SENATE JOURNAL
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Second Regular Session

1st Legislative Day Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Prayer

By the chaplain, Pastor Dr. Odie Kennedy, President of the Greater Metro Denver Ministerial Alliance.

Presentation of Colors

By the Civil Air Patrol color guard
Members: Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Addy Melton, Cadet Second Lieutenant Eliah Fernandez, Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Daniel Raynoha, Cadet Master Sergeant Janani Janavarthana.

Pledge

By the children and grandchildren of the Senators.

National Anthem

Denver Children's Choir
Members: Silas Arora, Mara Baldwin, Jack Flint, Desmond Graham-Aden, Eli Hawkins, Anna Hemphill, Miguel Godoy, Mara Linart, Myeisha Mack, Cameron Mitchell, Quinn Ochsenbein, Isabelle Pierre, Koa Porter, Eleanor Rice.

Musical Presentation

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" performed by Tony Exum, Jr., Alto Saxophone player.

Land Acknowledgment

By Chairman Melvin J. Baker, Southern Ute Tribe.

Call to Order

The hour of 10:00 a.m. having arrived, the Senate of the Second Regular Session of the 75th General Assembly of the State of Colorado, pursuant to law, was called to order by President James Coleman.

Oath of Office

The President administered the oath of office to Esther van Mourik

With unanimous consent of those elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the motion for the election of Esther van Mourik as Secretary of the Senate was adopted.

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, and with unanimous consent of the Senate, the President appointed Senators Wallace, Lindstedt, and Liston as members of the Committee to Notify the House of Representatives that the Senate is Organized and Ready for Business.

A majority of all members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the motion was adopted.

Senate in recess. Senate reconvened.

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, and with unanimous consent of the Senate, the President appointed Senators Bridges, Cutter, and Rich as members of the Committee to Notify the Governor that the Senate was organized and ready for business.

A majority of all members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the motion was adopted.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

SJR26-002 by Senator(s) Rodriguez, Coleman, Simpson; also Representative(s) Duran, McCluskie, Caldwell--Concerning a Joint Session of the Senate and the House of Representatives for the purpose of hearing a message from The Honorable Governor Jared Polis, and appointing a committee to escort the Governor.

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, the resolution was **adopted** by the following roll call vote:

YES	35	NO	0	EXCUSED	0	ABSENT	0
Amabile	Y	Daugherty	Y	Lindstedt	Y	Rodriguez	Y
Baisley	Y	Exum	Y	Liston	Y	Simpson	Y
Ball	Y	Frizell	Y	Marchman	Y	Snyder	Y
Bridges	Y	Gonzales J.	Y	Michaelson	Y	Sullivan	Y
Bright	Y	Hinrichsen	Y	Mullica	Y	Wallace	Y
Carson	Y	Jodeh	Y	Pelton B.	Y	Weissman	Y
Catlin	Y	Kipp	Y	Pelton R.	Y	Zamora	Y
Cutter	Y	Kirkmeyer	Y	Rich	Y	President	Y
Danielson	Y	Kolker	Y	Roberts	Y		

Co-sponsor(s) added: Bridges.

SJR26-003 by Senator(s) Danielson and Simpson; also Representative(s) Stewart K. and Suckla--Concerning a Joint Session of the Senate and the House of Representatives for the purpose of hearing a message from Representatives of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council and the Southern Ute Tribal Council, and, in connection therewith, appointing a committee to escort the Tribal Representatives.

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, the resolution was **adopted** by the following roll call vote:

YES	35	NO	0	EXCUSED	0	ABSENT	0
Amabile	Y	Daugherty	Y	Lindstedt	Y	Rodriguez	Y
Baisley	Y	Exum	Y	Liston	Y	Simpson	Y
Ball	Y	Frizell	Y	Marchman	Y	Snyder	Y
Bridges	Y	Gonzales J.	Y	Michaelson	Y	Sullivan	Y
Bright	Y	Hinrichsen	Y	Mullica	Y	Wallace	Y
Carson	Y	Jodeh	Y	Pelton B.	Y	Weissman	Y
Catlin	Y	Kipp	Y	Pelton R.	Y	Zamora	Y
Cutter	Y	Kirkmeyer	Y	Rich	Y	President	Y
Danielson	Y	Kolker	Y	Roberts	Y		

Co-sponsor(s) added: Amabile, Ball, Bridges, Bright, Carson, Coleman, Cutter, Frizell, Gonzales J., Hinrichsen, Jodeh, Kipp, Kirkmeyer, Kolker, Marchman, Michaelson Jenet, Roberts, Snyder, Sullivan, Wallace, and Weissman.

SR26-002 by Senator(s) Rodriguez, Coleman, Simpson; --Concerning the appointment of Officers and Employees for the Senate convened in the Second Regular Session of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly.

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, the resolution was **adopted** by the following roll call vote:

YES	35	NO	0	EXCUSED	0	ABSENT	0
Amabile	Y	Daugherty	Y	Lindstedt	Y	Rodriguez	Y
Baisley	Y	Exum	Y	Liston	Y	Simpson	Y
Ball	Y	Frizell	Y	Marchman	Y	Snyder	Y
Bridges	Y	Gonzales J.	Y	Michaelson	Y	Sullivan	Y
Bright	Y	Hinrichsen	Y	Mullica	Y	Wallace	Y
Carson	Y	Jodeh	Y	Pelton B.	Y	Weissman	Y
Catlin	Y	Kipp	Y	Pelton R.	Y	Zamora	Y
Cutter	Y	Kirkmeyer	Y	Rich	Y	President	Y
Danielson	Y	Kolker	Y	Roberts	Y		

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

January 13, 2026

Mrs. Natalie Castle
Executive Director
Office of Legislative Council

Mrs. Natalie Castle:

Please be advised of the following appointments to Senate committees of reference for the Second Regular Session of the 75th General Assembly:

The Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee will have seven members, four from the Majority Caucus and three from the Minority Caucus. My appointees are:
Senator Dylan Roberts, Chair
Senator Jessie Danielson, Vice Chair
Senator Nick Hinrichsen
Senator Cathy Kipp

The Senate Appropriations Committee will have seven members, four from the Majority Caucus and three from the Minority Caucus. My appointees are:
Senator Judy Amabile, Chair
Senator Jeff Bridges, Vice Chair
Senator Julie Gonzales
Senator Chris Kolker

The Senate Business, Labor and Technology Committee will have five members, three from the Majority Caucus and two from the Minority Caucus. My appointees are:
Senator Jessie Danielson, Chair
Senator Nick Hinrichsen, Vice Chair
Senator Iman Jodeh

The Senate Education Committee will have seven members, four from the Majority Caucus and three from the Minority Caucus. My appointees are:
Senator Chris Kolker, Chair
Senator Janice Marchman, Vice Chair
Senator Cathy Kipp
Senator Dafna Michaelson Jenet

The Senate Finance Committee will have nine members, six from the Majority Caucus and three from the Minority Caucus. My appointees are:
Senator Cathy Kipp, Chair
Senator Janice Marchman, Vice Chair
Senator Julie Gonzales
Senator Chris Kolker
Senator Kyle Mullica
Senator Marc Snyder

The Senate Health and Human Services committee will have nine members, six from the Majority Caucus and three from the Minority Caucus. My appointees are:
Senator Kyle Mullica, Chair
Senator Dafna Michaelson Jenet, Vice Chair
Senator Lisa Cutter
Senator Lindsey Daugherty
Senator Iman Jodeh
Senator Mike Weissman

The Senate Judiciary committee will have seven members, five from the Majority Caucus and two from the Minority Caucus. My appointees are:
Senator Mike Weissman, Chair
Senator Dylan Roberts, Vice Chair
Senator Lindsey Daugherty
Senator Nick Hinrichsen
Senator Katie Wallace

The Senate Local Government and Housing Committee will have seven members, four from the Majority Caucus and three from the Minority Caucus. My appointees are:
Senator Tony Exum, Sr., Chair
Senator Marc Snyder, Vice Chair

Senator Matt Ball
Senator William Lindstedt

The Senate State, Veterans and Military Affairs committee will have five members, three from the Majority Caucus and two from the Minority Caucus. My appointees are:
Senator Katie Wallace, Chair
Senator Tom Sullivan, Vice Chair
Senator William Lindstedt

