



2018 New Member Orientation

November 26 – 27, 2018

Monday, November 26, 2018

All events are in the State House unless noted

Throughout the day Cafeteria Lounge	Slide Show: The Legislature
7:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Room: 10/Room: 11	Registration, Payroll, Expenses, Benefits, Photographs, and iPad Distribution and Training
7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Cafeteria - sidebar	Breakfast [PLEASE register first] <i>Open Cafeteria Account (if desired)</i>
9:15 a.m. – 9:25 a.m. Room 11	Welcome and Introduction Mark Snelling, President, Snelling Center for Government
9:25 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. Senate Chamber, or House Chamber	The Legislative Process <i>New House and Senate Members go to their respective chambers to discuss parliamentary procedures, reporting and debate of bills, the amendment process, recording and notice of proceedings in Calendars and Journals, and legislative decorum</i> John Bloomer, Secretary of the Senate William MaGill, Clerk of the House
10:10 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.	Transition to Room 11 on 1st Floor
10:20 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. Room 11	Overview of the Office of Legislative Council Luke Martland, Director and Chief Legislative Counsel
10:50 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. Location to be determined	Drafting Bills, Committee Hearings, and the Role of Legislative Council <i>Discussion of the drafting process, bill introduction, the legislative committee process, and the role of the Office</i>

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12:20 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Transition to State House Cafeteria on 2nd floor

12:30 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.

Lunch and Speakers

1:00 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.

Council of State Governments

Cafeteria

Jack Aitken, Research Associate, CSG/ERC

1:10 p.m. – 1:25 p.m.

Introduction to Uniform Law Commission

Cafeteria

Carl Lisman, Vermont Uniform Law Commission

1:25 p.m. – 1:35 p.m.

Transition to Room 11 on 1st floor

1:35 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.

The Legislative Committee Structure

Room 11

Panel discussion on the legislative committee structure

Rep. Patrick Brennan, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

Rep. Helen Head, Chair, House Committee on General, Housing
& Military Affairs

Sen. Robert Starr, Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture

2:25 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

The State House Press Corps

Room 11

A panel of State House reporters will discuss what members should expect from the press, with Q and A.

Neal Goswami, WCAX-TV [wcax.com]

April McCullum, Burlington Free Press [burlingtonfreepress.com]

John Dillon, Vermont Public Radio [digital.vpr.net]

Anne Galloway, Vermont Digger [vtdigger.org]

3:15 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.

Break

3:25 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.

Legislative Leadership 2017–2018 Biennial Session Panel

Room 11

The role of leaders, political parties, caucuses, and legislative organization

Sen. Becca Balint, Senate Majority Leader

Sen. Joe Benning, Senate Minority Leader

Sen. Anthony Pollina, Senate Progressive Leader

Rep. Jill Krowinski, House Majority Leader

Rep. Donald Turner, House Minority Leader

Rep. Robin Chesnut-Tangerman, House Progressive Leader

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4:20 p.m.
Room 11

Closing

Luke Martland, Director & Chief Counsel, Legislative Council

4:25 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.
Meet in the Lobby

Tour of the State House (Optional)

David Schutz, State Curator
Spouses/Partners are welcome

5:20 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Cafeteria

Free Time

Dinner and Speakers

6:15 p.m. – 6:20 p.m.
Cafeteria

Opening

Mark Snelling, President, Snelling Center for Government

6:20 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Cafeteria

Welcome - Opportunity for attendees to mingle

Sen. Timothy Ashe, President Pro Tempore
Rep. Mitzi Johnson, Speaker of the House

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Cafeteria

Legislative Panel Remarks and Discussion

Each member will give remarks for 5 minutes and then Q&A

6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Cafeteria

First-term Legislators Panel One

Expectations and realities of service in the Vermont Legislature

First-term Legislators:

Rep. Selene Colburn, Burlington
Rep. Lori Houghton, Essex Junction
Rep. Brian Keefe, Manchester Center
Rep. David Yacovone, Morrisville

7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Cafeteria

Former Legislators Panel Two

Sen. Carolyn Branagan [House: 2003–2016; Senate: 2017–2018]
Former Rep. Anthony Klein, [House: 2003–2016]
Sen. Peg Flory [House: 1999–2010; Senate: 2011–2018]

7:30 p.m.

Closing – Overview of Schedule

Stephen Klein, Chief Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Tuesday, November 27, 2018 continued

7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
Cafeteria – Sidebar

Breakfast

Open Cafeteria Account (if desired)

8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Transition to Room 11 – 1st floor

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

The State Revenue Process

Room 11

A panel discussion providing an overview of revenue projections and tracking and a description of Vermont funds.

Tom Kavet, The Legislature's Economist

Rep. Janet Ancel, Chair, House Committee on Ways & Means

Sen. Ann Cummings, Chair, Senate Committee on Finance

Kaj Samsom, Commissioner, Department of Taxes

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

The State Budget Process

Room 11

A panel discussion on how Vermont's budget is established and the FY2020 budget context.

Sen. Jane Kitchel, Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations

Rep. Catherine Toll, Chair, House Committee on Appropriations

Stephen Klein, Chief Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Adam Greshin, Commissioner, Department of Finance & Management

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)

Room 11

Mark Quiner, Director of the Center for Ethics in Government,
National Conference of State Legislatures

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Ethical Decision Making and the Vermont Legislative Role

Room 11

Mark Quiner, Director of the Center for Ethics in Government,
National Conference of State Legislatures

12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Transition to State House Cafeteria – 2nd floor

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Lunch and Speaker

Cafeteria

1:10 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.

Friends of the Vermont State House

Cafeteria

Rep. Warren Kitzmiller, Trustee, Friends of the State House

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1:20 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
Cafeteria

Free Time or tba

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Transition to Room 11, 1st floor

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Room 11

Legislative Joint Fiscal Office
Accessing Fiscal Information

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Room 11

Relationship with the Executive Branch
Jason Gibbs, Chief of Staff, Governor's Office
Al Gobeille, Secretary, Agency of Human Services

3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Room 11

Relationship with the Judicial Branch
Honorable Chief Justice Paul Reiber
Associate Justices:
Honorable Marilyn Skoglund
Honorable Beth Robinson
Honorable Harold E. Eaton, Jr.
Court Administrators Office and Superior Court:
Patricia Gabel, Court Administrator
Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge

4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Transition to State House Cafeteria – 2nd floor

4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
Cafeteria

Reception
All new members, all program participants, and invited guests are welcome

5:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Free Time

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Capitol Plaza, Montpelier Rm
100 State Street, Montpelier

Dinner
Spouses/Partners are welcome

7:30 p.m.

Closing – Overview of Wednesday and All Legislative Briefing
Stephen Klein, Chief Legislative Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

- 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.** **Legislative Council – Operations and Committee Services**
Mike Ferrant, Deputy Director of Operations, and
Peggy Delaney, Committee Services Supervisor
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.** **Sergeant at Arms: Logistics and Security Overview**
Room 11
Janet Miller, Sergeant at Arms
Matthew Romei, Chief of the Capitol Police
Cornelius F. Reed, Jr., Doorkeeper
- 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.** **ALL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – [agenda will follow soon]**
Well of the House **[this is for all returning, current and new legislative members]**

Updated 11/09/2018 at 3:35 p.m.

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