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The State House will convene at 11 AM today.

#### **FULL BUDGET?**

PA House Appropriations Chair *Jordan Harris*(D- Philadelphia) stated Monday he does not support a temporary state budget. The proposal, suggested by State Senate Appropriations Chair *Scott Martin* (R- Lancaster) and State Senate President Pro Tempore *Kim Ward* (R – Westmoreland), would cover six months while awaiting clarity on federal funding. Harris said a full-year budget by June 30 is necessary for consistent support for schools and services. Governor *Josh Shapiro* has not commented directly on the idea but emphasized the need for bipartisan cooperation. Lawmakers are scheduled to be in session all of next week as negotiations continue ahead of the fiscal deadline.

### **SACKLER'S SETTLE**

PA Attorney General *Dave Sunday* and 54 fellow AGs have reached a \$7.4 billion settlement with Purdue Pharma and the Sackler family for their role in the opioid crisis. The agreement ends the Sackler's ownership of Purdue and bans them from selling opioids in the U.S. Pennsylvania may receive up to \$200 million over 15 years. Most funds will be distributed within the first three years to support treatment and prevention efforts. The deal, still pending bankruptcy court approval, is the largest settlement so far involving individuals tied to the opioid epidemic.

#### **#WINNING**

Pennsylvania State Representative *Malcolm Kenyatta* has officially reclaimed his spot

as DNC vice chair, earning 99% of the vote in a redo election after the party voided the initial results. *David Hogg*, who previously won alongside Kenyatta, chose not to run again, citing focus on his group, "Leaders We Deserve". The do-over followed concerns about gender bias and leaked audio questioning Hogg's commitment. Now, attention shifts to three women vying for the second vice chair seat, with a decision expected Tuesday. DNC Chair *Ken Martin* praised Kenyatta's leadership and expressed confidence moving forward.

#### **ITHINK I CAN**

If you have ever wanted to take a ride on Thomas the Tank Engine, now is your chance. From this Thursday to Sunday, guests can visit Strasburg Rail Road and see the iconic childhood train. The rides last 30 minutes and take you on a tour through Lancaster County. Other characters will also be available for photos, such as Percy and Sir Topham Hat. There will be other fun activities for children as well. Thomas and friends won't be back until September so get your tickets <a href="https://example.com/here-new/memory-new/mem

## **SUSQUEHANNA'S SUMMER BUMMER**

Thinking of swimming or fishing in the Susquehanna near Harrisburg? Consider this before taking a dip or wetting a line. A new report from the Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper Association found dangerously high levels of E. coli at over 20 river access points across Dauphin, Cumberland, York, and Lancaster counties. Pollution sources range from faulty septic tanks to manure runoff and Harrisburg's outdated sewer system. Capital Region Water remains under federal scrutiny, with little progress shown. Despite one cleaner spot near City Island, advocates say the river overall isn't safe. Riverkeeper *Ted Evgeniadis* puts it plainly: "Would I swim in it? No."



# Happy Birthday

- Former PA Governor *Thomas W. Corbett, Jr.*
- *Hillary Rothrock*, Former Organizing Director, Janelle Stelson for Congress



## **Committee Meetings**

- (H) Appropriations OTF Agenda to be announced.
- (H) Insurance OTF Voting meeting on HB 1445.
- (H) Professional Licensure 9:00AM Voting meeting on HB 80, HB 482, and SB 115.
- (H) Judiciary 9:30AM -Voting meeting on HB 97, HB 102, HB 783, HB 1091, HB 1145, HB 1319, SB 255, SB 302, and SB 327.
- (H) Finance 9:30AM -Voting meeting on HB 1572, HB 1575, HB 1610, a committee discussion on HB 1129.



- 9:30AM Voting meeting on HB 1108.
- (H) Children and Youth 10:00AM Voting meeting on HB 506, HB 1021, HB 1022, HB 1505, HB 1573, HB 1576, HB 1577 and HR 142.
- (H) Consumer Protection, Technology and Utilities – 10:00AM - Voting meeting on HB 1496 and HB 1599.
- (H) Transportation 10:00AM Voting meeting on HB 1416, HB 1545, HB 1591, and SB 185.
- (H) Labor and Industry 10:00AM Voting meeting on HB 1358 and HB 1540.



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