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October 22, 2026

1:30 PM

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

ADJOURNMENT

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MEETING SUMMARY**
September 24, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Fecteau called the September 24, 2026 meeting of the 132nd Legislative Council, which was held via Zoom, to order at 9:06 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Senators:	President Daughtry, Senator Pierce, Senator Duson, Senator Stewart, and Senator Harrington (arrived after roll call)
Representatives:	Speaker Fecteau, Representative Moonen (arrived after roll call), Representative Gramlich, and Representative Smith
Absent:	Representative Faulkingham
Legislative Officers:	Suzanne Gresser, Executive Director of the Legislative Council Darek Grant, Secretary of the Senate Rob Hunt, Clerk of the House Ed Charbonneau, Revisor of Statutes Danielle Fox, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis Luke Lazure, Acting Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review Alex Burnett, Acting Director, Law and Legislative Reference Library

Speaker Fecteau convened the meeting at 9:06 a.m. with a quorum of members present.

SUMMARY OF THE APRIL 14, 2026 MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Motion: That the Meeting Summary for April 14, 2026 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Senator Stewart. Second by President Daughtry. **Motion passed (8-0-0-2**, with Representative Moonen and Representative Faulkingham recorded as absent).

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OFFICE DIRECTORS

Fiscal Report

Luke Lazure, Acting 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 met on August 18, 2026, to consider the following matters:

1. Recruitment of Director, Law and Legislative Reference Library

Speaker Fecteau described the recruitment process outlined in the memo on Page 19 of the agenda packet and conveyed to the full Council that the Personnel Committee had reached consensus on its recommendation that Alex Burnett, currently serving as the Acting Director of the Law and Legislative Reference Library, be appointed to the position of Director of the Law and Legislative Reference Library.

Motion: That, upon the consensus recommendation of the Personnel Committee, the Legislative Council approve the appointment of Alex Burnett to the position of Director of the Law and Legislative Reference Library. Motion made by Senator Pierce. Second by President Daughtry. **Motion passed (8-0-0-2,** with Representative Faulkingham and Representative Moonen recorded as absent).

2. Recruitment of Director for the Office of Fiscal and Program Review

Speaker Fecteau described the recruitment process outlined in the memo on Page 18 of the agenda packet and conveyed to the full Council that the Personnel Committee had reached consensus on its recommendation that Luke Lazure, currently serving as the Acting Director of the Office of Fiscal and Program Review, be appointed to the position of Director of the Office of Fiscal and Program Review.

Motion: That, upon the consensus recommendation of the Personnel Committee, the Legislative Council approve the appointment of Luke Lazure to the position of Director of the Office of Fiscal and Program Review. Motion made by President Daughtry. Second by Representative Gramlich. **Motion passed (8-0-0-2,** with Representative Faulkingham and Representative Moonen recorded as absent).

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Council Actions Taken by Ballot

Legislative Council Decisions:

Motion: **That the Legislative Council accept the funds contributed for the Commission to Study the Need to Codify or Recodify Laws Regarding Residential Community Ownership Associations by Adopting the Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act.**

Motion by: Speaker Fecteau Second: President Daughtry
Date: May 19, 2026
Vote: 6-1-0-3 Passed (with Representative Smith opposed, and Senator Stewart, Senator Harrington, & Representative Faulkingham recorded as absent)

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Staffing of Informal Caucuses

Speaker Fecteau drew members' attention to letter in the packet written by Sen. Stewart in response to a Bangor Daily News article that a group of lawmakers had solicited private funding to hire a staff member.

The members of the Council discussed the many questions raised by the proposal, including the employment status of the private staff person; whether any of the restrictions, requirements, and protections of the Legislative Council's Personnel Policies would apply to the staff person; the application of the Maine Freedom of Access Act to the staff person's records; whether services from the private staff person would constitute a gift under the law; whether the work performed by the staff person would constitute lobbying under the law; whether the identities of the donors should be publicly disclosed; what other States do regarding staffing of issue caucuses; and what policies the Legislative Council should put in place to provide guidance and clarity in the event a group of lawmakers ultimately hire a private staff member that is funded through private donations.

