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April 14, 2026

12:00 Noon

AGENDA

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	CALL TO ORDER	
	ROLL CALL	
	SUMMARY OF THE JANUARY 22, 2026 MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	Decision
	REPORTS FROM STAFF OFFICE DIRECTORS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No reports	
	REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No reports	
	OLD BUSINESS	
Item #1	Council Actions Taken by Ballot (No Action Required)	Information
	NEW BUSINESS	
Item #1	Consideration of Legislative Study Requests	
(Separate Notebook)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suggested Protocol for Considering Proposed Studies• Consideration of Proposed Legislative Studies	Decision Roll Call Vote
Item #2	Provision to Legislators of Personal Information Protection Services	Decision

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MEETING SUMMARY**
January 22, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Fecteau called the January 22, 2026 meeting of the 132nd Legislative Council to order at 1:39 p.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

Senators: President Daughtry, Senator Duson, Senator Stewart (arrived after roll call, via Zoom), and Senator Harrington (via Zoom)

Representatives: Speaker Fecteau, Representative Moonen (arrived after roll call, via Zoom), Representative Gramlich, Representative Faulkingham, and Representative Smith

Absent: Senator Pierce

Legislative Officers: Suzanne Gresser, Executive Director of the Legislative Council
Darek Grant, Secretary of the Senate
Michelle Dunphy, Assistant Clerk of the House
Ed Charbonneau, Revisor of Statutes
Danielle Fox, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
Christopher Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
Nik Rende, Director, Office of Legislative Information Technology

Speaker Fecteau convened the meeting at 1:39 p.m. with a quorum of members present.

Speaker Fecteau announced his intention to take items out of order, and hearing no objection, moved to New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Consideration of Requests for After-Deadline Bills and Certain Joint Resolutions

With respect to two (2) bills, the chair ruled them out of order given their similarity to those sponsor's pre-cloture bills requests, which were rejected at the Legislative Council meeting held on November 20, 2025. The Speaker advised that the sponsors of those two bills instead request reconsideration of the Council's decisions on the original pre-cloture bill requests. The Legislative Council proceeded to consider and vote on the remaining sixteen (16) after deadline bill requests and two (2) Joint Resolutions. Of those after-deadline bill requests, the Legislative Council accepted five (2) bills for introduction, and tabled eleven (11). In addition, the Council tabled two (2) requests for Joint Resolutions. The Legislative Council rejected one of the requests for reconsideration, and tabled the other request for reconsideration. The Legislative Council's action on the requests is attached to this meeting summary.

Item #2: Update on State House HVAC Study

Director Gresser reviewed the history of the State House HVAC Study conducted in accordance with Public Law 2023, chapter 392, which required the Executive Branch, Bureau of General Services to test the air in the State House for the presence of radon and provide a report on measures to mitigate radon if discovered. The architectural/engineering firm that conducted the work issued its report on December 16, 2025, and included several options for permanent mitigation of the radon. Director Gresser reviewed the options that were included in the report, and informed the Council members that DAFS has included funding for State House HVAC improvements in the 2026A Maine Governmental Facilities Association bond that will issue in the late spring of 2026.

Item #3: Acceptance of Report of Commission to Recommend Methods for Preventing Deed Fraud

Motion: That the Report of Commission to Recommend Methods for Preventing Deed Fraud be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Representative Gramlich. Second by Senator Duson. **Motion passed (6-0-0-4,** with President Daughtry, Senator Pierce, Senator Stewart, and Representative Moonen recorded as absent).

Item #4: Acceptance of Report of Commission Evaluate Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions that Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State

Motion: That the Report of Commission Evaluate Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions that Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Representative Gramlich. Second by Senator Duson. **Motion passed (6-0-0-4,** with President Daughtry, Senator Pierce, Senator Stewart, and Representative Moonen recorded as absent).