The Senate Transportation and Energy Committee will have nine members, six from the Majority Caucus and three from the Minority Caucus. My appointees are:
Senator Lisa Cutter, Chair
Senator Matt Ball, Vice Chair
Senator Tony Exum, Sr.
Senator William Lindstedt
Senator Kyle Mullica
Senator Tom Sullivan

Best,
(signed)
Robert Rodriguez
Senate Majority Leader

Cc: The Honorable James Coleman, Senate President
The Honorable Cleave Simpson, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Julie McCluskie, House Speaker
The Honorable Monica Duran, House Majority Leader
The Honorable Jarvis Caldwell, House Minority Leader
Esther van Mourik, Senate Secretary
Vanessa Reilly, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
Ed DeCecco, Director of the Office of Legislative Legal Services
Rachel Kurtz-Phelan, Legislative Council

January 8, 2026

Mrs. Natalie Castle
Executive Director, Legislative Council
200 E. Colfax, Rm 029
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Director Castle:

Please, be advised that I am appointing Senator Mark Baisley to the Senate Transportation and Energy Committee, and removing myself from said committee. This is effective immediately.

Respectfully,
(signed)
Cleave Simpson
Senate Minority Leader

cc: The Honorable James Coleman, President of the Senate
The Honorable Robert Rodriguez, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Julie McCluskie, Speaker of the House of Representatives
The Honorable Monica Duran, House Majority Leader
The Honorable Jarvis Caldwell, House Minority Leader
Ed DeCecco, Director of the Office of Legislative Legal Services
Esther van Mourik, Secretary of the Senate
Vanessa Reilly, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives
Rachel Kurtz-Phelan, Legislative Council Staff
The Honorable Mark Baisley, Senator

January 8, 2026

Mrs. Natalie Castle
Executive Director, Legislative Council

200 E. Colfax, Rm 029
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Director Castle:

Please, be advised that I am removing Senator Mark Baisley from to the Senate Business, Labor, and Technology Committee per the change in committee membership. This is effective immediately.

Respectfully,
(signed)
Cleave Simpson
Senate Minority Leader

cc: The Honorable James Coleman, President of the Senate
The Honorable Robert Rodriguez, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Julie McCluskie, Speaker of the House of Representatives
The Honorable Monica Duran, House Majority Leader
The Honorable Jarvis Caldwell, House Minority Leader
Ed DeCecco, Director of the Office of Legislative Legal Services
Esther van Mourik, Secretary of the Senate
Vanessa Reilly, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives
Rachel Kurtz-Phelan, Legislative Council Staff
The Honorable Mark Baisley, Senator

Senate in recess.

The text of President Coleman's remarks follow.

Good morning!

Welcome to the second regular session of the 75th General Assembly. It is my honor to be with you all this morning to celebrate the beginning of another legislative session.

I'd like to begin by welcoming our guests this morning. So many family and friends, former lawmakers – basically everyone who doesn't have to be here when our debates stretch into the night or, god forbid, the weekend.

They aren't here in the chamber today, but I want to acknowledge my family as well. They are my rock, and I would not be here today without them.

Shayna – my wife, and partner of 25 years, thank you for being there to celebrate my successes, for lifting me up on the more challenging days, and for taking on every day together in partnership.

Naomi and James – one of the main reasons I do this work is for you. To help build a future where every door is open and every opportunity is waiting for you. My first opening day, you were both small enough to sit on my lap. Flash forward ten years, you're behind the wheel of a car. I am so proud of both of you and every day you make me grateful to be your dad.

I would like us all to extend thanks to all our nonpartisan staff, who have seen some changes since we were here this summer for our special session. Join me in welcoming our new members of the Senate team, and members taking on new roles on the team:

Olivia Hart, Mary Ann Admire, Matthew Rivera, Benjamin Noren, Dennis Pinto, and Jerry Touslee.

Welcome to the Senate, we're so happy to have you join the family. And thank you to the returning staff – I'm grateful to work alongside you another year.

If you know me, you know that I don't do any of this alone. I'd like to thank our Senate leadership team – Majority Leader Rodriguez, President Pro Tempore Michaelson Jenet, Assistant Majority Leader Cutter, Caucus Chair Roberts, and our whip, Senator Hinrichsen – for their help in keeping this train on the tracks.

I also can't do this without the greatest Minority Leader this chamber has ever seen, Alamosa's own, Senator Cleave Simpson. It's an honor to lead alongside you.

We must also give a warm welcome to the newest member of the upper chamber: Senator William Lindstedt! Just wait until you see how efficient we are over here.

I'm just kidding though, of course we love our friends in the House. And I'd be remiss if I didn't wish the good Speaker McCluskie well in her final session in the House.

Her work to invest in Colorado's future will be transformative. Whether through implementation of a new school funding formula that ensures resources are going directly to students that need them most, her dedication to protecting Colorado's water future, and her hand in ensuring access to affordable health care for all – it has been an honor to learn from her and lead alongside her, and I will miss her partnership.

Speaker, don't forget about us on the other side, and please don't be a stranger!

And to Governor Polis, who is also entering his final year as the leader of our state. It's been a privilege to work with you in this leadership capacity and I look forward to all that we'll accomplish together this year. I can't wait to hear your final – and I'm sure best – State of the State tomorrow. Last year I learned that my assigned seat is fully in view on the Colorado Channel. I've been practicing my facial expressions and reactions all week. I'm ready!

Colleagues, we have been through a lot together over the past year. We have fiercely debated policies with one another, we have deliberated on Colorado's toughest issues, we have celebrated wins.

And, colleagues, we have grieved together.

We continue to mourn the unexpected, tragic loss of one of our own: Senator Faith Winter.

Faith's loss is immeasurable, and as we embark on our work this session I hope that we can incorporate her tenacity and the joy that she found in this work into our policies, as well as in the conversations we have with one another.

Because Faith never forgot to be moved by the people behind her policies. She never forgot how to be human in this work – flaws and all.

She would work with anyone who would work with her. A coalition and team builder for the ages, she would not let the letter after someone's name, a district number, or the county they call home get in the way of getting good policy over the finish line.

Policy that puts Coloradans, and Colorado, first.

We will miss her presence in our chamber each and every day. She showed up with a warmth and brightness reflected in the clothing she wore, the fresh flowers on her desk, and, most of all, in her smile and friendly hello.

May we honor Faith not only in memory, but in how we show up for the work and for one another.

Colleagues, we have accomplished so much together.

In just the last year, we stepped up to protect safety net providers through legislation sponsored by Senators Mullica and Kirkmeyer to ensure Coloradans everywhere from Craig, Cortez, to Crowley are able to receive the health care they need.

We set Colorado kids up for greater prosperity by increasing school funding through last year's School Finance Act and creation of the Kids Matter Fund, thanks to Senators Bridges and Kolker.

We made Colorado a national leader in reproductive rights and we have stood up for a woman's right to determine her own future, most recently through passage of legislation like Senators Gonzales and Weissman's Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act and Senators Daugherty and Rodriguez's legislation to implement the will of the voters and guarantee coverage for abortion care to Coloradans on Medicaid.

Over the interim, I had the privilege of visiting every member in their district all across the state:

Senator Rich was kind enough to drive me through District 7 to see the beauty of the Colorado National Monument and understand the vitality of the Western Slope;
I traveled up to District 17 to visit Senator Wallace and catch up over a beer at Oskar

Blues;
In District 10, Senator Liston and I toured UCCS and learned about their state-of-the-art cybersecurity systems;
And I joined Senator Roberts at a town hall in District 8 and got to visit Strawberry Hot Springs.

Not to mention that Minority Leader Simpson and I got to check out some of the coolest cars I've ever seen at a car show in Alamosa.

At each of these visits we reflected on our progress and talked about the challenges still facing Coloradans. Colleagues, I'm here to tell you that we are not as divided as some might want you to believe.

Coloradans need a safe place to live, they need to be able to go to the doctor without driving for miles or paying a fortune, they need to be able to afford gas, groceries, and childcare. They need clean drinking water and enough water to work the land and grow livestock and crops. And they need us to stand up for their rights and protect their liberties.

