



Summary of Legislation November 27, 2018

House and Senate Republicans, Democrats Leadership Teams for 2019/20

The House held leadership elections November 13 for the new legislative session starting in January. **House Republicans** re-elected Mike Turzai (R-Allegheny), **as their choice for Speaker** when the House members are sworn in again on January 1. **Bryan Cutler** (R-Lancaster), who previously served as Whip, was elected to lead his Majority caucus, succeeding the retiring Dave Reed. **Kerry Benninghoff (R-Centre)**, who previously served as Policy Chair, will now serve as Majority Whip. Majority Appropriations Chair **Stan Saylor (R-York)**, Republican Caucus Chair **Marcy Toepel (R-Montgomery)**, and Caucus Administrator **Kurt Masser (R-Columbia)**, were re-elected to their respective posts, while former **Caucus Secretary Donna Oberlander (R-Armstrong)** was elected Policy Committee Chair, and Rep. **Mike Reese (R-Somerset)** was elected Caucus Secretary.

In an introductory press statement, the new **House Majority Leader Bryan Cutler** highlighted 3 priorities Republicans will be working on starting in the upcoming new session -- career and technical education, expansion of the EITC Education Tax Credit Program and enacting the regulatory reform package some of the members of his caucus have advocated. Rep. Cutler said he is focused on finding solutions to problems and reaching across the political aisle on issues where Republicans have common ground with Democrats, like on education funding and jobs.

House Democrats saw a major shift in its leadership team, to younger Philadelphia-area members. After Minority Leader **Frank Dermody (D-Allegheny)** was re-elected to his post, Reps. **Jordan Harris of Philadelphia (Whip)**, **Matt Bradford of Montgomery (Appropriations Chair)** and **Joanna McClinton of Delaware County (Caucus Chair)** scored surprise upset victories, while current Policy Committee Chair **Mike Sturla (Lancaster)**, Caucus Administrator **Neal Goodman (Schuylkill)**, and Caucus Secretary **Rosita Youngblood (Philadelphia)** were re-elected.

The Senate held leadership elections the following day, with no changes in the Republican and Democratic line-ups, other than the vacancy created by Sen. Chuck McIlhinney's retirement. His post as Republican Caucus Administrator will be filled by President Pro Tempore-elect Joe Scarnati at a later date.

Senate Republicans re-elected: President Pro Tempore **Joe Scarnati (R-Jefferson)**, Majority Leader **Jake Corman (R-Centre)**, Majority Whip **John Gordner (R-Columbia)**, Majority Appropriations Chair **Pat Browne (R-Lehigh)**, Caucus Chair **Robert Mensch (R-Montgomery)**, Caucus Secretary **Richard Alloway (R-Adams)**, and Policy Committee Chair **David Argall (R-Schuylkill)**, with the aforementioned Caucus Administrator position to be named.

Senate Democrats, who picked up five new seats in the 2018 elections, retained their entire leadership team from 2017-18: Minority Leader **Jay Costa (D-Allegheny)**, Minority Whip **Anthony Williams (D-Philadelphia)**, Minority Appropriations Chair **Vincent Hughes (D-Philadelphia)**, Caucus Chair **Wayne Fontana (D-Allegheny)**, Caucus Secretary **Lawrence Farnese (D-Philadelphia)**, Caucus Administrator **John Blake (D-Lackawanna)**, and Policy Committee Chair **Lisa Boscola (D-Northampton)**

Legislative Activity

No bills of interest to PEDAS were acted on by the General Assembly this past month. The 2017-18 legislative session ends officially on November 30.

Upcoming Meetings of Interest

Some House Committee meetings and session can be viewed online at: <http://www.pahousegop.com/>

Senate Committee meetings and session can be streamed at: <http://www.pasenategop.com/>

2019 SENATE SESSION SCHEDULE

January	1, 28, 29, 30
February	4, 5, 6
March	18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27
April	8, 9, 10, 29, 30
May	1, 6, 7, 8
June	3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28

2019 HOUSE SESSION SCHEDULE

To be determined

Commonwealth Financing Authority Meeting Schedule (Subject to Change)

Remaining 2018 meetings: December 19

2019 schedule (so far) January 29, March 26, May 21, July 16

All meetings are held beginning at 10:30 AM, in the Forest Room, CKB Meeting Center, 1st Floor (plaza)

Commonwealth Keystone Building

400 North Street, Harrisburg

The public is welcome.

For more information:

<https://dced.pa.gov/programs-funding/commonwealth-financing-authority-cfa/>

Copies of all bills of interest can be accessed via the Internet at: <http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/session.cfm>