The Speaker invited Rep. Gary Friedman and Rep. Dan Sayre, two of the lawmakers exploring this proposed staffing, to discuss with the Council the questions raised. After a lengthy discussion regarding the various issues, the members of the Legislative Council expressed their general discomfort with the proposal, and requested Director Gresser to (1) determine what other states do regarding the staffing of issue caucuses; (2) send formal letters with the Council's questions to the Attorney General's Office and the Executive Director of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Elections Practices; and (3) based on the issues raised by the Council, develop a draft policy that would provide guidance in the event a group of lawmakers ultimately hires private staff funded through private donations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

With no other business to consider or further announcements, the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Fiscal Briefing

October 22, 2026

Prepared by the Office of Fiscal & Program Review

1. General Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

Total General Fund Revenue - FY 2027 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Change
September	\$667.3	\$689.0	\$21.6	3.2%	\$645.1	6.8%
FYTD	\$1,604.2	\$1,631.3	\$27.1	1.7%	\$1,540.3	5.9%

General Fund revenue was above budget by \$21.6 million (3.2%) for September and \$27.1 million for the fiscal year to date. General Fund revenue for September of 2026 was 5.9% greater than General Fund revenue for September of 2025.

Individual income tax revenue was \$2.9 million (-0.92%) below budget. Individual income tax withholding accounted for \$6.1 million of the negative variance, while final and estimated payments were \$1.5 million above budget. Individual income tax refunds were \$0.7 million less than budgeted for September (a positive impact on the General Fund). Corporate income tax revenue was \$14.3 million (18.55%) above budget for September. Sales and use tax revenue for September (August sales) was \$7.6 million (3.13%) above budget for the month.

2. Highway Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2027 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Change
September	\$32.6	\$36.1	\$3.6	10.9%	\$36.5	-0.9%
FYTD	\$138.4	\$149.9	\$11.6	8.4%	\$152.5	-1.7%

Highway Fund revenue was above budget by \$3.6 million (10.9%) for September and \$11.6 million for the fiscal year to date. Highway Fund revenue for September of 2027 was 1.7% less than Highway Fund revenue for September of 2026.

Fuel taxes revenue was \$3.4 million (18.22%) above budget for September. Motor vehicle registration and fees were above budget by \$2.5 million (33.24%) for September. The Liquor Operations Fund (LOF) Transfer to the Highway Fund was below budget by \$2.5 million (-30.19%) for September, but the YTD income is now in line with the budget. The first \$7.0 million of profit in the LOF are transferred to the General Fund and all remaining profits for the year are transferred into the Highway Fund for Roads and Bridges and August was the first month to receive this transfer.

3. Cash Balances Update

The average daily balance in the cash pool for September was \$3,251.3 million, a decrease of \$67.0 million from August's average daily balance. Decreases in the Highway Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds – Interest to GF, Other Special Revenue Funds – Retaining Interest, Other State Funds-Interest to GF, Other State Funds and Independent Agency Funds. The Highway Fund average daily balance for September was \$76.1 million, a decrease of \$4.6 million from August.

General Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027 (FY 2027)