Item #5: Acceptance of Report of Commission to Expand Access to Oral Health Care by Studying Alternative Pathways for Obtaining a License to Practice Dentistry

Motion: That the Report of Commission to Expand Access to Oral Health Care by Studying Alternative Pathways for Obtaining a License to Practice Dentistry be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Representative Gramlich. Second by Senator Duson. **Motion passed (6-0-0-4,** with President Daughtry, Senator Pierce, Senator Stewart, and Representative Moonen recorded as absent).

Item #5-A: Acceptance of 20th Annual Report of the Right to Know Advisory Committee

Motion: That the 20th Annual Report of the Right to Know Advisory Committee be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Representative Gramlich. Second by Senator Duson. **Motion passed (6-0-0-4,** with President Daughtry, Senator Pierce, Senator Stewart, and Representative Moonen recorded as absent).

Item #6: Implementation of Executive Branch Notification System for Notification of Events

Director Gresser explained that the Executive Branch uses a notification system called “Everbridge” to notify individuals of events occurring in and around the Cross State Office Building, and said that it functions similar to the Legislature’s LENS notification system. Director Gresser explained that when she receives notices about such occurrences, she forwards them on to the Legislature, and inquired whether the Council wanted members of the Legislature to receive those notices from Everbridge directly to their legislative email addresses. Sen. Duson suggested that, as a pilot project, perhaps Everbridge notices could be sent directly to a limited group, such as the 10 members of the Legislative Council. Sen. Stewart suggested that the pilot group also include the Council members’ chiefs of staff.

Motion: That the Executive Director work with the Executive Branch to add the legislative email addresses of the Legislative Council members and their chiefs of staff to the Executive Branch’s Everbridge system. Motion by Senator Duson. Second by Representative Gramlich. **Motion passed (7-0-0-3,** with President Daughtry, Senator Pierce, and Representative Moonen recorded as absent).

Because the last item of new business will be taken up in Executive Session, the Speaker announced that he would return to items at the beginning of the printed agenda.

SUMMARY OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2025 MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Motion: That the Meeting Summary for November 20, 2025 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Senator Duson. Second by Representative Gramlich. **Motion failed (5-0-1-4,** with Representative Faulkingham abstaining, and President Daughtry, Senator Pierce, Senator Stewart, and Representative Moonen recorded as absent).

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES

Fiscal Report

Christopher Nolan, Director of the Office of Fiscal and Program Review, presented the fiscal report found in the agenda packet.

Studies Report

Danielle Fox, Director of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, presented the studies report found in the agenda packet.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel Committee

Speaker Fecteau reported that the Personnel Committee earlier today to consider the following matters:

1. Step Increases for the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House

The committee voted to approve step increases for both the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House.

2. Step Increases for Constitutional Officers and State Auditor

The committee reviewed and approved step increases for the three officers who are eligible for step increases: The State Treasurer, the State Auditor, and the Secretary of State.

3. Performance Evaluations and Step Increases

The committee voted to approve step increases for the following nonpartisan office directors: Jessica Lundgren, Director, Law and Legislative Reference Library; Danielle Fox, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis; Christopher Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review; Edward Charbonneau, Revisor of Statutes; and Suzanne Gresser, Executive Director of the Legislative Council.

The members of the Council discussed the reasons that votes concerning the step increases for Constitutional Officers and the State Auditor are taken in Executive Session. In response to a question from Rep. Smith, Director Gresser described the method of setting the salaries and authorizing step increases for Constitutional Officers and the State Auditor, and the differences between the process in the First Regular Session and the the Second Regular Session. The Council members discussed the Legislature’s unique role regarding setting and approving increases to the salaries of the Constitutional Officers, and acknowledged that there may be alternatives to that which is set forth in current law and Legislative Council rules.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Council Actions Taken by Ballot

Legislative Council Decisions:

Motion: That the Legislative Council Authorize the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions that Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State to hold one additional commission meeting prior to December 10, 2025

