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A Look at the 2025/2026 Legislative Session

A new legislative session is set to start on January 7, 2025. The General Assembly looks very similar to last session, with the Senate in a comfortable Republican majority (28-22) and the House in a one person Democratic majority (102-101).

While most of the leadership positions in the House and Senate remain the same, the House Republicans sought a new leader after Minority Leader Bryan Cutler (Lancaster) announced he would not be seeking a House leadership role. Before the legislative session wrapped up, Representative Jesse Topper (Bedford and Fulton) was voted in as the Republican leader in the House.

With the Senate in firm control and a slim majority in the House, the 2025/2026 session seems poised to mirror the previous legislative session. Only 210 bills were enacted in the 2023/2024 legislative session, which is the lowest total since the 2009/2010 session. With the General Assembly split once again between Republicans and Democrats, cooperation and bipartisan agreements will be necessary for any legislation to become law. As we have seen, this will cause slower and more intentional legislative action over the next two years.

Additionally, with such a slim margin, any resignations in the House could have a profound impact on its operations and policy production. The House Democrats had several resignations throughout last session, which delayed work, and at worst, ground everything to a standstill for weeks on end. This will be something to keep in mind as we head into the new year.

The League and PSATC will continue to remain vigilant and proactive as session starts next year, and most importantly, we will continue to engage our members through our advocacy efforts in 2025.

General Assembly's 2025/2026 Leadership

Senate

Democratic Leadership (Minority)

Leader	Jay Costa
Whip	Tina Tartaglione
Appropriations Chair	Vincent Hughes
Caucus Chair	Maria Collett
Caucus Secretary	Steve Santarsiero
Caucus Administrator	Judy Schwank
Policy Chair	Nick Miller

Republican Leadership (Majority)

President Pro Tempore	Kim Ward
Leader	Joe Pittman
Whip	Ryan Aument
Appropriations Chair	Scott Martin
Caucus Chair	Kristin Phillips-Hill
Caucus Secretary	Camera Bartolotta
Caucus Administrator	Lisa Baker
Policy Chair	Dan Laughlin

House

Democratic Leadership

Speaker	Joanna McClinton
Leader	Matt Bradford
Whip	Mike Schlossberg
Appropriations Chair	Jordan Harris
Caucus Chair	Rob Matzie
Caucus Secretary	Tina Davis
Caucus Administrator	Leanne Krueger
Policy Chair	Ryan Bizzarro

Republican Leadership

Leader	Jessie Topper
Whip	Tim O'Neal
Appropriations Chair	Jim Struzzi
Caucus Chair	Martina White
Caucus Secretary	Clint Owlett
Caucus Administrator	Sheryl Delozier
Policy Chair	David Rowe

2024 Capitol Conference Webinar Series Local Official Turned State Representative: A Legislative Session Review Tuesday, December 17 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Please join us for our sixth and final webinar in our 2024 Capitol Conference Series on December 17 at 11:00 AM.

Now that the 2023/2024 legislative session is complete, freshmen legislators have the time to reflect on their first foray into state politics while preparing for the session ahead. To better understand the experiences of our legislators, we will host a bipartisan panel consisting of four Representatives who are all former locally elected officials. Representatives Justin Fleming, Thomas Kutz, Tarah Probst and Alec Ryncavage will serve on the panel to provide their unique perspectives as former local leaders preparing for their second term in the House. Each panelist will discuss their initial expectations, lessons learned and overall experiences during their first term in the General Assembly, as well as how their work at the local level has influenced their service at the state level.

Please find the link to the biographies for each Representative below.

- [Justin Fleming, former Susquehanna Township Commissioner](#)
- [Thomas Kutz, former Lower Allen Township Commissioner](#)
- [Tarah Probst, former Stroudsburg Borough Mayor](#)
- [Alec Ryncavage, former Plymouth Borough Councilmember](#)

A brief Q&A session will follow the panel discussion.

[Register for Webinar](#)

Pennsylvania Housing Survey

As you may know, the Shapiro Administration signed Executive Order 2024-03 in early September, directing DCED and DHS to develop a strategic housing plan for the state. The report is due to be completed by fall 2025. Please find the Executive Order [here](#).



DCED has created a housing survey to begin collecting data and public input. Please feel free to share this survey with any colleagues, staff, or community members. The survey will be open until early 2025.

Take the Housing Survey

2025 Local Government Center Awards For Local Government Excellence

Nominations for the 2025 Governor’s Awards for Local Government Excellence are now open. Each year, the Governor’s Awards for Local Government Excellence are presented to local government leaders who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to improving public services through innovative projects or initiatives. [Submit your nominations](#) for the 2025 Governor’s Awards for Local Government Excellence now through January 15, 2025.

Pennsylvania Mixed-Use Housing Development Pilot Program

The Pennsylvania Mixed-Use Housing Development Pilot Program will provide \$400 million in grant funding to eligible applicants for the development or conversion of buildings or land for mixed-use development, which includes a portion of the development or conversion project devoted to a final residential use. The deadline to apply for the grant is December 6. Please visit [DCED’s website](#) for the program’s guidelines and application.



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