Updated 10/13/26

September 2027 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category				Fiscal Year-To-Date					FY 2027 Budgeted Totals
	September '26 Budget	September '26 Actual	September '26 Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
Sales and Use Tax ¹	241,709,412	249,279,387	7,569,975	729,598,262	749,696,539	20,098,277	2.8%	6.6%	2,440,468,050
Service Provider Tax	0	185,703	185,703	0	224,214	224,214	N/A	-98.2%	0
Individual Income Tax	314,597,763	311,710,250	(2,887,513)	763,787,044	745,875,819	(17,911,225)	-2.3%	1.3%	2,662,257,056
Corporate Income Tax	77,173,319	91,490,356	14,317,037	101,697,154	129,901,557	28,204,403	27.7%	37.2%	365,552,998
Cigarette and Tobacco Tax ²	18,528,800	22,202,855	3,674,055	59,695,638	62,150,939	2,455,301	4.1%	52.6%	216,866,603
Insurance Companies Tax	219,605	919,602	699,997	769,552	1,981,274	1,211,722	157.5%	337.3%	139,494,000
Estate Tax	4,250,000	1,555,947	(2,694,053)	12,750,000	6,019,675	(6,730,325)	-52.8%	-70.1%	50,200,000
Other Taxes and Fees *	13,705,664	12,585,197	(1,120,467)	43,685,322	48,016,453	4,331,131	9.9%	7.7%	151,385,893
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	197,908	2,607,120	2,409,212	4,309,136	5,259,889	950,753	22.1%	7.0%	16,311,150
Income from Investments	3,706,109	4,307,928	601,819	7,545,782	8,199,487	653,705	8.7%	-12.8%	34,138,748
Transfer from Lottery Commission	5,760,875	5,977,501	216,626	18,722,844	20,313,910	1,591,066	8.5%	-15.4%	74,891,377
Transfer from Liquor Commission	0	0	0	7,000,000	7,000,000	0	0.0%	0.0%	7,000,000
Transfers to Tax Relief Programs *	(1,362,475)	(308,402)	1,054,073	(2,321,390)	(778,703)	1,542,687	66.5%	65.7%	(86,950,000)
Transfers for Municipal Revenue Sharing	(24,919,920)	(24,013,590)	906,330	(76,145,589)	(78,304,770)	(2,159,181)	-2.8%	-5.2%	(293,348,913)
Highway Fund Sales Tax Transfer	11,734,400	6,684,599	(5,049,801)	(45,595,619)	(52,703,562)	(7,107,943)	-15.6%	12.0%	208,676,177
Other Revenue *	2,047,994	3,792,300	1,744,306	(21,289,208)	(21,576,322)	(287,114)	-1.3%	-2.2%	(4,916,289)
Totals	667,349,454	688,976,753	21,627,299	1,604,208,928	1,631,276,399	27,067,471	1.7%	5.9%	5,982,026,850

* Additional detail by subcategory for these categories is presented on the following page.

1 / Includes revenue from adult-use cannabis sales taxes of \$3.3 million for September and \$9.4 million for the fiscal year to date.

2 / Includes revenue from adult-use cannabis excise taxes of \$1.2 million for September and \$3.6 million for the fiscal year to date.

General Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027 (FY 2027)

Updated 10/13/26

September 2027 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category				Fiscal Year-To-Date					FY 2027 Budgeted Totals
	September '26 Budget	September '26 Actual	September '26 Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
Detail of Other Taxes and Fees:									
- Property Tax - Unorganized Territory	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	14,883,223
- Real Estate Transfer Tax	3,283,730	3,907,180	623,450	7,773,608	9,897,251	2,123,643	27.3%	60.4%	18,317,333
- Liquor Taxes and Fees	1,841,147	2,188,388	347,241	5,523,441	6,997,901	1,474,460	26.7%	18.0%	22,093,824
- Corporation Fees and Licenses	361,399	596,957	235,558	2,856,383	2,189,103	(667,281)	-23.4%	-37.9%	12,643,649
- Telecommunication Excise Tax	3,014,000	(14,227)	(3,028,227)	7,993,000	7,922,533	(70,467)	-0.9%	-10.5%	8,050,000
- Finance Industry Fees	1,981,666	1,997,800	16,134	5,944,998	5,844,250	(100,748)	-1.7%	-1.8%	24,355,000
- Milk Handling Fee	71,392	71,329	(63)	193,351	221,409	28,058	14.5%	14.1%	816,000
- Racino Revenue	1,260,117	1,123,617	(136,500)	3,543,524	3,391,621	(151,903)	-4.3%	-1.8%	11,916,577
- Boat, ATV and Snowmobile Fees	197,658	152,149	(45,509)	1,144,675	1,171,412	26,737	2.3%	-0.5%	4,559,561
- Hunting and Fishing License Fees	1,100,785	2,103,286	1,002,501	5,597,222	7,657,826	2,060,604	36.8%	16.6%	17,470,984
- Other Miscellaneous Taxes and Fees	593,770	458,718	(135,052)	3,115,120	2,723,149	(391,971)	-12.6%	-1.0%	16,279,742
Subtotal - Other Taxes and Fees	13,705,664	12,585,197	(1,120,467)	43,685,322	48,016,453	4,331,131	9.9%	7.7%	151,385,893
Detail of Other Revenue:									
- Targeted Case Management (DHHS)	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0
- State Cost Allocation Program	2,471,292	3,917,396	1,446,104	8,167,259	10,851,150	2,683,891	32.9%	21.2%	32,437,104
- Unclaimed Property Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	12,000,000
- Tourism Transfer	0	0	0	(15,793,065)	(16,943,710)	(1,150,645)	-7.3%	-4.6%	(27,143,962)
- Transfer to Maine Milk Pool	(1,432,852)	(1,412,498)	20,354	(6,450,103)	(3,207,114)	3,242,989	50.3%	25.1%	(20,016,075)
- Transfer to Multimodal Transportation Fund	0	0	0	(12,127,222)	(13,524,465)	(1,397,243)	-11.5%	-6.4%	(18,485,254)
- Transfer to Adult-Use Cannabis Fund	(378,537)	(395,061)	(16,524)	(1,098,980)	(1,108,669)	(9,689)	-0.9%	17.7%	(4,400,445)
- Other Miscellaneous Revenue	1,388,091	1,682,464	294,373	6,012,903	2,356,486	(3,656,417)	-60.8%	-47.4%	20,692,343
Subtotal - Other Revenue	2,047,994	3,792,300	1,744,306	(21,289,208)	(21,576,322)	(287,114)	-1.3%	-2.2%	(4,916,289)
Detail of Transfers to Tax Relief Programs:									
- Me. Resident Prop. Tax Program (Circuitbreaker)	0	0	0	0	(4,695)	(4,695)	N/A	N/A	0
- BETR - Business Equipment Tax Reimb.	(1,347,441)	(263,092)	1,084,349	(2,306,356)	(728,110)	1,578,246	68.4%	67.8%	(16,025,000)
- BETE - Municipal Bus. Equip. Tax Reimb.	(15,034)	(45,310)	(30,276)	(15,034)	(45,898)	(30,864)	-205.3%	-223.6%	(70,925,000)
Subtotal - Tax Relief Transfers	(1,362,475)	(308,402)	1,054,073	(2,321,390)	(778,703)	1,542,687	66.5%	17.1%	(86,950,000)
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Revenue - Total	1,369,898	2,224,285	854,387	6,944,232	9,078,329	2,134,097	30.7%	14.4%	22,987,422