To accomplish these goals, we must be courageous leaders and lawmakers.

Because we are facing headwinds and will have to confront serious challenges.

Our budget environment will mean extremely difficult funding decisions. The federal government's tariffs and haphazard clawbacks of funding for critical programs have sown uncertainty in our economy. They threaten our ability to provide the resources Colorado kids and families, seniors, and rural communities depend on.

Colleagues, we are here to work for Colorado, for Coloradans. I know each of us are capable of doing so, because I have seen us do it before. So, I call on each of you to continue to, once again, govern courageously. My great hope is that each of us shows up here ready to work with one another to make life better for Coloradans.

We have, and will, work across the aisle to build a better Colorado – because the challenges facing our state demand nothing less.

People across our state are having to stretch their dollars further just to make ends meet. Rent and housing prices are leveling off but remain high. Groceries, insurance, utility bills, and everyday expenses are making monthly budgets a math problem that is increasingly more impossible to solve.

We have a role to play here. We won't sit idly by while Coloradans are hurting.

As we enter Colorado's 150th year of statehood, we will tackle the big issues head on. Our work this legislative session can and will improve outcomes for Coloradans in every corner of the state.

We will build an economy that rewards hardworking people and where every Coloradan has a fair chance to thrive.

This year we will work to build up affordable housing stock to increase opportunities for homeownership and lower housing prices for everyone. By stabilizing health care premium rates to keep more people on their plans, we can keep insurance premiums manageable for us all. We will continue to take on deceptive pricing practices and hold corporations accountable who pad their pockets at the expense of working families.

This year, we will also work to streamline workforce programs to help more Coloradans enter highly-skilled careers and fill in-demand positions – strengthening our economy to create more resiliency in the face of turbulent national tides.

We'll follow through on our commitments to reach our climate goals and invest in diverse energy sources to drive down utility costs and bolster an economy that's ready for our rapidly changing future.

We will also govern with the confidence guaranteed to us by our Constitution. Our rights and our freedoms are non-negotiable, and we will find the strength required to do our work knowing that we stand on the right side of history, and on the shoulders of leaders who fought for the freedoms and democracy we enjoy today.

Our work this year will lift us all.

Now, many of you know I am a minister. I won't preach too much this morning, but I do

want to leave you with a few lines of scripture. Matthew 25:

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Let us work this year for our brothers and sisters who need our help the most. When we do, we will serve something bigger, greater than each of us in this room. When we do, we'll see Colorado's future in each and every constituent we serve.

So let us rise to the challenges facing our state and our collective future – as I know that we can. And let us fill Faith's shoes and be moved by the work. See each other as equals, and as humans.

Let us build a Colorado for everyone.

Our work in this building does not end on sine die or when we leave this building, but it does begin today.

Colleagues, thank you for your time this morning.

We have our work cut out for us. Let's do this.

Thank you.

President Coleman recognized Minority Leader Simpson to address the Senate.

The text of Minority Leader Simpson's remarks follow.

Opening Day Speech

Part I: Honoring Our History — Colorado at 150

Mister President, members of the Senate, distinguished guests, and the people of Colorado:

<Give Thanks Portion>
Thank President Coleman for his support
Recognize Senator Winter
Thank for the support of your wife of 42 years of marriage

"Marriage is a lot like politics. Two people run on bold platforms, make big compromises during the campaign, and assure everyone they're committed to reform. Once elected, they quickly discover there's a budget crisis, unexpected regulations and far more VETO power than anticipated. Working together across the aisle becomes essential, transparency is selective, and success is measured not by getting everything you want, but by keeping the coalition together long enough to govern."

As we open the 2026 legislative session, we do so at a remarkable crossroads in Colorado's story. This year marks Colorado's 150th anniversary of statehood, a milestone that invites reflection, gratitude, and resolve.

One hundred and fifty years ago, the First General Assembly of the State of Colorado convened with a Senate made up of just 26 members. They came from mining camps, farming communities, frontier towns, and vast rural counties. Among them was Alva Adams of Rio Grande County (although he represented the House), a man who would become one of the youngest Colorado governors at age 36 and whose legacy lives on today as the namesake of Adams County. That first Senate was smaller in number, but large in vision. They faced uncertainty, scarce resources, and a rapidly growing

population, yet they believed Colorado was worth building.

That belief did not exist in isolation. It was fueled by enterprise, grit, and institutions that helped shape our state. This year also marks the 120th anniversary of the National Western Stock Show, an event that has long celebrated Colorado's agricultural roots and the ranchers, farmers, and producers who feed this state and much of the nation. For generations, the Stock Show has been a meeting place of tradition and innovation, where heritage is honored, and the future of agriculture is imagined.

We also recognize the 150th anniversary of the Colorado Mining Association, an organization that played a crucial role in shaping our state. Mining was not just an industry; it was a catalyst. It built towns, funded schools, laid railroads, and drew people from around the world who were willing to risk everything for opportunity. Mining helped turn a territory into a state and a rugged landscape into a thriving economy.

Behind these institutions were pioneers whose determination still inspires us today. One such pioneer was Otto Mears, often called the "Pathfinder of the San Juans." Mears understood that prosperity depended on connection, on roads, bridges, and access. When the original copper sheathing of this Capitol dome tarnished under Colorado's unforgiving weather, it was Otto Mears who convinced the Colorado Mining Association to donate 200 ounces of gold to re-cover the dome. That gold, still shining above us today, is more than decoration; it is a symbol of ingenuity, cooperation, and pride in this state.

Some of those stories are not just historical footnotes; they are lived experiences passed down through generations. <Insert anecdotal story of traversing one of the Otto Mears toll roads in Colorado> Those roads were challenging, yes, but they connected communities, opened markets, and proved that bold ideas paired with hard work can overcome even the most challenging terrain.

As we celebrate 150 years of statehood, we honor the men and women who shaped Colorado, beginning with the Indigenous tribes who first stewarded this land and continuing with the diverse generations of Coloradans who brought vision, courage, and a willingness to take risks in pursuit of something better.

Part II: New Horizons for Colorado

While history grounds us, it does not confine us. Colorado's story has always been one of new horizons, and today, new changes are coming with a new direction.

The people of Colorado are clear about what they need from us. They want a state that is affordable, safe, and full of opportunity, but are concerned about how divided we have become. They want a government that listens, that respects their work, and that understands the pressures facing families, small businesses, and communities, urban and rural alike.

Our responsibility this session is to chart a roadmap to a new horizon, one that reflects Colorado's pioneering spirit while responding to today's realities.

At the heart of that roadmap is a simple but urgent priority: lowering costs. Coloradans should not have to work harder just to stand still. Housing costs, energy prices, insurance premiums, and everyday necessities are stretching household budgets across this state. Lowering costs means making responsible decisions with taxpayer dollars. It means scrutinizing spending, reducing unnecessary bureaucracy, and recognizing that every policy choice we make has real consequences for real people. Government should be a partner in affordability, not an obstacle to it.

Lowering costs also requires us to restore balance between regulation and innovation, between ambition and accountability. Colorado thrives when individuals and businesses are free to create, invest, and grow without excessive barriers. When we get government out of the way, opportunity moves forward.

Just as important is opening new opportunities for every Coloradan. Opportunity is the reason pioneers crossed mountains, the reason industries took root, and the reason families continue to choose Colorado as their home. Opening opportunities today means ensuring access to good-paying jobs, quality education, and reliable infrastructure. It means supporting workforce training that aligns with the needs of modern industries. It means recognizing that opportunity looks different in Denver than it does in the Eastern Plains, the Western Slope, or the San Luis Valley, and crafting policies that respect those differences.

Opportunity also means fostering an economy where innovation is welcomed, where

entrepreneurs are encouraged to take risks, and where success is rewarded, not punished. Colorado's future depends on our ability to attract investment, retain talent, and empower the next generation to build their lives here.

<Insert Comments regarding the President's direction for the party>

As Leader of the Republican Senate, I stand ready to work with anyone, regardless of party, who is serious about solutions. We will bring forward ideas rooted in freedom, accountability, and respect for the people we serve. We will advocate for policies that empower individuals rather than expand bureaucracy, that encourage work rather than dependency, and that trust communities to know what works best for them.

