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131<sup>ST</sup> MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
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REP. AMY ARATA

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
MEETING SUMMARY  
October 17, 2024  
Approved December 10, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Jackson called the October 17, 2024 meeting of the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislative Council to order at 1:47 p.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

**ROLL CALL**

Senators: President Jackson, Senator Vitelli, Senator Daughtry, Senator Stewart, and Senator Keim

Representatives: Speaker Talbot Ross, Representative Terry, Representative Cloutier, Representative Faulkingham Representative Arata

Legislative Officers: Suzanne Gresser, Executive Director of the Legislative Council  
Darek Grant, Secretary of the Senate  
Edward Charbonneau, Revisor of Statutes  
Nik Rende, Director, Office of Legislative Information Technology

President Jackson convened the meeting at 1:47 p.m. with a quorum of members present.

**SUMMARY OF AUGUST 7, 2024 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**Motion:** That the Meeting Summary for August 7, 2024, be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Senator Stewart. Second by Representative Terry. **Motion passed unanimously (10-0-0).**

**REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OFFICE DIRECTORS**

**Fiscal Report**

Christopher Nolan, Director of the Office of Fiscal and Program Review, presented the Fiscal Report included in the agenda packet.

## **Studies Report**

Danielle Fox, Director of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, presented the Studies Report included in the agenda packet.

## **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**None**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Item #1: Council Actions Taken by Ballot**

#### **Legislative Council Decisions:**

**Motion: That, in accordance with Joint Rule 353(7), the Legislative Council extends to December 4, 2024, the reporting deadline of the Criminal Records Review Committee**

Motion by: Speaker Talbot Ross

Date: August 7, 2024

Vote: 6-1-0-3 Passed (With Representative Arata recorded as voting against, and Senator Daughtry, Senator Stewart, and Representative Faulkingham recorded as absent)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Item #1: Maine Development Foundation Proposal for Policy Leaders Academy for 2024-2026**

President Jackson invited Yellow Light Breen, the President and CEO of the Maine Development Foundation, and Julie Beane, the Program Director of the Maine Development Foundation, to present to the Council their proposal for the Policy Leaders Academy for 2024-2026. Mr. Breen described the Legislative Policy Forum that is traditionally scheduled for the final day of the Pre-legislative Conference, and the multi-day Legislator Bus Tour that is traditionally scheduled in January following convening of a new Legislature. Mr. Breen said that this year, the bus tour would be going to Bangor, Katahdin and points north, and will highlight things that are uniquely important to that region of the State including but not limited to agriculture, forestry, and the outdoor recreation industry. Rep. Terry recalled the “civility pins” she and her colleagues received when they went on their first bus tour as freshmen legislators, and expressed the hope that the focus on civility and relationship building remains a focus of future Legislator Bus Tours. Speaker Talbot Ross shared that she had been discussing with the Council of State Governments about available trainings on civil discourse, and Mr. Breen expressed willingness to participate in future conversations on the topic.

**Motion:** That, the Legislative Council approve the Maine Development Foundation proposal for the Policy Leaders Academy for 2024-2026. Motion by Speaker Talbot Ross. Second by Senator Daughtry. **Motion passed unanimously (10-0-0)**

The President recognized Director Nolan, who provided to the Council the answer to a question that had arisen in during his presentation of the Fiscal Briefing earlier in the meeting.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS**

In recognition that today's meeting was likely the final Legislative Council meeting of the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature, both President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross expressed their appreciation to their colleagues on the Legislative Council, and to the staff. With no other business to consider or further announcements, the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.