Highway Fund Revenue

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027 (FY 2027)

Updated 10/13/2026

September 2027 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category				Fiscal Year-To-Date					FY 2027 Budgeted Totals
	September '26 Budget	September '26 Actual	September '26 Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
Fuel Taxes:									
- Gasoline Tax	19,552,856	18,001,601	(1,551,255)	56,636,070	54,975,640	(1,660,430)	-2.9%	-2.8%	200,636,549
- Special Fuel and Road Use Taxes	(417,247)	4,471,320	4,888,567	7,310,796	12,685,328	5,374,532	73.5%	-8.1%	48,736,633
- Transcap Transfers - Fuel Taxes	(2,433,608)	(2,249,861)	183,747	(6,949,795)	(6,771,282)	178,513	2.6%	4.6%	(24,962,344)
- Other Fund Gasoline Tax Distributions	(568,949)	(523,833)	45,116	(1,647,997)	(1,599,681)	48,316	2.9%	2.8%	(5,838,123)
Subtotal - Fuel Taxes	16,133,052	19,699,227	3,566,175	55,349,074	59,290,004	3,940,930	7.1%	-3.8%	218,572,715
Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees:									
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	4,390,231	6,067,418	1,677,187	15,401,996	19,905,322	4,503,326	29.2%	-8.2%	71,419,954
- License Plate Fees	166,883	175,632	8,749	625,724	1,061,022	435,298	69.6%	-33.2%	3,801,205
- Long-term Trailer Registration Fees	1,035,688	1,345,996	310,308	2,779,801	2,429,108	(350,693)	-12.6%	-6.5%	15,034,523
- Title Fees	752,895	1,212,314	459,419	2,122,294	3,452,757	1,330,463	62.7%	-16.0%	14,227,449
- Motor Vehicle Operator License Fees	1,083,960	1,097,759	13,799	3,257,415	3,397,756	140,341	4.3%	-2.0%	10,983,098
- Transcap Transfers - Motor Vehicle Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	100.0%	0
Subtotal - Motor Vehicle Reg. & Fees	7,429,657	9,899,119	2,469,462	24,187,230	30,245,964	6,058,734	25.0%	6.2%	115,466,229
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees	266,874	110,665	(156,209)	800,622	534,067	(266,555)	-33.3%	-9.6%	3,202,500
Other Highway Fund Taxes and Fees	118,985	131,117	12,132	425,758	498,289	72,531	17.0%	2.3%	1,417,720
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	0	0	0	151,603	232,103	80,500	53.1%	-21.9%	606,412
Interest Earnings	104,418	270,229	165,811	313,259	644,277	331,018	105.7%	-20.6%	1,253,021
Highway Fund Sales Tax Transfer	0	0	0	57,330,019	59,385,328	2,055,309	3.6%	27.1%	115,295,972
Auto Sales Tax Transfer to Transcap	0	0	0	(12,612,604)	(13,064,772)	0	0.0%	0.0%	(25,365,114)
Liquor Operations Fund Transfer	8,115,947	5,665,788	(2,450,159)	11,344,123	10,538,512	(805,611)	-7.1%	-9.4%	55,000,000
Other Highway Fund Revenue	407,729	360,619	(47,110)	1,070,294	1,615,111	544,817	50.9%	-10.8%	12,404,465
Totals	32,576,662	36,136,763	3,560,101	138,359,378	149,918,883	11,559,505	8.4%	-1.7%	497,853,920

