

Ohio Legislative Service Commission New Member Orientation



November 19-21, 2024
DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Columbus Downtown



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

House Members

Jason Stephens
Speaker of the House
Chair

Jon Cross
James M. Hoops
Dontavius L. Jarrells
Sharon A. Ray
C. Allison Russo
Bill Seitz

Senate Members

Matt Huffman
President of the Senate
Vice-Chair

Nickie J. Antonio
Jerry C. Cirino
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Matt Dolan
Theresa Gavarone
Rob McColley

Wendy Zhan, Director

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Tuesday, November 19, 2024

9:30 am-11:30 am	Arrival at DoubleTree Suites by Hilton
Lobby	50 South Front Street Orientation Registration
11:30 am	Luncheon & Welcome
President's Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Wendy Zhan, Director Legislative Service Commission (LSC)
12:30 pm	Getting Acquainted
President's Room	New Members' Brief Self-Introductions
1:00 pm	Administrative Information for New Legislators
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Salary, Insurance, Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS), Deferred Compensation, & Other Benefits– Office Policies of the General Assembly▪ House & Senate Administrative Staff
Le Bistro Room	House Members
River Room	Senate Members
2:15 pm	Administrative Details
Lobby	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Hotel Check-in
Scarlet & Gray Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Individual Administrative Questions
Board Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Building ID Photo
3:30 pm	State Budget Overview
Le Bistro Room	LSC Legislative Budget Office (LBO) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Melaney Carter, Director▪ Russ Keller, Division Chief

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

4:30 pm

Le Bistro Room

Meet Legislative Leadership

House of Representatives

- Jason Stephens, Speaker
- C. Allison Russo, Minority Leader

Senate

- Matt Huffman, President
- Nickie J. Antonio, Minority Leader

5:15 pm

President's Room

Reception (with cash bar)

6:00 pm

President's Room

Dinner

State Tax Revenue & the Department of Taxation

- Patricia Harris, Tax Commissioner
Department of Taxation

7:15 pm

Walk to Statehouse

7:30 pm

Governor Thomas
Worthington Center

Ohio Statehouse Services

- Laura P. Battocletti, Executive Director
Capitol Square Review & Advisory Board

7:45 pm

Statehouse Tour

Capital Square Review & Advisory Board

- Dayna Jalkanen, Deputy Director of
Museum & Education
- Chris Matheney, Historic Site Manager/
Assistant Deputy Director

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

8:00 am

Breakfast

Le Bistro Room

8:30 am

Administrative Details Follow-up

Scarlet & Gray Room

– Individual Administrative Questions

Board Room

– Building ID Photo

9:00 am

Education & Medicaid Funding 101

Le Bistro Room

- Jason Phillips, LBO Assistant Director
- Ivy Chen, LBO Division Chief

10:00 am

Nonpartisan LSC Staff Services for Legislators

Le Bistro Room

- Jim Kelly, Director, Office of Research & Drafting (ORD)
- Megan Cummiskey, ORD Assistant Director
- Melaney Carter, LBO Director
- Jason Phillips, LBO Assistant Director

11:00 am

**Navigating & Understanding Legislation:
Bills & Related Documents**

Le Bistro Room

- Julie Rishel, ORD Division Chief
- Chris Edwards, ORD Attorney

11:45 am

Luncheon

President's Room

Working with the Executive Branch

- Giles Allen, Director, Legislative Affairs
Office of the Governor

12:45 pm

Walk to Statehouse

1:00 pm

Group Photo at the Statehouse

2:00 pm

Attend Session

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

3:30 pm

House Finance
Committee Hearing
Room, Room 313

Protocol for Committee Meetings

House Members

- Brad Young, House Clerk
- Jason Hoskins, ORD Attorney
- Jacquelyn Schroeder, LBO Senior Budget Analyst

Senate Chamber

Senate Members

- Vincent Keeran, Senate Clerk
- Amanda Goodman, ORD Attorney
- Jason Glover, LBO Senior Budget Analyst

4:15 pm

House Chamber

Orientation to Floor Session

House Members

- Brad Young, House Clerk

Senate Chamber

Senate Members

- Vincent Keeran, Senate Clerk

5:00 pm

Riffe Center
Statehouse

Tour of Key Offices

House Members

Senate Members

6:15 pm

Statehouse

An Evening at the Statehouse

Hosts: Capitol Square Review & Advisory Board
Capitol Square Foundation

Rotunda

Reception

Atrium

Dinner

Thursday, November 21, 2024

8:00 am

Breakfast

Le Bistro Room

8:30 am

Hotel Check-out

9:00 am

Education & Workforce Development

Le Bistro Room

- Stephen D. Dackin, Director
Department of Education & Workforce
- Mike Duffey, Chancellor of
Higher Education
Department of Higher Education
- Lydia Mihalik, Director
Department of Development

10:00 am

Managing Your Legislative Office

Le Bistro Room

- Representative Adam Mathews
 - Jason Sponaugle, Legislative Aide
- Representative Beryl Brown Piccolantonio
 - Esther Kelsch, Legislative Aide
- Senator Bill Reineke
 - Sophia Spriggs, Senior Legislative Aide
- Senator Vernon Sykes
 - Yondris Ferguson, Senior Legislative Aide

11:00 am

Ohio's Public Records Law

Le Bistro Room

- Heather Blessing, Chief Legal Counsel
(Interim)
House of Representatives
- Matt Oyster, Chief Legal Counsel
Senate
- Megan Cumiskey, ORD Assistant Director

Thursday, November 21, 2024

12:00 pm

President's Room

Luncheon

Ethics & Reporting Requirements

- Tony Bledsoe
Legislative Inspector General
Joint Legislative Ethics Committee

1:00 pm

Le Bistro Room

Serving in the General Assembly

Moderator

- Representative Scott Oelslager

Legislator Panel

- Representative Monica Robb Blasdel
- Representative Latyna Humphrey
- Senator Rob McColley
- Senator Hearcel F. Craig

2:30 pm

Le Bistro Room

Closing Remarks

- Wendy Zhan, LSC Director

2:45 pm

Le Bistro Room

Concurrent Optional Follow-up Sessions for Individual Questions

Legislative Ethics Questions

- Tony Bledsoe
Legislative Inspector General
Joint Legislative Ethics Committee

Scarlet & Gray Room

Administrative Questions

- House and Senate Administrative Staff

River Room

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

- OPERS Representatives
(by appointment)

Selected Contacts

(area code 614)

House of Representatives

Speaker of the House	466-1366
Minority Leader	466-8012
Clerk.....	466-9729
Administrative Office.....	466-4308
Sergeant-at-Arms.....	644-9804

Senate

Senate President.....	466-7584
Minority Leader	466-5123
Clerk.....	466-4900
Sergeant-at-Arms.....	466-4884

Legislative Agencies

Legislative Service Commission	466-3615
Legislative Information Hotline (LSC)	466-8842
Toll-free (Ohio only)	1-800-282-0253
Correctional Institution Inspection Committee	466-6649
Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review	466-4086
Joint Legislative Ethics Committee	728-5100
Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee	644-2016
Legislative Information Systems Office	466-3799
Capitol Square Review & Advisory Board/ Statehouse General Number	752-9777
Toll-free	1-888-OHIO-123

Other

Governor's Office	466-3555
Attorney General.....	1-800-282-0515
Auditor of State	466-4514
Secretary of State	466-2655
Treasurer.....	466-2160
Supreme Court of Ohio.....	387-9000
State Operator	466-2000