. Hickman asked Director Schleck for his input on the discussion on this matter.

Director Schleck stated that Maine statute, Title 22 § 4008-A dictates when the Commissioner shall make information public in cases where child abuse and neglect results in a child fatality or near fatality, and that information cannot be disclosed if it would jeopardize a criminal investigation or proceeding. Director Schleck stated that criminal investigation or proceeding has been interpreted to run through sentencing at the trial level, noting this was the same for the prior cases that OPEGA reviewed.

Director Schleck stated that in Sen. Timberlake's letter to the Department, Sen. Timberlake requested the memo the Department will release containing information on the case and any of DHHS's involvement with the child. Director Schleck stated that the memo should be ready to be released right after the sentencing of the third individual who has pleaded guilty in this case. Director Schleck suggested that the Committee wait to take action until after the memo is received by the Committee, adding that these kinds of memos do contain very detailed information, and in the previous cases reviewed by OPEGA were generally consistent with what OPEGA later found. Director Schleck added that the memo might possibly provide some insight into the homeschooling situation in this case, and whether there was anyone (other than the defendants) who had a chance to observe the child in person.

Director Schleck also stated that the Office of the Child Advocate was recently established, and the Governor shall appoint a Director for this office by October 1, 2026. Director Schleck stated the staff of the Child Welfare Ombudsman at some point will transfer over to the Office of Child Advocate. Director Schleck added that the Office of the Child Advocate is authorized to conduct case-specific reviews and suggested the Committee may want to hear from that office regarding any plans for this matter.

Rep. Mastraccio stated she is concerned that the sentencing is scheduled for late September, and the next GOC meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 16th, adding she would like to move forward on this but wait for the memo released by the Department as that would help decide the scope of the review, and perhaps have the next GOC meeting after the sentencing date.

Sen. Timberlake stated he respects Director Schleck's suggestions; however, he would like the review to move forward now and not wait until September adding that the review goes beyond the information in the Department memo.

Motion and Vote

Sen. Guerin proposed a motion to direct OPEGA to do a case review of Braxtyn Smith, as soon as the criminal sentencing is completed, and any other ancillary matters including mandated reporters and homeschooling.

Rep. Stover stated that she has served on the Homicide Review Panel for Domestic Violence and took part in two reviews for that panel where children were homeschooled. Rep. Stover stated the panel concluded that homeschooling does not cause domestic violence, however the isolation provided with homeschooling had to be recognized as contributing factors. Rep. Stover also stated that the Child Death and Serious Injury Review Panel exists and asked if the Committee or OPEGA has ever talked with this panel previously, noting that both review panels conduct a very thorough review. Director Schleck and Senator Hickman both indicated in the affirmative....

Rep. Lemelin asked Director Schleck when OPEGA could conduct this case review given the work load OPEGA currently has.

Director Schleck stated that the Committee, by two-thirds, may vote to put this review to the front of the work plan.

Rep. Mastraccio stated that part of the process of an OPEGA review is to set the scope for the review, adding that she would not know what she would vote on for a scope of work in this case until she sees the Department memo.

Rep. Lee stated that it would make sense to him to vote to assign the case file review to OPEGA, and once the Committee has the Department memo, decide on the priority or scope of the review.

Rep. Perkins seconded the motion.

Sen. Timberlake stated he would like to have this review be expedited to get a report back to the Committee as soon as possible.

Following Committee discussion, the motion was amended to add making this review to the very next item in OPEGA's work plan and the vote was taken.

The motion was approved unanimously by all members who voted. (Eleven members were present for the vote, one member was absent.)

Request by Senator Farrin Regarding the Maine International Cold Storage Facility (Maine Port Authority)

Sen. Hickman next invited Sen. Farrin to present his request to the Committee.

Sen. Farrin read his request letter into the record which may be found here: [Request Letter from Sen. Farrin_Maine International Cold Storage Facility Concerns](#)

Rep. Mastraccio asked Sen. Farrin, who is also a member of the Transportation Committee, whether that committee has oversight of the Maine Port Authority.

Sen. Farrin stated the Transportation Committee does have oversight of the Maine Port Authority.

Rep. Mastraccio asked if the Transportation Committee has weighed in on this concern.

Sen. Farrin stated that since the Legislature adjourned in April, the Transportation Committee has not taken any action on this matter. Sen. Farrin also stated that a meeting had taken place with the former Commissioner when this matter was first brought to the Chairs and Leads of the Transportation Committee, with a goal of understanding the entire process. Sen. Farrin stated that the State provided the land for this

facility, and the developers are not paying the local contractors for work done and now the only recourse for the contractors who are still owed payment is to go to court.