132nd Legislature – 2026 Approved Interim Legislative Studies and Committee Meetings (updated 10/19/26)

Meeting of Legislative Council – October 22, 2026

Legislative Study	Legislative Council Staff	Meetings <i>held</i> or scheduled	Report Date	Chairs	Status or comment
<u>LD 1770</u> (Aff. by <u>LD 2244</u>) Real Estate Property Tax Relief Task Force	Rachel Olson Lindsay Laxon Steven Langlin Jessica Griswold	<i>Monday, May 18, 2026 @ 10:00a</i> <i>Wednesday, June 10, 2026 @ 10:00a</i> <i>Tuesday, June 30, 2026 @ 10:00a</i> <i>Tuesday, September 15, 2026 @ 10:00a</i> <i>Tuesday, September 29, 2026 @ 10:00a</i> <i>Wednesday, October 21, 2026 @ 9:30a</i> <i>Wednesday, November 4, 2026 @ 10:00a</i> <i>Tuesday, November 17, 2026 @ 10:00a</i>	12/15/2026 (interim report completed January 2026)	Sen. Nicole Grohoski Rep. Ann Matlack	No more than 8 meetings in 2026 (excludes subcommittees)
<u>LD 395</u> Working Group to Develop Recommendations for Extending Federal Beneficial Laws to the Wabanaki Nations	Janet Stocco Sam Senft	<i>Thursday, September 24, 2026 @ 10:00a</i> <i>Wednesday, October 7, 2026 @ 10:00a</i> <i>Tuesday, October 13, 2026 @ 10:00a</i> <i>Tuesday, November 17, 2026 @ 10:00a</i>	12/02/2026	Sen. Rachel Talbot Ross Rep. Amy Kuhn	4 meetings authorized <i>Add'l mtg request submitted</i>
<u>LD 1640</u> Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission	Melanie Furman Elias Murphy	<i>Friday, September 18, 2026 @ 12:00p</i> <i>Friday, October 2, 2026 @ 12:00p</i> <i>Friday, October 16, 2026 @ 12:00p</i> <i>Friday, October 30, 2026 @ 12:00p</i>	11/4/2026 <i>Draft report scheduled for member review at 10/30 mtg</i>	Sen. Craig Hickman Rep. Samuel Zager	4 meetings authorized
<u>LD 1941</u> Commission to Examine the Intersection of Parole and Current Sentencing Practices	Elias Murphy Will Tew	<i>Monday, September 21, 2026 @ 10:00a</i> <i>Monday, October 26, 2026 @ 10:00a</i> <i>Thursday, October 29, 2026 @ 10:00a</i>	11/4/2026 <i>Report deadline extension request submitted</i>	Sen. Rachel Talbot Ross Rep. Adam Lee	4 meetings authorized

132nd Legislature – 2026 Approved Interim Legislative Studies and Committee Meetings (updated 10/19/26)