Motion by: Speaker Ryan D. Fecteau

Date: November 24, 2025

Vote: 6-0-0-4 Passed (with Senator Stewart, Senator Harrington, Representative Faulkingham, and Representative Smith recorded as absent)

Motion: That the Legislative Council Approve the Maine National Speech and Debate Association’s request to hold the Maine High School Debate Tournament in legislative space in the State House Complex on Saturday, January 17, 2026

Motion by: Speaker Ryan D. Fecteau

Date: December 19, 2025

Vote: 7-0-0-3 Passed (with Senator Harrington, Representative Faulkingham, and Representative Gramlich recorded as absent)

Requests for Introduction of Legislation:

LR 2971 An Act to Require All Public School Buses to Be Equipped with School Bus Crossing Arms

Submitted by: Representative Valli Geiger
Date: December 12, 2025
Vote: 6-0-0-4 Passed (with Senator Duson, Senator Stewart, Senator Harrington, and Representative Faulkingham recorded as absent)

LR 2965 Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Roxbury the Roxbury-Frye Veterans Memorial Bridge

Submitted by: Senator Joseph Martin
Date: January 7, 2026
Vote: 7-0-0-3 Passed (with Senator Duson, Representative Smith, and Representative Faulkingham recorded as absent)

The Speaker announced that the Legislative Council would not come back into public meeting following the conclusion of the Executive Session. With no other public business to consider or further announcements at 3:44 p.m., the Speaker requested a motion to enter into executive session.

Item #7: Update on State House Security Measures (Executive Session)

Motion: That in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 405, subsection 6, and Title 1, section 402, subsection 3, paragraph L, the Legislative Council enter into an executive session for the purpose of receiving information related to security plans Motion by President Daughtry. Second by Representative Gramlich. **Motion passed (6-0-0-4**, with Senator Pierce, Senator and Representative Moonen and Representative Faulkingham recorded as absent).

**132nd Maine State Legislature
Second Regular Session**

**Legislative Council Actions Taken on Requests to
Introduce Legislation and Joint Resolutions at
Legislative Council Held on January 22, 2026**

AFTER DEADLINE BILL REQUESTS

SPONSOR: Sen. Donna Bailey

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2972	An Act Regarding Step Therapy for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias	Tabled

SPONSOR: Sen. Anne Beebe-Center

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2992	An Act to Allow a Surviving Spouse Who Holds an Elver License to Receive the Deceased Spouse's Elver Quota	Tabled

SPONSOR: Sen. Dick Bradstreet

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2969	An Act to Prevent State Income Tax from Being Collected on Money Stolen from Victims of Government Impostor Scams	Tabled

SPONSOR: Rep. Amanda N. Collamore

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2962	An Act Clarifying the Definition of "Domestic Partner"	Ruled out of order by chair

SPONSOR: Rep. Ed Crockett

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2947	An Act to Amend the Maine Equal Pay Law to Specify That It Applies to Equal Work	Tabled

SPONSOR: Sen. Scott Wynn Cyrway

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2967	An Act to Allow Transfer-on-death Designations for Motor Vehicles and Other Titled Property	Tabled

2993 Resolve, to Study Opportunities to Improve Laws Related to the Rights of Individuals with Significant Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder Tabled

SPONSOR: Rep. Billy Bob Faulkingham

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3010	An Act to Require the Secretary of State, When Requested, to Keep Confidential Motor Vehicle Registrations Issued to Law Enforcement Agencies	Tabled

SPONSOR: Sen. Craig V. Hickman

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2978	An Act to Allow Schools to Expel Students for Committing Sexual Assault	Approved

SPONSOR: Sen. James D. Libby

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3005	Resolve, to Rename the Little River Bridge in the Town of Cornish the Cornish Veterans Memorial Bridge	Approved

3006 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Place Signs on Warren's Bridge Between the Town of Hiram and the Town of Cornish Approved

