

131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

Pre-Legislative Conference & Convening of the Legislature

December 5 - 8, 2022
Maine State House



*Presented by the Legislative Council of the
130th Maine Legislature*



*Maine State House
Augusta, Maine*

Monday, December 5th



Pre-Legislative Conference for New Members

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Registration & Refreshments

Third Floor Rotunda

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM

Welcome and Opening Remarks

House Chamber

Hon. Troy Jackson, President of the Senate & Vice-chair, Legislative Council

Hon. Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House & Chair, Legislative Council

9:15 AM – 10:45 AM

Chamber Orientation for Senators

Hon. Darek Grant, Secretary of the Senate

Senate Chamber

Chamber Orientation for Representatives

Hon. Robert Hunt, Clerk of the House

House Chamber

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM

Break

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Overview of State Budget

Room 228

Presenter: Christopher Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review

12:15 PM – 1:45 PM

Constituent & Caucus Services & New Member Mentoring

Working lunch with Leadership offices (box lunch provided)

Democratic members

Room 228

Republican members

Room 334

Other members

Room 127

1:45 PM – 2:15 PM

Introduction to Maine Judiciary

House Chamber

Presenters: Barbara Cardone, Director of Legal Affairs and Public Relations

Julia Finn, Legislative Analyst

2:15 PM – 4:00 PM

Bill Filing Assistance, Staff Tables and Library Tours

Hall of Flags

(refreshments)

Tuesday, December 6th



Pre-Legislative Conference for All Members

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Registration & Refreshments

Third Floor Rotunda

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Welcome and Opening Remarks

House Chamber

Hon. Troy Jackson, President of the Senate & Vice-chair, Legislative Council

Hon. Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House & Chair, Legislative Council

9:30 AM – 10:45 AM

Seminar on Legislative Ethics: the Law & Legislators' Responsibilities

(Attendance is mandatory per 1 MRSA §1008)

House Chamber

Presenters: William Schneider, Chair, Commission on
Governmental Ethics & Election Practices
Aaron Frey, Attorney General of Maine

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM ***Break***

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Seminar on Freedom of Access Act: the Public's Right to Know and Legislators' Training Requirements

(Attendance is mandatory)

House Chamber

Presenters: Aaron Frey, Attorney General of Maine
Brenda Kielty, Public Access Ombudsman,
Attorney General's Office

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Luncheon (box lunch provided)

Hall of Flags & Room 228

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Joint Senate & House Democratic Caucus

House Chamber

Joint Senate & House Republican Caucus

Senate Chamber

5:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Legislative Reception & Conference Banquet

Cash bar & banquet for the incoming Legislature

Augusta Civic Center

(76 Community Drive, Augusta)

Evening event is hosted by the Legislative Council of the 130th Legislature

Wednesday, December 7th



Convening of the 131st Maine Legislature

10:00 AM

*Senate Chamber
House Chamber*

Swearing-In of Members

By the Honorable Janet T. Mills, Governor

Organization of the House of Representatives and the Senate

- Election of Presiding Officer in each Chamber
- Election of Secretary of the Senate and
Assistant Secretary of the Senate
- Election of Clerk of the House of Representatives and
Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives

The Legislature Will Proceed With Orders of the Day

2:00 PM

Joint Convention of the 131st Legislature

House Chamber

- Election of Constitutional Officers

4:00 PM

Senate Reconvenes in Session

Senate Chamber

House of Representatives Reconvenes in Session

House Chamber

*(The Pre-Legislative Conference resumes
on Thursday, December 8th at 9:00 AM*

at

Maple Hill Farm B&B Inn, 11 Inn Road, Hallowell)

Thursday, December 8th



Pre-Legislative Conference for All Members

8:30 AM

Registration

*Maple Hill Farm B&B Inn
11 Inn Road
Hallowell, Maine*

9:00 AM

Legislative Policy Forum – for all Legislators

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Yellow Breen, President & CEO, Maine Development Foundation

Presenters & Keynote Speakers:

The program materials and detailed agenda will be distributed separately.

Lunch will be provided to Legislators who attend the legislative policy forum.

Sponsored by the Maine Legislative Council and the Maine Development Foundation

***The Pre-Legislative Conference concludes
at approximately 2:30 PM***

**PRE-LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE FOR
THE 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE**

This Pre-Legislative Conference is designed to acquaint newly-elected legislators and reacquaint re-elected legislators who will be serving in the 131st Maine Legislature with the key aspects of the legislative process, staff services and other resources available to assist legislators in carrying out their Constitutional and statutory responsibilities. It includes seminars on key legal provisions affecting legislators, and provides a forum for beginning a dialogue on several key policy issues facing Maine and the Legislature.

The Pre-Legislative Conference is sponsored by the Legislative Council of the 130th Legislature and is organized and staffed by legislative agency personnel. The cost of the conference is paid for by a legislative appropriation.

**Members of the
Legislative Council of the 130th Legislature**

The Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau, Chair and Speaker of the House
The Honorable Troy D. Jackson, Vice-Chair and President of the Senate

STATE SENATORS

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Hon. Eloise Vitelli
Hon. Matthea Daughtry
Hon. Jeffrey Timberlake
Hon. Matthew Pouliot

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

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Hon. Michelle Dunphy
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Hon. Joel Stetkis





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