Meeting of Legislative Council – October 22, 2026

Legislative Study	Legislative Council Staff	Meetings <i>held</i> or scheduled	Report Date	Chairs	Status or comment
<u>LD 646</u> Commission to Study Unmanaged Storm Water Pollution	Karen Nadeau Sophia Paddon	<i>Wednesday, September 9, 2026 @ 10:00a</i> <i>Wednesday, September 23, 2026 @ 10:00a</i> <i>Wednesday, October 7, 2026 @ 10:00a</i> <i>Wednesday, October 21, 2026 @ 10:00a</i>	12/01/2026 <i>Draft report scheduled for member review at 10/21 mtg</i>	Sen. Denise Tepler Rep. Daniel Ankeles	4 meetings authorized
<u>LD 760</u> Commission to Study the Need to Codify or Recodify Laws Regarding Residential Community Ownership Associations by Adopting the Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act	Lynne Westphal Steven Langlin	<i>Wednesday, September 30, 2026 @ 1:00p</i> <i>Wednesday, October 14, 2026 @ 10:00a</i>	12/01/2026	Sen. Glenn “Chip” Curry Rep. Marc Malon	4 meetings authorized (outside funding)
<u>LD 364</u> Resolve, Directing the Maine Office of Community Affairs to Submit Legislation and Take Other Actions to Effectuate the Transition of Responsibility for Regulating Manufactured Housing Communities and the Construction and Installation of Manufactured Homes from the Manufactured Housing Board to the Maine Office of Community Affairs	Kristin Bishop Lindsay Laxon Mark Swanson (ROS)	N/A	01/01/2027 (Draft legislation/ no report)		Drafting assistance from OPLA and ROS (no meetings)
Statutory (ongoing) Legislative Studies – Legislative Council Staff					
Right to Know Advisory Committee <u>T 1 §411</u>	Elena Roig Kristin Bishop Will Tew Jessica Griswold	<i>Tuesday, September 22, 2026 @ 1:00p</i> <i>Tuesday, October 13, 2026 @ 1:00p</i> <i>Tuesday, October 27, 2026 @ 1:00p</i>	Annually January	Sen. Anne Carney	No fewer than 4 meetings

Joint Standing Committees - Approved Interim Meetings (other than confirmation hearings)			
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry	Karen Nadeau		
Appropriations and Financial Affairs	Lucia Nixon		
Criminal Justice and Public Safety	Will Tew		
Education and Cultural Affairs	Elena Roig Karen Nadeau		
Environment and Natural Resources	Dan Tartakoff		
Energy, Utilities and Technology	Lindsay Laxon		
Health and Human Services	Anna Broome Sam Senft	<i>Tuesday, June 23, 2026 @ 10:00a</i>	Quarterly report on child protection
Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services	Colleen McCarthy Reid	<i>Thursday, August 27, 2026 @ 10:00a</i> <i>Tuesday, September 29, 2026 @ 10:00a</i>	Briefings
Housing and Economic Development	Lynne Westphal Sophia Paddon		
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife			
Judiciary	Janet Stocco Elias Murphy		
Labor	Steven Langlin Sophia Paddon		
Marine Resources			
State and Local Government	Kristin Bishop		
Taxation	Jessica Griswold Steven Langlin		
Transportation	Melanie Furman		
Veteran and Legal Affairs	Rachel Olson		

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To: Members, 132nd Legislative Council

From: Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair, Personnel Committee of the 132nd Legislative Council

Date: October 22, 2026

Re: Recommendation for the Appointment of Director, Office of Legislative Information Technology

The Personnel Committee met on October 8th to interview and conclude the review of candidates for the position of Director of the Office of Legislative Information Technology, and we are pleased to say that we have reached consensus on the candidate to recommend for this position. We recommend that Scott Tiner, the Director of Client Services at Bates College, be appointed as the Director of the Office of Legislative Information Technology.

We received nineteen applications for this position, after advertising and reaching out nationally. A group of senior-level staff reviewed and discussed the applications and narrowed the pool of candidates to seven candidates, of whom six received preliminary first-round interviews. After conducting first-round interviews, the preliminary interview team recommended two individuals to the Personnel Committee for interviews. The Personnel Committee, after interviewing the two finalist candidates on October 8th, reached a consensus recommendation that Scott Tiner be appointed as Director of the Office of Legislative Information Technology. Scott's experience, skills, and leadership style informed the Personnel Committee's recommendation that Scott is the right person to lead the Office of Legislative Information Technology into the coming years.

The Personnel Committee hopes that you will agree with our consensus assessment that Scott would be an excellent Director of the Office of Legislative Information Technology. Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

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To: Members, 132nd Legislative Council

From: Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair, Personnel Committee of the 132nd Legislative Council

Date: October 22, 2026

Re: Recommendation for the Appointment of Revisor of Statutes

The Personnel Committee met on October 19th to interview and conclude its review of candidates for the position of Revisor of Statutes, and we are pleased to say that we have reached consensus on the candidate to recommend for this position. We recommend that Crystal Bulges be appointed as the Revisor of Statutes.