Just as Otto Mears built roads into places others thought unreachable, we must be willing to build pathways into Colorado's future, paths that may be challenging but that lead to growth, resilience, and shared prosperity.

Mister President and colleagues, the gold above us on this Capitol reminds us of where we have been. The work before us will determine where we are going. Let us honor 150 years of Colorado history not just with words, but with action, by choosing a new horizon worthy of the next generation.

Thank you, and may this session serve the people of Colorado well.

Senate reconvened.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -- FIRST READING

The following bills were read by title and referred to the committees indicated:

SB26-001 by Senator(s) Roberts, Bridges; also Representative(s) Boesenecker and Richardson--Concerning housing, and, in connection therewith, authorizing a board of county commissioners to appropriate money to support specified types of housing and making the middle-income housing tax credit available to transferees who do not own an interest in a qualified development.
Local Government & Housing

SB26-002 by Senator(s) Kipp and Exum; also Representative(s) Willford--Concerning energy affordability, and, in connection therewith, establishing a first allotment of residential electricity service program that provides income-qualified utility customers a minimum level of electricity service at a marginal cost rate.
Transportation & Energy

SB26-003 by Senator(s) Wallace and Cutter; also Representative(s) Brown--Concerning expanding the scope of the "Battery Stewardship Act" to cover the end-of-life management of electric vehicle batteries.
Transportation & Energy

SB26-004 by Senator(s) Sullivan; also Representative(s) Froelich--Concerning who may petition a court for an extreme risk protection order.
State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

SB26-005 by Senator(s) Weissman and Gonzales J., Coleman, Hinrichsen, Jodeh, Kipp, Marchman, Rodriguez, Wallace; also Representative(s) Mabrey and Zokaie--Concerning state court remedies for violations of federal constitutional rights occurring during immigration enforcement.
Judiciary

Senate in recess. Senate reconvened.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -- FIRST READING

The following bills were read by title and referred to the committees indicated:

SB26-006 by Senator(s) Amabile and Michaelson Jenet; also Representative(s) Brown--Concerning parity for the use of non-opioid pain management drugs.
Health & Human Services

SB26-007 by Senator(s) Mullica; also Representative(s) Lieder and Feret--Concerning the use of medical marijuana by terminally ill patients in health facilities.
Health & Human Services

SB26-008 by Senator(s) Michaelson Jenet; also Representative(s) Gilchrist--Concerning measures to improve access to mental health services, and, in connection therewith, creating an enterprise to impose a fee to fund mental health services and creating a program to facilitate access to mental health services for adults.
Health & Human Services

SB26-009 by Senator(s) Lindstedt and Snyder, Kipp; also Representative(s) McCluskie and Stewart R.--Concerning the determination of whether an entity is a charitable organization for purposes of state sales and use tax.
Finance

SB26-010 by Senator(s) Roberts and Pelton B., Catlin; also Representative(s) McCluskie and McCormick, Martinez, Soper--Concerning clarification of definitions used in connection with the taxation of agricultural property.
Agriculture & Natural Resources

SB26-011 by Senator(s) Frizell and Roberts, Carson, Catlin, Liston, Pelton B., Pelton R., Rich; also Representative(s) Boesenecker--Concerning search warrant requirements for operators of certain electronic platforms.
Judiciary

SB26-012 by Senator(s) Danielson; also Representative(s) Velasco--Concerning compensable losses under the "Colorado Crime Victim Compensation Act" for enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe.
Judiciary

SB26-013 by Senator(s) Hinrichsen; --Concerning cohabitation as a means to commit the offense of bigamy.
Judiciary

SB26-014 by Senator(s) Amabile and Michaelson Jenet; also Representative(s) Rydin--Concerning modifications to the affirmative defense of not guilty by reason of insanity.
Judiciary

SB26-015 by Senator(s) Pelton B. and Roberts; also Representative(s) Duran and Caldwell--Concerning offenses involving commercial sexual activity with a child.
Judiciary

SB26-016 by Senator(s) Cutter; also Representative(s) Smith--Concerning prohibiting the discharge of preproduction plastic materials.
Transportation & Energy

SB26-017 by Senator(s) Daugherty and Bright; --Concerning changes to out-of-network health-care services dispute resolution processes for health insurance carriers.
Health & Human Services

SB26-018 by Senator(s) Wallace and Kolker; also Representative(s) Froelich and Garcia--Concerning legal protections for the dignity of a minor, and, in connection therewith, suppressing a court record associated with changing a minor's name and requiring the court to consider as a relevant factor when determining parenting time and allocation of decision-making responsibility whether the minor's parent recognizes the child's identity as it relates to a protected class.
Judiciary

SB26-019 by Senator(s) Ball and Bright; also Representative(s) Sirota--Concerning changes to local early childhood infrastructure, and, in connection therewith, expanding the responsibilities and functions of early childhood councils to include certain responsibilities and functions formerly performed by local coordinating organizations and imposing new accountability requirements.
Education

SB26-020 by Senator(s) Bright and Ball; also Representative(s) Sirota--Concerning measures related to child care provider licensing, and, in connection therewith, expanding the use of a digital file system, increasing reliance on trained personnel from the department of early childhood

for inspections and investigations, imposing certain requirements in connection with regulation by local governing authorities, and creating a task force.
Education

SB26-021 by Senator(s) Mullica and Simpson, Hinrichsen, Exum; also Representative(s) Barron and Paschal, Stewart R., Lindsay, Jackson--Concerning authorizing the clean fleet enterprise to encourage the replacement of high-emitting trucks with low-emitting trucks in motor vehicle fleets.
Transportation & Energy

SB26-022 by Senator(s) Snyder and Simpson, Liston, Zamora Wilson; also Representative(s) Caldwell and Paschal, Flanell, Keltie--Concerning an entity that encounters challenges in achieving the greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal included in the entity's clean energy plan.
Transportation & Energy

SB26-023 by Senator(s) Kolker and Kirkmeyer; also Representative(s) Hamrick--Concerning the financing of public schools.
Education

SB26-024 by Senator(s) Liston and Michaelson Jenet; also Representative(s) Soper--Concerning unmanned aircraft systems.
Local Government & Housing

SB26-025 by Senator(s) Rich and Snyder; also Representative(s) Marshall--Concerning land survey monumentation.
Transportation & Energy

SB26-026 by Senator(s) Catlin; also Representative(s) Lieder and Winter T.--Concerning increasing the gross vehicle weight rating limit for a passenger motor vehicle for which the use of a child restraint system is required.
Transportation & Energy

SB26-027 by Senator(s) Zamora Wilson; --Concerning the creation of a rebuttable presumption that requires equal parenting time.
State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

SB26-028 by Senator(s) Pelton R.; --Concerning removal of wind generation as a clean energy source related to the state's clean energy goals.
Transportation & Energy

SB26-029 by Senator(s) Carson; --Concerning an income tax credit for a contribution to a health savings account.
State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

SB26-030 by Senator(s) Baisley; --Concerning a grant program for local governments to improve access to state parks.
State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were read by title and referred to the committees indicated:

SJR26-001 by Senator(s) Roberts and Catlin; also Representative(s) McCormick and Winter T.--Concerning approval of water project revolving fund eligibility lists administered by the Colorado water resources and power development authority.
Agriculture & Natural Resources

SR26-001 by Senator(s) Pelton B.; --Concerning demanding the Colorado Department of Transportation to implement road improvement projects in Morgan County.
Transportation & Energy

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

January 5, 2026

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate

Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

effective January 12, 2026 for a term expiring at the pleasure of the Governor:
James (JB) Holston of Denver, Colorado, appointed.

Sincerely,

Jared Polis
Governor

December 19, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND ADJUTANT GENERAL

for a term expiring at the pleasure of the Governor:

Robert Davis of Boulder, Colorado, appointed.

Sincerely,

Jared Polis
Governor

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

Wednesday, January 14, 2026
Mr. President:

The House has adopted and transmits herewith SJR26-002, amended as printed in House Journal, January 14, 2026. Pursuant to the resolution, the Speaker has appointed Representatives Martinez, chair, Smith, and Bottoms.

