

House Democrats Caucus Meeting

Date/Time: Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 12:00 PM

Location: First Baptist Church, 1373 N Grant St, Denver, CO 80203

Agenda:

- Updates from members of the Leadership team and staff
- Opportunity for members to share updates on legislation

Attendance: House Majority caucus members and House Majority caucus staff

Minutes:

- 12:15pm: Caucus co-chair Joseph brought the meeting to order.
- 12:15pm: Speaker McCluskie shared updates about protocol and decorum with respect to legislation moving through the process. She gave an update about the proposed legislative branch budget that will be considered by the Legislative Council tomorrow, including a 5% reduction in overall expenditures, reductions in travel reimbursements and suspension of interim committees.
- 12:28pm: Majority Leader Duran gave a preliminary overview of the bills that may be on the floor tomorrow, and led a discussion about engagement on second and third reading. Members asked questions and gave input.
- 12:43pm: Speaker Pro Tem Boesenecker gave an update about the state's federal response. Despite multi-state litigation efforts, there is concern that federal funding freezes are still impacting Colorado, especially from the bipartisan Infrastructure Act and Inflation Reduction Act. The federal budget reconciliation process is ongoing but current spending expires March 14.
- 12:49pm: JBC Member Rep. Sirota encouraged members to listen to a recent Purplish episode about the state of the billion dollar budget deficit. She shared that the House appropriations committee will meet on Friday 2/28.
- 12:52pm: Members shared thoughts about floor management.
- 12:59pm: Caucus co-chair Rep. Joseph adjourned the meeting.