We received six applications for this position, after advertising and reaching out nationally. Senior-level staff reviewed and discussed the applications and narrowed the pool of candidates to two candidates who received preliminary first-round interviews. After conducting first-round interviews, the preliminary interview team and a separate panel of staff from the Revisor's Office both recommended one individual to the Personnel Committee for an interview. The Personnel Committee, after interviewing the candidate on October 19th, reached a consensus recommendation that Crystal Bulges be appointed the Revisor of Statutes. Crystal's dedication to public service, familiarity and experience with the Maine Revised Statutes, and leadership style informed the Personnel Committee's recommendation that Crystal is the right person to lead the Office of the Revisor of Statutes into the coming years.

The Personnel Committee hopes that you will agree with our consensus assessment that Crystal would be an excellent Revisor of Statutes. Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.



**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**

**COMMISSION TO STUDY THE NEED TO CODIFY OR RECODIFY LAWS REGARDING RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP ASSOCIATIONS BY ADOPTING THE UNIFORM COMMON INTEREST
OWNERSHIP ACT**

TO: Representative Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House, Chair
Senator Matthea E. L. Daughtry, President of the Senate, Chair
Legislative Council

FROM: Senator Glen "Chip" Curry, Senate Chair *CC/Chip*
Representative Marc Malon, House Chair *mm/malon*

DATE: October 19, 2026

RE: Request for additional meeting

We are contacting you with a request on behalf of the *Commission to Study the Need to Codify or Recodify Laws Regarding Residential Community Ownership Associations by Adopting the Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act*. The commission is required, by [Resolve 2025, ch. 167](#), to determine whether the State should repeal or amend current Maine law in favor of the Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act. This uniform law governs common ownership residential communities such as condominiums, home owners' associations and cooperatives.

The commission has met twice and is making significant progress reviewing and understanding the differences and similarities between the uniform act and Maine's existing statutes, primarily the [Maine Condominium Act](#). However, it became clear during the second meeting that even a cursory review of the Uniform Act and Maine's Condominium Act is a significant undertaking; the uniform act is over eighty pages, and the differences and similarities between the uniform act and the Maine Condominium Act are extensive.

The commission has scheduled its last two meetings for November 12th and 18th, but requests an additional meeting be permitted for a total of five meetings. The commission proposes holding the additional meeting sometime before the currently scheduled fourth meeting date, likely November 5th. This additional meeting will be held by Zoom to accommodate members' needs. This additional meeting will allow the commission to develop robust recommendations and draft legislation that can be included in the final report.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

cc: Suzanne Gresser, Executive Director, Legislative Council
Danielle D. Fox, Director, Office of Policy & Legal Analysis



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COMMISSION TO EXAMINE THE INTERSECTION OF PAROLE AND CURRENT SENTENCING PRACTICES

TO: Representative Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House, Chair
Senator Matthea E. L. Daughtry, President of the Senate, Vice-Chair
Legislative Council

FROM: Senator Rachel Talbot Ross, Chair *RTR* *Em*
Representative Adam Lee, Chair *AL* *Em*
Commission to Examine the Intersection of Parole and Current Sentencing
Practices

DATE: October 13, 2026

RE: Study Commission Request

We are contacting you with a request on behalf of the Commission to Examine the Intersection of Parole and Current Sentencing Practices.

Pursuant to the commission's authorizing legislation, our final report must be submitted no later than November 4, 2026. To allow sufficient time for commission meetings, development of the final report by staff and review by commission members, we respectfully request that this reporting deadline be extended to no later than December 2, 2026, as may be authorized pursuant to Joint Rule 353(7).

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

cc: Suzanne M. Gresser, Executive Director, Legislative Council
Danielle Fox, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
Members, Commission to Examine the Intersection of Parole and Current Sentencing
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**WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
EXTENDING FEDERAL BENEFICIAL LAWS TO THE WABANAKI NATIONS**

TO: Representative Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House, Chair
Senator Matthea E. L. Daughtry, President of the Senate, Chair
Legislative Council

FROM: Senator Rachel Talbot Ross, Senate Chair *RTR JS*
Representative Amy D. Kuhn, House Chair *ADK JS*

DATE: October 13, 2026

RE: Request for additional meeting

We are contacting you with a request on behalf of the Working Group to Develop Recommendations for Extending Federal Beneficial Laws to the Wabanaki Nations.