The House has adopted and transmits herewith SJR26-003, as printed in House Journal, January 14, 2026. Pursuant to the resolution, the Speaker has appointed Representatives Ricks, chair, Clifford, and Suckla.

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, the Senate adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, January 15, 2026.

Approved:

James Rashad Coleman, Sr.
President of the Senate

Attest:

Esther van Mourik
Secretary of the Senate

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Prayer By Senator, Pelton R.

Call to Order By the President at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call Present--34
Absent--0
Excused--1, Jodeh

Quorum The President announced a quorum present.

Pledge By Senator Mullica.

Approval of the Journal On motion of Senator Kirkmeyer, the Journal of Wednesday, January 14, 2026 was approved as corrected by the Secretary.

SENATE SERVICES REPORT

Correctly Printed: SB26-001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 012, 013, 014, 015, 016, 017, 018, 019, 020, 021, 022, 023, 024, 025, 026, 027, 028, 029, and 030; SJR26-001, 002, and 003; SR26-001and 002.
Correctly Engrossed: SJR26-002 and 003; SR26-002.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE RESOLUTIONS

SJR26-002 by Senator(s) Rodriguez, Coleman, Simpson; also Representative(s) Duran, McCluskie, Caldwell--Concerning a Joint Session of the Senate and the House of Representatives for the purpose of hearing a message from The Honorable Governor Jared Polis, and appointing a committee to escort the Governor.

Senator Rodriguez moved that the Senate concur in House amendments to SJR26-002, as printed in House journal, January 14, page(s) 28-29. The motion was **adopted** by the following roll call vote:

YES	34	NO	0	EXCUSED	1	ABSENT	0
Amabile	Y	Daugherty	Y	Lindstedt	Y	Rodriguez	Y
Baisley	Y	Exum	Y	Liston	Y	Simpson	Y
Ball	Y	Frizell	Y	Marchman	Y	Snyder	Y
Bridges	Y	Gonzales J.	Y	Michaelson	Y	Sullivan	Y
Bright	Y	Hinrichsen	Y	Mullica	Y	Wallace	Y
Carson	Y	Jodeh	E	Pelton B.	Y	Weissman	Y
Catlin	Y	Kipp	Y	Pelton R.	Y	Zamora	Y
Cutter	Y	Kirkmeyer	Y	Rich	Y	President	Y
Danielson	Y	Kolker	Y	Roberts	Y		

The question being "Shall the resolution, as amended, pass?", the roll call was taken with the following result:

YES	34	NO	0	EXCUSED	1	ABSENT	0
Amabile	Y	Daugherty	Y	Lindstedt	Y	Rodriguez	Y
Baisley	Y	Exum	Y	Liston	Y	Simpson	Y
Ball	Y	Frizell	Y	Marchman	Y	Snyder	Y
Bridges	Y	Gonzales J.	Y	Michaelson	Y	Sullivan	Y
Bright	Y	Hinrichsen	Y	Mullica	Y	Wallace	Y
Carson	Y	Jodeh	E	Pelton B.	Y	Weissman	Y
Catlin	Y	Kipp	Y	Pelton R.	Y	Zamora	Y
Cutter	Y	Kirkmeyer	Y	Rich	Y	President	Y
Danielson	Y	Kolker	Y	Roberts	Y		

A majority of all members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the resolution, as amended, was **repassed**.

Senate in recess. Senate reconvened.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Appointment Letters of designation and appointment from Governor Jared Polis were read and 29 assigned to committees as follows:

May 16, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
STATE PLUMBING BOARD

effective July 2, 2025 for terms expiring July 1, 2029:

Sarah Harkssen of Thornton, Colorado, to serve as a master plumber, reappointed;

Matthew Gentrup of Loveland, Colorado, to serve as an employee of a local government agency conducting plumbing inspections, appointed;

Tiffany Hansen of Littleton, Colorado, to serve as a journeyman plumber, appointed.

Sincerely,

Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: 12/04/25
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Committee on Business, Labor & Technology

December 9, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building

Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD

Michael Cachat of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, to serve as a general contractor, occasioned by the resignation of Yvette Roman of Denver, Colorado, appointed.

Sincerely,

Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: 12/16/25
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Committee on Business, Labor & Technology

December 16, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
UNDERGROUND DAMAGE PREVENTION SAFETY COMMISSION

effective January 2, 2026 for terms expiring January 1, 2029:

Martin Schmidt of Gunnison, Colorado, to serve as a representative of counties, appointed;

Erick Anderson of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a representative of municipalities, appointed;

Brandon Bernard of Colorado Springs, Colorado, to serve as a representative of water utilities, appointed;

Jason Fick of Milliken, Colorado, to serve as a representative of energy producers, appointed;

Kathleen Anderson of Aurora, Colorado, to serve as a representative of contractors, reappointed;

Annemarie Bluff of Peyton, Colorado, to serve as a representative of excavators, reappointed.

Sincerely,

Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: 12/16/25
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Committee on Business, Labor & Technology

May 16, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate

Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
COLORADO COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE

effective July 1, 2025 for terms expiring June 30, 2029:

Robert Gardner, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, to serve as an attorney, appointed.

Sincerely,

Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: 12/04/25
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Committee on Judiciary

June 27, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
STATE BOARD OF PAROLE

effective July 7, 2025 for a term expiring June 30, 2028:

Sarah Young of Fruita, Colorado, to serve as a law enforcement officer, appointed.

Sincerely,

Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: 12/04/25
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Committee on Judiciary

October 24, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE

JUVENILE PAROLE BOARD

effective November 16, 2025 for terms expiring November 15, 2029:

Lory Comer of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, appointed;

Tiffany Pelham Webb of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a public member, reappointed;

Adrienne Benavidez of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a public member, reappointed;

Kim Branham of Thornton, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the Colorado Department of Public Safety, reappointed;

Heidi Jeanne Hess of Clifton, Colorado, to serve as a public member from the Western Slope that is not employed by the state government, reappointed.

Sincerely,

Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: 12/04/25
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Committee on Judiciary

June 27, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

effective July 2, 2025 for terms expiring July 1, 2029:

Elise Jones of Boulder, Colorado, to serve as a commissioner from the Fourth Transportation District, appointed;

Juan Marcano of Aurora, Colorado, to serve as a commissioner from the Third Transportation District, appointed;

Barbara McLachlan of Durango, Colorado, to serve as a commissioner from the Eighth Transportation District, appointed;

Terry Hart of Pueblo, Colorado, to serve as a commissioner from the Tenth Transportation District, reappointed.

Sincerely,

Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: 12/04/25
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Committee on Transportation & Energy

September 12, 2025

To the Honorable

Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
CLEAN FLEET ENTERPRISE

effective September 29, 2025 for terms expiring September 28, 2029:

Will Allison of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a member with expertise in air pollution reduction, reappointed;

John Tayer of Boulder, Colorado, to serve as a member with expertise in business or supply chain management, reappointed.

Sincerely,

Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: 12/04/25
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Committee on Transportation & Energy

September 1, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

for a term expiring July 1, 2029:

Diane Barrett of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a commissioner from the First Transportation District, appointed.

Sincerely,

Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: 12/16/25
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Committee on Transportation & Energy

August 28, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building

Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
BUILDING DECARBONIZATION ENTERPRISE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

for terms expiring September 1, 2027:

Grant Nelson of Castle Pines, Colorado, to serve as a representative of commercial buildings, such as offices, mixed-use properties, multifamily homes, or hospitals, appointed;

Cameron Millard of Frisco, Colorado, to serve as a local government representative with expertise in planning, energy codes or building decarbonization, appointed;

for terms expiring September 1, 2028:

Mike Truitt of Fort Collins, Colorado, to serve as a representative of residential buildings, appointed;

Aaron Martinez of Englewood, Colorado, to serve as a representative of commercial buildings, such as offices, mixed-use properties, multifamily homes or hospitals, appointed;

Voytek Gretka of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a building energy efficiency and decarbonization subject matter expert, appointed;

Krystal Schubert of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a utility representative, appointed.

