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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
MEETING SUMMARY  
March 3, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Speaker Fecteau called the March 3, 2022 meeting of the 130<sup>th</sup> Legislative Council to order at 3:35 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Senators: President Jackson, Senator Vitelli, Senator Timberlake and Senator Pouliot

Representatives: Speaker Fecteau, Representative Dunphy, Representative Dillingham, and Representative Stetkis

Absent: Senator Daughtry and Representative Talbot Ross

Legislative Officers: Darek Grant, Secretary of the Senate  
Robert Hunt, Clerk of the House  
Suzanne Gresser, Executive Director  
Nik Rende, Director, Office of Legislative Information Technology  
Jackie Little, Human Resources Director

Speaker Fecteau convened the meeting at 3:35 p.m. with a quorum of members present.

**SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 24, 2022 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**Motion:** That the Meeting Summary for the February 24, 2022 meeting be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Senator Pouliot, Second by Representative Dunphy. **Motion passed unanimously (8-0-0-2, with Senator Daughtry and Representative Talbot Ross absent).**

## REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES

None

## REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None

## OLD BUSINESS

### **Item #1: Review of Legislative Council's COVID-19 Prevention Policy in Light of Revised Federal and State COVID-19 Guidance**

Speaker Fecteau referenced Senator Timberlake's motion that was offered, seconded and tabled at the Legislative Council's February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting to rescind that portion of the Legislative Council's COVID-19 Prevention Policy that requires the wearing of protective face coverings in legislative space. Speaker Fecteau indicated his intention to offer an alternative motion to tie applicability of the mask requirement to the U.S. CDC's designation of the level of COVID-19 community transmission level in Kennebec County, and inquired whether Senator Timberlake might consider withdrawing his motion. Under the new proposal, as long as the COVID-19 community transmission level of Kennebec County remains "low" or "medium," the wearing of masks would not be required in legislative space; however, upon the reclassification by the U.S. CDC of the COVID-19 community transmission level of Kennebec County as "high," the mandatory mask requirement would be reinstated with an affirmative vote of the Legislative Council. Senator Timberlake withdrew his earlier motion, and seconded Speaker Fecteau's motion.

**Motion:** That, effective Monday, March 7, 2022, the Legislative Council's COVID-19 Prevention Policy is amended to provide that the wearing of protective face coverings in legislative space is optional rather than mandatory as long as the COVID-19 community transmission level of Kennebec County remains "low" or "medium"; however, upon the reclassification by the U.S. CDC of the COVID-19 community transmission level of Kennebec County as "high," the mandatory mask requirement will be reinstated with an affirmative vote of the Legislative Council. Motion by Speaker Fecteau. Second by Sen. Timberlake. **Motion passed unanimously (8-0-0-2, with Senator Daughtry and Representative Talbot Ross absent.)**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

With no other business to consider or further announcements, the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.