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***The State House will  
convene at 12 PM, and the  
State Senate will convene  
at 1 PM***

## UNDER THE DOME

Today marks the first dual session week since the end of March. Both chambers are expected to move some more controversial bills. The rotunda will be packed with advocacy groups and matching t-shirts. Additionally, meeting room spaces are becoming harder and harder to find.

## RETIREMENT

After 17 years in Harrisburg, State Representative **Seth Grove** (R-York) is hanging up his gloves and giving his self-styled "Fighting196th" district a chance to tag in someone new. In a social-media video, Grove said he won't seek a tenth term in 2026. First elected in 2008, he fired off 48 bills his rookie year and more than 350 overall; 22 became law and three met the veto pen. Along the way he helped Labor&Industry, Appropriations, State Government, and Government Oversight committees.

## COOLDOWN

Cleveland-Cliffs Inc. has announced it will idle its Steelton plant by June 30, 2025, affecting between 500 and 550 union workers, according to Steelworkers Union Local 1688. The closure, attributed to low demand and pricing in the railroad industry, ends operations at one of only three U.S. rail-producing facilities. State and federal officials,

including U.S. Senator **John Fetterman**, State Senator **Patty Kim**, and State Representative **Dave Madsen**, expressed concern and called for discussions to support workers and explore alternatives. The plant, known as the oldest continuously operated steel mill in the U.S., has been a key employer in Steelton. Cleveland-Cliffs is also idling the Conshohocken plant as well as one in Riverdale, IL as early as the end of June.

## STILL DARK

Thousands were still without power in the Pittsburgh area as of Saturday, after a major storm ripped through the area last week. Everyone is expected to have their power restored by tomorrow at 11pm. The city is still organizing relief efforts, especially food donations for the people who had to throw away items in their fridges. A total of roughly 325,000 people were without power after the storm.

## TYSON TEACHES

Astrophysicist **Neil deGrasse Tyson** will visit State College on Tuesday, December 2 for a special event titled "*An Astrophysicist Goes to the Movies – Part 1.*" The show at Eisenhower Auditorium will explore the real science behind popular films like *Star Wars*, *Titanic*, and *Armageddon*. Tyson, known for *Cosmos*, *StarTalk*, and *The Universe*, will blend humor and insight as he breaks down movie moments with scientific flair.



### *Happy Birthday*

- **Barbara Bruin**, Deputy Inspector General, Office of the Special Inspector General for Pandemic Recovery
- Captain **Atah Akakpo-Martin**, Harrisburg Police Department
- **Tom Stark**, Executive Director, PA Association of County Drug & Alcohol Administrators

### *Committee Meetings*

- (H) Judiciary – 10AM - Public hearing on House Bill 464 - amends the Pennsylvania Constitution to provide victims of childhood sexual abuse a two-year window to file previously time barred civil lawsuits against their abuser
- (H) Aging and Older Adult Services – 10AM - Informational meeting on Pennsylvania's Older Adult Protective Services Act
- Joint Performance-Based Funding Council – 10AM - Voting meeting on final recommendations of the Performance-Based Funding Council
- (H) Judiciary – 11AM – To consider: HB282, 605, 1042, 1098, and SB475 and HR214

- (H) Environmental and Natural Resource Protection – 11AM – To consider: HB1233 and HR192
- (H) Housing and Community Development – 11AM – To consider: HB359, and 1095
- (H) Transportation – 11AM – To consider: HB1364 and HR68
- (S) Intergovernmental Operations – 12:30PM – To consider: SB367
- (H) Appropriations – OTF – Agenda to be announced
- (S) Appropriations– OTF – To consider: SB115, 232, 308, 349, 417, 466, and 481



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