Sincerely,

Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: 12/04/25
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Committee on Transportation & Energy

December 19, 2025

To the Honorable Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, reappoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
COLORADO AERONAUTICAL BOARD

for terms expiring December 19, 2028:

Leslie Summey of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a represenative of local government that operates airports on the Eastern Slope, reappointed;

Brianna Lehman of Lafayette, Colorado, to serve as a resident of a community affected by general aviation airport traffic or traffic at a commercial airport at which there is significant general aviation activity, reappointed.

Sincerely,

Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: 01/06/26
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Committee on Transportation & Energy

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, the Senate adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, January 16, 2025.

Approved:

James Rashad Coleman, Sr.
President of the Senate

Attest:

Esther van Mourik
Secretary of the Senate

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Prayer By Senator Bridges.

Call to Order By the President at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call Present--31
Remote--1, Exum
Excused--4, Danielson, Gonzales, Jodeh, Mullica
Present later-- 2, Mullica

Quorum The President announced a quorum present.

Pledge By Senator Pelton B.

Approval of the Journal On motion of Senator Kirkmeyer, the Journal of Thursday, January 15, 2026 was approved as corrected by the Secretary.

SENATE SERVICES REPORT

Correctly Printed: SB26-003 and 009. Corrected Introduced.
Correctly Enrolled: SJR26-002 and 003; SR26-002.

Senate in recess. Senate reconvened.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

January 16, 2026
Mr. President:

The House has adopted and transmits herewith HJR26-1002, as printed in the House Journal, January 16, 2026.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were read by title:

HJR26-1002 by Representative(s) Bacon and Carter, English, Jackson, Joseph, Ricks; also Senator(s) Coleman and Exum--Concerning the commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Laid over until Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

SJR26-004 by Senator(s) Kolker and Simpson; also Representative(s) Clifford--Concerning recognizing the week of September 20 through September 26, 2026, as "Frontotemporal Degeneration Awareness Week".

Laid over until Friday, January 30, 2026.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Appointment Letters of designation and appointment from Governor Jared Polis were read and assigned to committees as follows:

May 9, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
GROUND WATER COMMISSION

for terms expiring May 1, 2029:

Marc Arnusch of Keenesburg, Colorado, a resident agriculturist of the Lost Creek Basin, reappointed;

David Keeler of Wray, Colorado, a resident agriculturist of the Northern High Plains Basin, reappointed;

Clay Kinnison of Grover, Colorado, a resident agriculturist of the Upper Crow Creek Basin, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: 12/04/25 59
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

May 9, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, reappoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
COLORADO AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

effective July 1, 2025 for a term expiring June 30, 2029:

Hannah Denelle Wilks of Arvada, Colorado, a Democrat, to serve as a member with knowledge of agricultural activity in the state, and who shall represent the various agriculture operations and geographical regions of the state, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: 12/16/25
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

May 9, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
COLORADO WILDLIFE HABITAT STAMP COMMITTEE

for terms expiring December 31, 2028:

David Gottenborg of Jefferson, Colorado, to serve as a landowner actively engaged in agriculture, reappointed;

Steven Woodis of Montrose, Colorado, to serve as a landowner actively engaged in agriculture, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: 12/04/25
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

May 16, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
STATE BOARD OF STOCK INSPECTION COMMISSIONERS

for terms expiring May 1, 2029:

Lorene Frances Bonds of Durango, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the non-confinement cattle industry, reappointed;

Jodie Martin-Witt of Mead, Colorado, to serve as a representative with broad general knowledge of the Colorado livestock industry who shall represent commodity other than confinement and non-confinement cattle industries, with the largest percentage of changed fees, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: 12/04/25
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

June 27, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, reappoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
STATE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS

effective July 1, 2025 for a term expiring June 30, 2029:

Deborah Froeb of Denver, Colorado to serve as a representative of natural resource conservation, and as an Unaffiliated, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: 12/04/25
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

August 15, 2025

To the Honorable Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
COLORADO TOURISM OFFICE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

for a term expiring June 1, 2026:

Liz Agostin of Tabernash, Colorado, to serve as an at large member from tourism-based industries, occasioned by the resignation of Alexander Boian of Erie, Colorado, appointed;

for terms expiring June 1, 2029:

Meagan Leatham of Colorado Springs, Colorado, to serve as a representative of a cultural event and facilities group, appointed;

George Karayiannakis of Denver, Colorado, to serve as an at-large member from tourism-based industries, appointed;

Lisa Boyer of Denver, Colorado to serve as a representative of private travel attractions and casinos, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: 12/04/25
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

September 26, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
COLORADO WATER RESOURCES
AND POWER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

effective October 2, 2025 for terms expiring October 1, 2029:

Roy Heald of Colorado Springs, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the Arkansas Drainage Basin, and as a representative with experience in the planning and developing of water projects, appointed;

Karen Wogsland of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the Yampa White Drainage Basin, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: 12/04/25
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

October 22, 2025

To the Honorable Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
COLORADO TOURISM OFFICE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

for a term expiring June 1, 2027:

Caroline Glover of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the food, beverage and restaurant industry, occasioned by the resignation of Dana Rodriquez of Westminster, Colorado, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: 12/04/25
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

August 1, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
ORPHANED WELLS MITIGATION ENTERPRISE BOARD

effective September 2, 2025 for a term expiring September 1, 2028:

Christopher Simmons of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a an individual with formal training or substantial experience in land reclamation projects, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: 12/04/25
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Committee on Transportation & Energy

August 15, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, reappoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
COMMUNITY ACCESS ENTERPRISE

effective September 29, 2025 for terms expiring September 28, 2029:

Paul Bony of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, to serve as a representative of a business or organization that supports electric alternatives to motor vehicles, reappointed;

Laura Getts of Pueblo, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the public, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: 12/04/25
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Committee on Transportation & Energy

SIGNING OF BILLS -- RESOLUTIONS -- MEMORIALS

The President has signed: SJR26-002 and 003; SR26-002.

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, the Senate adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January, 20 2026.

Approved:

James Rashad Coleman, Sr.
President of the Senate

Attest:

Esther van Mourik
Secretary of the Senate

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Prayer — By Senator Baisley.

Call to Order — By the President at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call — Present--32
Excused-- 3, Kolker, Catlin, Bridges
Remote-- 1, Exum
Present later--1, Bridges

Quorum — The President announced a quorum present.

Pledge — By Senator Baisley

Approval of the Journal — On motion of Senator Amabile, the Journal of Friday, January 16, 2026, was approved as corrected by the Secretary.

SENATE SERVICES REPORT

Correctly Printed: SJR26-004.

COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORTS

State, Veterans & Military Affairs — The Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs has had under consideration and has had a hearing on the following appointments and recommends that the appointments be placed on the consent calendar and confirmed:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
AND ADJUTANT GENERAL

for a term expiring at the pleasure of the Governor:

Robert Davis of Boulder, Colorado, appointed.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

HJR26-1002 by Representative(s) Bacon and Carter, English, Jackson, Joseph, Ricks; also Senator(s) Coleman and Exum--Concerning the commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

On motion of Senator Coleman, the resolution was **adopted** by the following roll call vote:

YES	32	NO	0	EXCUSED	3	ABSENT	0
Amabile	Y	Daugherty	Y	Lindstedt	Y	Rodriguez	Y
Baisley	Y	Exum	Y	Liston	Y	Simpson	Y
Ball	Y	Frizell	Y	Marchman	Y	Snyder	Y
Bridges	E	Gonzales J.	Y	Michaelson	Y	Sullivan	Y
Bright	Y	Hinrichsen	Y	Mullica	Y	Wallace	Y
Carson	Y	Jodeh	Y	Pelton B.	Y	Weissman	Y
Catlin	E	Kipp	Y	Pelton R.	Y	Zamora	Y
Cutter	Y	Kirkmeyer	Y	Rich	Y	President	Y
Danielson	Y	Kolker	E	Roberts	Y		