3007 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Place Signs on the East Limington Bridge Between the Town of Limington and the Town of Standish Approved

3008 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Place Signs on the Canal Bridge in the Town of Standish Approved

SPONSOR: Rep. Anne-Marie Mastraccio

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2994	An Act to Define "Grave Disability" in Regard to Mental Health Services	Tabled

SPONSOR: Rep. Kristi M. Mathieson

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3004	Resolve, to Confirm and Finalize the Boundary Between the Town of Kittery and the Town of York	Tabled

SPONSOR: Rep. Mathew David McIntyre

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2963	An Act Implementing the Education Recommendations of the Maine Artificial Intelligence Task Force	Ruled out of order by chair

SPONSOR: Rep. Robert W. Nutting

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2976	An Act to Allow Vehicles Leased by Certain Veterans to Qualify for Excise Tax and Registration Fee Exemptions	Tabled

SPONSOR: Sen. Trey Stewart

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2964	An Act to Provide a Tax Credit for New Attorneys Practicing Civil and Criminal Law in Underserved Areas	Tabled

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

SPONSOR: Rep. Kristi M. Mathieson

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2738	JOINT RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THAT THE STATE OF MAINE SUPPORTS ADMITTING WASHINGTON, D.C. INTO THE UNION AS A STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	Tabled

SPONSOR: Rep. Laurie Osher

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2598	JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS URGING THE PASSAGE OF AN ENABLING ACT LEADING TO THE ADMISSION OF WASHINGTON, D.C. INTO THE UNION AS A STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	Tabled

RECONSIDERATIONS

SPONSOR: Rep. Mathew David McIntyre

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2752	An Act Implementing the Education Recommendations of the Maine Artificial Intelligence Task Force	Reconsidered rejection at 11/20/25 Appeals meeting; Tabled

SPONSOR: Rep. Amanda N. Collamore

LR #
2756

Title
An Act Clarifying the Definition of "Domestic Partner"

Action
Reconsidered rejection
at 11/20/25 appeals
meeting;
Rejected

Legislative Council Actions
Taken by Ballot Since the
January 22, 2026 Council Meeting

Legislative Council Decisions:

Motion: That the Legislative Council approve the Maine YMCA Youth and Government Program’s request to hold the 2026 Youth and Government Program in legislative space in the State House Complex from November 6, 2026 to November 8, 2026.

Motion by: Speaker Ryan D. Fecteau
Date: March 3, 2026
Vote: 9-0-0-1 Passed (with Representative Faulkingham recorded as absent)

Requests for Introduction of Legislation:

LR 3004 **Resolve, to Confirm and Finalize the Boundary Between the Town of Kittery and the Town of York.**

Submitted by: Representative Kristi Mathieson
Date: January 28, 2026
Vote: 6-0-0-4 Passed (with Senator Stewart, Senator Harrington, Representative Faulkingham, and Representative Smith recorded as absent)

LR 3055 **Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 348: Exemption for On-farm Raising, Slaughter, and Processing of Less than 1,000 Ready-to-cook Whole Poultry Carcasses, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.**

Date: February 27, 2026
Vote: 6-1-0-3 Passed (with Representative Smith opposed and Senator Stewart, Representative Faulkingham, and Representative Gramlich recorded as absent)

LR 3085 **Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 10: Significant Wildlife Habitat, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife – which is a major substantive rule submitted by IFW**

Date: February 27, 2026
Vote: 6-0-0-4 Passed (with Senator Stewart, Senator Harrington, Representative Faulkingham, and Representative Smith recorded as absent)

LR 3089 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 6: Standards Relating to Prescriptive Authorities and Collaborative Relationship, a Late-filed Major Substantive rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation

Date: February 27, 2026

Vote: 6-0-0-4 Passed (with Senator Duson, Senator Stewart, Senator Harrington, and Representative Faulkingham recorded as absent)