Sen. Farrin stated that some of the smaller contractors have been paid since he submitted his letter, adding that they were only paid for work done but not for damages or interest. Sen. Farrin stated there are two large outstanding payments still owed to contractors and those contractors have had to sue the general contractor and the developer for payment.

Sen. Farrin stated he has shared his letter with the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation (DOT), and the Commissioner is preparing a response for this Committee.

Rep. Mastraccio suggested that the 133rd Transportation Committee may address this matter, adding that there seems to be some implications around legislation and asked Sen. Farrin what leverage the Legislature might have in this matter.

Sen. Farrin stated this case involves the Maine Port Authority and a public-private partnership, adding that he believes there should be some guidelines so that these partnerships are a positive outcome for all parties.

Rep. Mastraccio asked Sen. Farrin if he is requesting the Committee invite interested parties involved in this matter to discuss the issues before deciding whether or not to take further action or make recommendations.

Sen. Farrin stated he would like the Committee to hear from different parties involved so that the 133rd Legislature has information to take action on. Sen. Farrin added that he believes in public-private partnerships, however due to the difficulties experienced through this project many of the local contractors involved do not want to work for the state again.

Sen. Tipping asked Sen. Farrin if in the two months since he wrote the letter, has there been any type of new communication or information received on this matter.

Sen. Farrin reiterated that he believes some of the smaller contractors involved have received payment, however there are two large contracts that have yet to receive payment, and that the facility is open and running. Sen. Farrin also stated again that the DOT Commissioner is preparing some data for this Committee on this matter.

Sen. Hickman stated it is important to know the purpose of the Maine International Cold Storage Facility (MICSF) as it was developed as an economic development project to support Maine seafood, agricultural, and food export industries. Sen. Hickman stated it is discouraging to hear local contractors have not been paid for their work on this facility and it would be important to learn if there are gaps in current law regarding public-private partnerships, and it may be beneficial to learn how other states are handling these partnerships.

Sen. Timberlake stated that for the state of Maine's economic development to grow, he believes there will need to be more public-private partnerships and this example does not set a positive precedent and believes the Committee should take a closer look into this.

With no further questions for Sen. Farrin from the Committee, Sen. Hickman asked Director Schleck for his input on this matter.

Director Schleck stated he reached out to the government relations contact for DOT to make them aware of this agenda item and that there may be an invitation for representatives from DOT to attend a future GOC meeting on this matter, subject to further decision and confirmation by the Chairs.

Director Schleck suggested the Committee may wish to invite the DOT Commissioner or appropriate designees to come to the September meeting to discuss this matter.

Director Schleck stated a program evaluation on this matter could look at what happened here but might also involve answering how this type of partnership should work or could work better in the future.

Sen. Farrin stated Director Schleck's suggestions are a great starting point and then asked the Committee Members to consider also asking the DECD Commissioner to appear and discuss the importance of these public-private partnerships for economic development in the state of Maine and the role these agreements can have for the future.

Sen. Hickman asked Sen. Farrin who else he would like to see invited to have a discussion with the Committee on this matter other than the DOT Commissioner.

Sen. Farrin stated that if the Committee wants to understand the process of this project, he would also like to have the Committee invite the general contractor of this project, however due to a lawsuit involving the general contractor he does not believe they may be willing to appear.

Rep. Stover stated that procurement should also be looked at, and stated other departments have also experienced subcontractors not receiving timely payments.

Sen. Hickman stated the Committee has already assigned OPEGA to review state procurement.

Sen. Duson suggested that the Committee also consider checking in with the City of Portland which is the host city of this project, including the Mayor and the Director of their office of economic development, adding that the city was involved in discussions and negotiations on this project.

Sen. Hickman stated that the DOT Commissioner also serves as the Chair of the Board of the Maine Port Authority. Sen. Hickman added that the President of the Maine International Trade Center is also on the Board of the Maine Port Authority and asked Sen. Farrin if the Transportation Committee has interacted with that individual.

Sen. Farrin stated that the Transportation Committee has not had conversations with the President of the Maine International Trade Center, or with the City of Portland as they are not involved with the concern over the lack of payments on contracted work provided. Sen. Farrin stated their input would be welcome if they knew the process of the public-private partnership.