Co-sponsor(s) added: Amabile, Baisley, Ball, Bright, Carson, Cutter, Danielson, Daugherty, Frizell, Gonzales J., Hinrichsen, Jodeh, Kipp, Kirkmeyer, Lindstedt, Liston, Marchman, Michaelson Jenet, Mullica, Pelton B., Pelton R., Rich, Roberts, Rodriguez, Simpson, Snyder, Sullivan, Wallace, Weissman, and Zamora Wilson.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Appointment Letters of designation and appointment from Governor Jared Polis were read and assigned to committees as follows:

June 6, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
COAL MINE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

for a term beginning July 2, 2025 expiring July 1, 2029:

Eric Popham of Rangely, Colorado, to serve as a coal mine owner, operator or manager engaged in underground mining and engineer experience in coal mining, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (12/04/25)
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Agriculture & Natural Resources

August 15, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
INSTITUTE OF CANNABIS RESEARCH GOVERNING BOARD

for a term expiring August 5, 2027:

Angela Bryan, PhD of Boulder, Colorado, to serve as a scientist from a relevant field, occasioned by the resignation of L. Cinnamon Bidwell of Boulder, Colorado, appointed;

for terms expiring August 5, 2029:

Chuck Smith of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a member associated with cannabis-related industries, appointed;

Joanna Zeiger, PhD of Boulder, Colorado, to serve as a scientist from a relevant field, reappointed;

Sherard Marshon Rogers of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a member associated with cannabis-related industries, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (12/04/25)
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Education

May 9, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, reappoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
COLORADO EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL
FACILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

effective July 1, 2025, for terms expiring June 30, 2029:

Morris Price of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a public member, reappointed;

Heather Schell of Evergreen, Colorado, to serve as a public member, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (12/04/25)
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Education

July 25, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
COLLEGEINVEST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

for a term expiring July 31, 2027:

Bret Hirsh of Aspen, Colorado, occasioned by the resignation of Martha Awad of Denver, Colorado, appointed;

for a term expiring July 31, 2029:

David Hughes of Denver, Colorado, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (12/04/25)
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Education

December 22, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, reappoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES
AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

effective January 1, 2026 for terms expiring December 31, 2029:

Ross Dueber of Colorado Springs, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the Fifth Congressional District, reappointed;

Karen McNeil Miller of Centennial, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the Sixth Congressional District, reappointed;

Yolanda Ortega of Westminster, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the Eighth Congressional District, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (01/06/26)
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Education

December 22, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, reappoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY

effective January 1, 2026 for terms expiring December 31, 2029:

Timothy Fry of Grand Junction, Colorado, reappointed;

Gary Reiff of Denver, Colorado, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (01/06/26)
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Education

May 9, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE BOARD

effective July 2, 2025 for terms expiring July 1, 2028:

Liz Howell of Grand Junction, Colorado, to serve as a parent whose child is attending an institute charter school, appointed;

Andrew Karow of Carbondale, Colorado, to serve as a member with board experience with other boards or public service experience, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (12/04/25)
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Education

October 3, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

for a term expiring July 1, 2029:

Jason Wardrip of Aurora, Colorado, to serve as a public member, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (12/04/25)
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Education

August 1, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, reappoint, appoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING

for terms expiring May 18, 2029:

Anne Penney of Erie, Colorado, to serve as a representative of city and town government, reappointed;

David Reynolds of Dillon, Colorado, to serve as a representative of county government, appointed;

Jane Frederick of Longmont, Colorado, to serve as a representative of school and junior college districts, appointed;

for a term expiring May 18, 2027:

Bill Riedell of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a representative of city and county government, occasioned by the resignation of Brenda Richey of Boulder, Colorado, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (12/04/25)
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Finance

June 6, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
COLORADO BANKING BOARD

for a term expiring July 1, 2027:

Scott Applegate of Estes Park, Colorado, to serve as a representative of a state bank in the fortieth percentile based on total asset size, occasioned by the resignation of Lora Rose of Falcon, Colorado, appointed.

effective July 2, 2025 for terms expiring July 1, 2029:

Jennifer Payne of Arvada, Colorado, to serve as a representative of bankers, reappointed;

Megan Harmon of Colorado Springs, Colorado, to serve as an executive officer of a state bank, reappointed;

Kimberly Gardner of Centennial, Colorado, to serve as an executive officer of a trust company, reappointed;

William Clay Roberts of Parker, Colorado, to serve as a representative of money transmitters, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (12/19/25)
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Finance

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, the Senate adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 21, 2026.

Approved:

James Rashad Coleman, Sr.
President of the Senate

Attest:

Esther van Mourik
Secretary of the Senate

SENATE JOURNAL
Seventy-fifth General Assembly
STATE OF COLORADO
Second Regular Session

8th Legislative Day Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Prayer

By the chaplain, Pastor Vern Rempel, Mountain Community Mennonite Church, Littleton.

Call to Order

By the President at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Present-- 21.
Excused-- 14, Amabile, Bridges, Bright, Catlin, Daugherty, Exum, Gonzales, Jodeh, Kirkmeyer, Kolker, Lindstedt, Mullica, Roberts, Zamora Wilson.
Present later--10, Amabile, Bright, Daugherty, Exum, Gonzales, Jodeh, Kirkmeyer, Lindstedt, Roberts, Zamora Wilson.

Quorum

The President announced a quorum present.

Pledge

By Senator Baisley.

Approval of the Journal

On motion of Senator Ball, the Journal of Tuesday, January 20, 2026 was approved as corrected by the Secretary.

SENATE SERVICES REPORT

Correctly Revised: HJR26-1002.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

January 20, 2026
Mr. President:

The House has adopted and transmits herewith HJR26-1001 and HJR26-1003, as printed in the House Journal, January 20, 2026.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were read by title:

HJR26-1003 by Representative(s) Duran and Caldwell; also Senator(s) Mullica--Concerning national blood donor month.
Laid over till Monday, January 26.

HJR26-1001 by Representative(s) Hamrick, Duran; also Senator(s) Rodriguez, Coleman, Simpson--Concerning the officers and employees of the Second Regular Session of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

HJR26-1001 by Representative(s) Hamrick, Duran; also Senator(s) Rodriguez, Coleman, Simpson--Concerning the officers and employees of the Second Regular Session of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly.

On motion of Senator Rodriguez, the resolution was **adopted** by the following roll call vote:

YES	30	NO	0	EXCUSED	5	ABSENT	0
Amabile	Y	Daugherty	Y	Lindstedt	Y	Rodriguez	Y
Baisley	Y	Exum	Y	Liston	Y	Simpson	Y
Ball	Y	Frizell	Y	Marchman	Y	Snyder	Y
Bridges	E	Gonzales J.	Y	Michaelson	Y	Sullivan	Y
Bright	Y	Hinrichsen	Y	Mullica	E	Wallace	Y
Carson	Y	Jodeh	Y	Pelton B.	Y	Weissman	Y
Catlin	E	Kipp	Y	Pelton R.	Y	Zamora	Y
Cutter	Y	Kirkmeyer	E	Rich	Y	President	Y
Danielson	Y	Kolker	E	Roberts	Y		

Co-sponsor(s) added: Kipp.

SIGNING OF BILLS -- RESOLUTIONS -- MEMORIALS

The President has signed: HJR26-1002.

At the order of the President, Senator Kirkmeyer was added to the current roll call.

Senate in recess. Senate reconvened.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was read by title:

SJR26-005 by Senator(s) Roberts and Pelton R.; also Representative(s) Johnson and McCormick--Concerning the designation of "Colorado 4-H Day".

