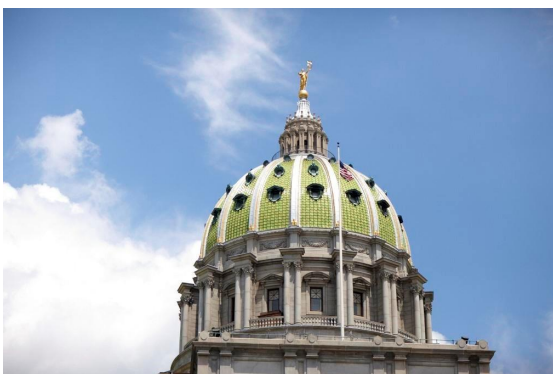


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***The State House and the
State Senate will convene
at 11 AM.***

SEALED WITH A VOTE

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives passed a bill to seal certain eviction records, aiming to reduce housing barriers for tenants. Approved 105 to 98, the measure is modeled after the state's "clean slate" laws used for criminal records. Eviction cases would be sealed after seven years, or immediately if tenants win in court. With Dauphin County facing the highest eviction rate in the state, lawmakers say the bill offers second chances. Critics argue it limits landlords' access to background checks.

BLAZING A TRAIL TO TAX RELIEF

Volunteer firefighters just caught a break. A bipartisan bill from State Representatives **Justin Fleming** and **Joe Kerwin** has passed the House, aiming to exempt income tax on "length of service" awards. These awards honor the brave men and women and help retain volunteers during Pennsylvania's firefighter shortage. Representative Fleming emphasized that they risk their lives daily, so at the very least, their rewards should not be taxed. The bill would remove these contributions from being counted as taxable income. House Bill 1306 now travels to the Senate for consideration.

FROM END ZONE TO UPTOWN

NFL legend **LeSean "Shady" McCoy** joined local and state officials to cut the ribbon on JMB Gardens, a new 41-unit affordable housing project in Uptown Harrisburg. Developed by McCoy's firm, Vice Capital, the \$16.7 million community transforms 29 once-vacant

lots into homes for local families. Backed by \$1.3 million in state funding and the PA Housing Finance Agency, the project reflects a shared commitment to safe, stable housing. “You can still impact the community,” said McCoy, a Harrisburg native, joining state and local leaders in celebrating the investment in his hometown.

HARD TIME

Governor **Josh Shapiro** wants to shut down two Pennsylvania prisons, Rockview and Quehanna Boot Camp, to save an estimated \$100 million annually. This proposal cites excess capacity and steep repair costs associated with the facilities, but critics, including lawmakers whose districts house the facilities, argue the closures would devastate local economies. Some advocates urge closures based on environmental and health concerns instead. Meanwhile, corrections costs continue to rise despite a shrinking prison population, prompting fierce debate as the budget deadline looms.

CUOMO CURTAIN CALL

In a shocking political upset, young Democrat **Zohran Mamdani** defeated **Andrew Cuomo** in the primary in New York City to potentially serve as the next mayor. Mamdani has been a member of the NY General Assembly since 2021 and would be the city’s first Muslim and Indian American and the youngest in a century to serve as mayor, should he be elected.



Happy Birthday

- Former State Representative **Chris King**
- **Mike DeVanney**, Founding Partner, Cold Spark Media
- **Patrick J. Geho**, Director of Public Affairs, Washington County, PA
- **John Baer**, Political Columnist, PennLive

Happy Belated Birthday:

- **Abby Zimmerman**, Legislative Fellow, Office of Representative Schlossberg (Happy 21st!)

Committee Meetings

- (H) Appropriations – OTF - Agenda to be announced
- (S) Aging and Youth – OTF - To consider HB 1058
- (S) Appropriations – OTF - To consider SB 520, 715 and 800 and HB 103, 209, 211, 261, 309, 491, 615, 640, 799, 1057, 1103 and 1431
- (S) Rules and Executive Nominations – OTF - To consider certain Executive Nominations
- (H) Health – 9:00AM - Voting meeting on HB 348, HB 446, HR 257, HR 261, HR 262, and HR 264
- Joint Legislative Budget and Finance – 9:00AM - Meeting on Act 159 of 2024, Act 2004-159 directs the Legislative Budget and Finance

Committee (LBFC) to conduct a performance audit of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) on a three-year cycle

- Joint Legislative Budget and Finance – 9:30AM - Officers Meeting to Adopt - SR 27 of 2025(Birth Related Neuro Injuries)
- (S) Environmental Resources and Energy – 9:30AM - Public hearing on the consideration of the nomination of Jessica Shirley (Secretary of DEP)
- (H) Judiciary – 10:00AM - Joint informational meeting with the House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness committee on Veterans' Treatment Courts and Alternative Sentencing for Pennsylvania Veterans
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- (H) Communications and Technology – 10:00AM - Voting meeting on HB 1063 and SB 377
- (H) Local Government – 10:00AM - Voting meeting on HB 985, HB 1446 and HB 1584
- (H) Energy – 10:00AM - Voting meeting on HB 502 and HB 1239



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