

## House Democrats Caucus Meeting

Monday, March 11, 2024 at 9:00am

*Location:* First Baptist Church, 1373 Grant Street, Denver CO 80203

**Attendance:** Members of the House Democratic Caucus and House Majority staff

### Minutes:

- 9:10am: Rep. Lindsay brought the meeting to order.
- 9:12am: Updates from Speaker
  - Speaker McCluskie mentioned guests who will join for caucus lunch on Thursday, to be posted in that meeting's notice and agenda.
  - She addressed the resolution the House Republicans want to bring forward to impeach the Secretary of State.
  - She shared an apology about the chamber's reaction to the announcement of excused absence on Friday.
- 9:14am: Updates from Majority Leader:
  - Majority Leader Duran thanked the caucus for a great Friday of floor work. She reviewed the special orders calendar for today, Monday 3/11.
  - She shared that the color guard will be in the chamber this morning.
  - She shared that Friday 3/15 is Ute Day, and we will have a joint session for the tribal leaders to address the House and Senate.
- 9:16am: Updates from Asst Majority Leader Bacon:
  - Reminder about how to volunteer to chair the COW.
- 9:16am: Updates from caucus chairs:
  - Rep. Lindsay noted that Thursday's caucus lunch will be located at the Colorado Health exchange.
- 9:18am: Discussion on legislation:
  - Rep. Titone shared about HB-1121, Consumer Right to Repair Digital Electronic Equipment and HB-1147, Candidate Election Deepfake Disclosures.
  - Rep. Amabile shared about HB-1326, Healthier Social Media Use by Youth.
  - Rep. Parenti shared about HB-1310, School Safety Measures, which will be heard in Education committee on Thursday 3/14.
  - Rep. Ortiz shared about HB-1161, Motor Vehicle Access Individuals with Disabilities.
  - Rep. Hamrick shared about HB-1089, Vehicle Electronic Notifications.
  - Rep. Story shared about HB-1363, Charter Schools Accountability.
- 9:27am: Updates from the JBC
  - Rep. Bird shared that JBC continues to work through figure setting and reminded the caucus about Carl's memo with department decisions.

- The March quarterly revenue forecast will be this Friday 3/15 at 1:30pm in LSB-A when LCS and OSPB give their analysis of economic conditions. This revenue forecast is the basis for the Long Bill and will determine how much General Fund is available for legislation this session.
  - AML Bacon asked about opportunities for the caucus to give input into the Long Bill.
  - Rep. Ortiz asked how the caucus will prioritize bills for funding.
    - Rep. Sirota expects the caucus will see a list of all the bills pending in House and Senate appropriations and the total cost of those bills in relation to the legislative set aside.
  - Rep. Froelich asked to clarify our protocol about advancing House bills to the Senate without certainty about its funding
  - Majority Leader Duran mentioned that using floor time on bills with enormous fiscal impact that are not guaranteed funding is not necessarily a strategic use of limited floor time.
  - Rep. Amabile suggested that passing many bills with small fiscal impact compromises our ability to fund larger caucus priorities.
  - AML Bacon underscored that point, sharing that the biggest costs on her radar now are school lunch and public defenders.