The Working Group has met three times this interim — on September 24th, October 7th and October 13th — and has made substantial progress toward accomplishing the duties set forth in [Resolve 2025, chapter 165](#). The Working Group is scheduled to conduct a fourth and final meeting on November 17th, several weeks before our final report is due on December 2, 2026. However, Working Group members believe that an additional (fifth) meeting date is necessary to provide sufficient time for the Working Group to develop robust consensus recommendations accompanied by draft legislation that can be included in the final report. We therefore request permission to conduct a total of five legislative study meetings.

If the Working Group is granted permission to conduct five meetings, we plan to hold an additional meeting on November 9th before our previously scheduled final November 17th meeting date. This will allow the Working Group the time it needs to complete its duties without delaying the preparation of the final report.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

cc: Suzanne Gresser, Executive Director, Legislative Council
Danielle D. Fox, Director, Office of Policy & Legal Analysis

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To: Members, Legislative Council

From: Suzanne M. Gresser, Executive Director

Date: October 22, 2026

Re: Request to hold High School Debate Championship in the State House

I received a request from John Russell, a Committee Member for the Maine District of the National Speech and Debate Association, regarding the scheduling of the 2026 Debate Championship. As it has in prior years, the Association is asking the Legislative Council to once again approve holding the Debate Championship in the Maine State House.

Mr. Russell has requested approval to hold the Debate Championship in the State House on Saturday, January 16th. I have informed the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate regarding the request, as all such requests involve the participation of legislative staff.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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To: Members, 132nd Legislative Council

From: Suzanne M. Gresser, Executive Director *smg*

Date: October 22, 2026

Re: Recommendation regarding Legislative Council Appointment to Revenue Forecasting Committee

Under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, §1710-E, the Revenue Forecasting Committee, or "RFC," is established to provide the Governor, the Legislature and the State Budget Officer with analyses, findings and recommendations relating to the projection of revenues based on economic assumptions recommended by the Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission. The law provides that, in addition to the Director of the Office of Fiscal and Program Review, the membership of the RFC include "another member of the Legislature's nonpartisan staff familiar with revenue estimating issues appointed by the Legislative Council." This role was most recently filled by Luke Lazure in his role as OFPR Principal Analyst; however, with Luke's recent appointment as Director of OFPR, there is currently a vacancy on the Committee.

I have attached OFPR Director Luke Lazure's recommendation that the Legislative Council appoint OFPR Principal Analyst Darryl Stewart to serve on the RFC as the nonpartisan legislative staff member familiar with revenue estimating issues. Given Darryl's substantial experience with revenue estimating issues, I fully support Luke's recommendation of Darryl, and Luke and I are both happy to answer any questions you may have.



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To: Suzanne M. Gresser, Executive Director

From: Luke R. Lazure, Director

Date: October 07, 2026

Re: Appointment to Revenue Forecasting Committee

With Chris Nolan's retirement from the Legislature's non-partisan staff, the Revenue Forecasting Committee has an opening that is subject to Legislative Council appointment pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, [Title 5, section 1710-E](#). Currently, the Legislature has two appointments to the Revenue Forecasting Committee. As the Director of the Office of Fiscal and Program Review (OFPR), I serve on the committee. The Legislative Council is charged with making the other appointment from a member of the Legislature's non-partisan staff who is familiar with revenue estimating issues.

I would like to recommend that the Legislative Council appoint Darryl F. Stewart as the second Legislative appointment to the Revenue Forecasting Committee. Darryl brings substantial experience with revenue estimating issues, having served on the Revenue Forecasting Committee for more than two years in his former role as Acting State Budget Officer. Prior to that, he served as Deputy State Budget Officer for four years, providing him with a strong foundation in the revenue forecasting processes. In his current role, Darryl serves as OFPR's coordinator for the fiscal note process and will be responsible for tracking legislative actions that affect the revenue of the State. This responsibility aligns closely with and will provide continuity for the role I previously performed in support of the revenue forecasting process.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have about this appointment and the revenue forecasting committee process. Thank you.

c. Darryl Stewart