Sen. Hickman stated the Chairs of the Committee will confirm about compiling a list of individuals to invite to the September meeting to discuss these public-private partnerships generally as well as the concerns

raised during today's discussion. Sen. Hickman then asked Sen. Farrin if he would like the Committee to vote on this matter today or wait until after further discussions with interested parties.

Sen. Farrin stated that a vote is not needed today if this matter will be addressed further at the next meeting, adding that he would like to put together a list of other potential interested parties for the Director and the Chairs to consider including some contractors who were directly impacted by this situation.

OPEGA Director's Report

Sen. Hickman next invited Director Schleck to present his Director's report.

Director Schleck stated that the Bureau of Motor Vehicles are available to present the Committee with a six-month follow-up regarding passing rates for driver's license testing of citizens and noncitizens at the next Committee meeting, subject to the confirmation of the Chairs.

Director Schleck next provided the Committee with the letter from the Chairs to the Attorney General requesting a legal opinion whether OPEGA may or may not have authority to pursue a program evaluation of the Maine Community Foundation's collection, management, and distribution of funds in response to the October 2023 mass casualty shooting in Lewiston. A copy of the letter may be found here: [GOC Letter to Attorney General](#)

Director Schleck stated that he has had communication with the Office of Attorney General, adding that the legal opinion could not be completed for the meeting today, but Director Schleck hopes to have it by the September meeting.

Rep. Lee stated he has empathy for the frustration and difficulty of those impacted waiting for the questions raised in the letter to be answered, adding that the suffering that continues for those directly affected by the shooting is real and the need for additional funding to heal that suffering is real. Rep. Lee stated he has significant policy questions regarding this matter that should be addressed by the 133rd Legislature. Rep. Lee stated he also has questions for the Office of Attorney General regarding their investigation into this matter.

Sen. Timberlake stated that about a year and a half ago he had a conversation with Sen. Rotundo of Lewiston as well as Sen. Hickman regarding this matter and whether this Committee had jurisdiction over the Maine Community Foundation's distribution of these funds, and at that time they determined it was unclear.

Sen. Timberlake stated that he agrees that a financial solution is needed, that he believes some of the financial solutions involve the Maine Community Foundation as some funds disbursed may not have gone where they were supposed to go. Sen. Timberlake stated he would like to see some of the money that was given to organizations given back if it was not used as it should have been, but not out of the taxpayer's pocket.

Rep. Perkins stated that he agrees with Sen. Timberlake, adding that the victims of this crime are being revictimized by having to fight to receive the funds in question. Rep. Perkins asked Director Scheck if the opinion from the Attorney General would be provided by the next Committee meeting and does it normally take this long to receive an opinion from the Attorney General.

Director Schleck stated that he does not have information on the work load of the Attorney General's office or how long an opinion typically takes, adding that his impression was that while the opinion could not be completed for today's meeting, the intention is to have it done before the September meeting.

Rep. Mastraccio asked Director Schleck to inform the Attorney General's office that the Committee would like the Attorney General to be at the September meeting and that just sending a letter with the opinion to the Committee is not sufficient.

Director Schleck stated he would be happy to follow up with the Attorney General's office with an invitation to the September meeting.

Rep. Lee stated, for the Attorney General's office, his considerable frustration with them if they do not have an opinion before the September meeting and if they do not appear at the September meeting.

Director Schleck next shared with the Committee, as an update to the Chelsea kinship placement case file review assigned to OPEGA previously, the Bindover Order for the juvenile involved, which may be found here: [Bindover Order](#)

Director Schleck next shared with the Committee a letter sent from the Chairs with follow-up questions for Commissioner Liberty of the Maine Department of Corrections (MDOC) after the June 17, 2026, meeting as well as Commissioner Liberty's response letter. Those items may be found here:

- [Letter from GOC Chairs to MDOC](#)
- [Letter from MDOC to GOC](#)

Sen. Hickman read the response letter from Commissioner Liberty into the record.

Director Schleck informed the Committee that Attorney Dill, who represents the plaintiffs in the lawsuit regarding protection from abuse in Maine correctional facilities, has filed for a preliminary injunction to enjoin MDOC alleging these are constitutional offenses. Director Schleck stated that he believes more will be learned soon on this matter from the court process.

Director Schleck stated that subject to meeting with the Chairs and their further decisions, the next GOC meeting date is tentatively scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Adjourn

With no further discussion, Sen. Hickman adjourned the Government Oversight Committee, without objection, at approximately 11:47am.