

The new legislative session started in Harrisburg on February 3, 2023, and Governor Josh Shapiro and Lt. Governor Austin Davis was sworn in on January 17, 2023.

Currently, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives is divided 102 Democrats to 100 Republicans. There is currently, 1 vacancy because Rep. Lynda Culver (R-Columbia) on January 31, 2023, won the special election for Former Sen. John Gordner's seat. Senator Gordner resigned earlier this year to become General Counsel for Senate Republicans.

When the House convened on January 3rd, the House elected Rep. Mark Rozzi (D-Berks) as speaker of the House. Seeing as Democrats now hold a constitutional majority, there are rumors that Democrats will try to remove Speaker Rozzi and replace him with House Democratic Leader Joanna McClinton (D-Philadelphia). Following the three special elections that took place on February 7th, the House returned last week (February 21, 23, and 24th) to special session to continue work on opening a statutory window for victims of childhood sexual abuse The House is expected to return to normal session February 28th.

With Rep. Culver's recent victory in the Senate, the Pennsylvania Senate will now have its full complement of 50 legislators who are divided 28 Republicans and 22 Democrats.

Below is 2023 legislative session schedule:

2022-23 Session Schedule

Senate

February 27 & 28
March 1, 6, 7 & 8

Senate Budget Hearings:

March: 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29 & 30
April: 11, 12 & 13

April 24, 25 & 26
May 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 & 10
June 5, 6, 7, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26,
27, 28, 29 & 30

House

February 21, 22, 23, 27 & 28
March 1, 6, 7 & 8

House Budget Hearings:

March: 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29 & 30
April: 11, 12, 13 & 14

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May 1, 2, 3, 22, 23 & 24
June 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 20, 21, 22,
26, 27, 28, 29 & 30

When the House returns on February 28th, they will need to pass operating rules, organize committees and chairmanships. House Republicans have already announced their committee chairs for the 2023-24 session.

Aging and Older Adult Services

- Rep. Steve Mentzer (R-Lancaster)

Agriculture and Rural Affairs

- Rep. Dan Moul (R-Adams)

Appropriations

- Rep. Seth Grove (R-York)

Insurance

- Rep. Tina Pickett (R-Bradford/Wyoming)

Judiciary

- Rep. Rob Kauffman (R-Franklin)

Labor and Industry

Children and Youth

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Commerce

- Rep. Joe Emrick (R-Northampton)

Consumer Affairs

- Rep. Jim Marshall (R-Beaver)

Education

- Rep. Jesse Topper (R-Bedford/Fulton)

Environmental Resources and Energy

- Rep. Martin Causer (R-Cameron/McKean/Potter)

Ethics

- Rep. Kate Klunk (R-York)

Finance

- Rep. Keith Greiner (R-Lancaster)

Game and Fisheries

- Rep. David Maloney (R-Berks)

Gaming Oversight

- Rep. Russ Diamond (R-Lebanon)

Health

- Rep. Kathy Rapp (R-Warren/Crawford/Forest)

Human Services

- Rep. Doyle Heffley (R-Carbon)

- Rep. Ryan Mackenzie (R-Lehigh)

Liquor Control

- Rep. Mindy Fee (R-Lancaster)

Local Government

- Rep. R. Lee James (R-Venango/Crawford)

Government Oversight

- Rep. Aaron Kaufer (R-Luzerne)

Professional Licensure

- Rep. Carl Walker Metzger (R-Somerset)

State Government

- Rep. Brad Roae (R-Crawford/Erie)

Tourism and Recreational Development

- Rep. Donna Oberlander (R-Armstrong/Clarion)

Transportation

- Rep. Kerry Benninghoff (R-Centre/Mifflin)

Urban Affairs

- Rep. Rich Irvin (R-Franklin/Huntingdon)

Veterans Affairs and Emergency

Preparedness

- Rep. Mark Gillen (R-Berks)