Laid over until Monday, January 26, 2026.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Appointment A letter of designation and appointment from Governor Jared Polis was read and assigned to committee as follows:

October 22, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
FIRE AND POLICE PENSION ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

for terms expiring September 1, 2028:

Karen Marlman Frame of Greenwood Village, Colorado, to serve as a representative of a corporate administration, reappointed;

Joan Brown of Golden, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the financial community with expertise in insurance disability claims, reappointed;

for a term expiring September 1, 2031:

Donald Lombardi of Centennial, Colorado, to serve as a retired firefighter chief, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (01/12/26)
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

State, Veterans & Military Affairs

December 8, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
FIRE AND POLICE PENSION ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

for a term expiring September 1, 2029:

Kim McDaniel of Broomfield, Colorado, to serve as a representative of a Colorado municipal employer, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (12/16/25)
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

State, Veterans & Military Affairs

August 29, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
VETERANS COMMUNITY LIVING CENTERS

for a term expiring July 1, 2029:

MaKormick Claypool of Parker, Colorado, to serve as a member with practical clinical experience in nursing homes, and a Republican, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (12/04/25)
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

State, Veterans & Military Affairs

May 23, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
COLORADO LOTTERY COMMISSION

effective July 2, 2025 for a term expiring July 1, 2029:

Michael Shea of Denver, Colorado, to serve as an attorney, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (12/04/25)
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Finance

May 30, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
COLORADO RACING COMMISSION

for a term expiring July 1, 2028:

Lori Scott of Commerce City, Colorado, an Unaffiliated from the Eighth Congressional District, to serve as a representative of the racing industry, occasioned by the removal of Jonathan Horowitz of Parker, Colorado, appointed.

effective July 2, 2025 for terms expiring July 1, 2029:

Tameka Sampson of Aurora, Colorado, a Democrat from the Sixth Congressional District, to serve as a representative of business, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (12/04/25)
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Finance

May 9, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
SECURITIES BOARD

effective July 2, 2025 for a term expiring July 1, 2028:

Andrea Genschaw of Louisville, Colorado, to serve as a certified public accountant, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (12/04/25)

Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Finance

June 20, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BENEFIT PLANS

for a term expiring July 10, 2028:

Cynthia Loh of Boulder, Colorado, to serve as a representative with experience and competence in investment, management, finance, banking, economics, accounting pension administration or actuarial analysis, occasioned by the resignation of Taylor McLemore of Denver, Colorado, appointed:

effective July 11, 2025 for a term expiring July 10, 2029:

Andrew Schremp of Denver, Colorado to serve as a representative in investment, management, finance, banking, economics, accounting pension administration or actuarial analysis, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (12/04/25)
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Finance

December 12, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint and submit for your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

for a term expiring March 1, 2027:

Meagan Hillman of Lamar, Colorado, to serve as a resident of the Fourth Congressional District and an Unaffiliated, occasioned by the resignation of Lisa Neal-Graves of Parker, Colorado, appointed.

for terms expiring March 1, 2029:

Laura Shunk of Denver, Colorado, a resident of the First Congressional District and a Democrat, to serve as a member at-large, appointed;

Deborah Fitch of Parshall, Colorado, a resident of the Second Congressional District and a Republican, to serve as a member at-large, appointed;

Eric Stiasny of Cahone, Colorado, a resident of the Third Congressional District and an Unaffiliated, to serve as a County Commissioner, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (12/16/25)
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Health & Human Services

December 12, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
COLORADO CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION TRUST FUND

for terms expiring November 7, 2028:

Lindsay Spraker of Littleton, Colorado, to serve as a subject matter expert with knowledge of child abuse prevention, reappointed;

Antonia Chiesa of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a subject matter expert with knowledge of child abuse prevention, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (12/16/25)
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Health & Human Services

May 9, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
AIR QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION

for a term expiring January 31, 2026:

Daniel Blankenship of Fountain, Colorado, to serve as a member with industrial and private sector experience, occasioned by the resignation of Randal Ahrens of Broomfield, Colorado, appointed;

for a term expiring January 31, 2028:

Anthony Gerber of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a member with scientific experience, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (12/19/25)
Justin Shofler, Reading Clerk

Health & Human Services

SIGNING OF BILLS -- RESOLUTIONS -- MEMORIALS

The President has signed: HJR26-1001.

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, the Senate adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, January 22, 2026.

Approved:

James Rashad Coleman, Sr.
President of the Senate

Attest:

Esther van Mourik
Secretary of the Senate

SENATE JOURNAL
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STATE OF COLORADO
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9th Legislative Day Thursday, January 22, 2026

Prayer — By the chaplain, Rabbi Joshua Margo Associate Rabbi at Temple Emanuel, Denver.

Call to Order — By the President at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call — Present--30.
Excused--5, Danielson, Exum, Kirkmeyer, Mullica, Pelton B
Present later--2, Kirkmeyer, Pelton B.

Quorum — The President announced a quorum present.

Pledge — By Senator Baisley.

Approval of the Journal — On motion of Senator Amabile, the Journal of Wednesday, January 21, 2026, was approved as corrected by the Secretary.

SENATE SERVICES REPORT

Correctly Printed: SJR26-005.
Correctly Revised: HJR26-1001.

At the order of the President, Senator Kirkmeyer was added to the current roll call.

CONSIDERATION OF GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS -- CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, the following Governor's appointments were confirmed by the following roll call votes:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND ADJUTANT GENERAL

for a term expiring at the pleasure of the Governor:

Robert Davis of Boulder, Colorado, appointed.

YES	31	NO	0	EXCUSED	4	ABSENT	0
Amabile	Y	Daugherty	Y	Lindstedt	Y	Rodriguez	Y
Baisley	Y	Exum	E	Liston	Y	Simpson	Y
Ball	Y	Frizell	Y	Marchman	Y	Snyder	Y
Bridges	Y	Gonzales J.	Y	Michaelson	Y	Sullivan	Y
Bright	Y	Hinrichsen	Y	Mullica	E	Wallace	Y
Carson	Y	Jodeh	Y	Pelton B.	E	Weissman	Y
Catlin	Y	Kipp	Y	Pelton R.	Y	Zamora	Y
Cutter	Y	Kirkmeyer	Y	Rich	Y	President	Y
Danielson	E	Kolker	Y	Roberts	Y		

At the order of the President, Senator Pelton B. was added to the current roll call.

Senate in recess. Senate reconvened.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -- FIRST READING

The following bill was read by title and referred to the committee indicated:

SB26-031 by Senator(s) Michaelson Jenet; also Representative(s) Camacho and Soper--Concerning the lawful use of a prescription drug product containing a schedule I controlled substance.
Health & Human Services

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Appointment A letter of designation and appointment from Governor Jared Polis was read and assigned to committee as follows:

July 25, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to appoint, reappoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

for terms expiring July 1, 2028:

Bonnie Gross of Denver, Colorado, appointed;

Nancy Chisholm of Lakewood, Colorado, reappointed;

Zebulon Miracle of Grand Junction, Colorado, reappointed;

Jennifer “Kim” MacDonnell of La Animas, Colorado, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (12/04/25)
Justin Shofler

State, Veterans & Military Affairs

May 16, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
STATE PERSONNEL BOARD

effective July 1, 2025 for a term expiring June 30, 2028:

Stacy Worthington of Westminster, Colorado, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (12/04/25)
Justin Shofler

State, Veterans & Military Affairs

July 18, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD

for terms expiring July 1, 2029:

Amanda Jichlinski of Golden, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the Seventh Congressional District, appointed;

Cassana Littler of Morrison, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the Seventh Congressional District, occasioned by the resignation of Sarah Porter of Salida, Colorado, appointed;

William Kinnard of Boulder, Colorado, to serve as a representative of Second Congressional District, reappointed;

Barry Martin of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the First Congressional District, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (12/04/25)
Justin Shofler

Health & Human Services

August 1, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD

for a term expiring July 1, 2026:

Joseph Kennedy Costello of Arvada, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the Seventh Congressional District, occasioned by the resignation of Susan Lontine of Denver, Colorado, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (12/04/25)
Justin Shofler

Health & Human Services

May 9, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE COMMISSION

for terms expiring August 1, 2028:

Josh Radoff of Boulder, Colorado, to represent the academic community, appointed;

Aaron Byrne of Dillon, Colorado, to represent the government community, appointed;

effective August 2, 2025 for terms expiring August 1, 2028:

Joe Schieffelin of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, to represent the public at large, appointed;

John Briest of Parker, Colorado, to represent the public at large, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (12/04/25)
Justin Shofler

Health & Human Services

October 24, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
AIR QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION

for a term expiring January 31, 2026:

Harold James (Jim) Sewell of Castle Rock, Colorado, to serve as a member with technical experience, occasioned by the resignation of Bill Gonzalez of Denver, Colorado, appointed;

for a term expiring January 31, 2028:

Shelly Miller of Boulder, Colorado, to serve as a member with scientific experience, occasioned by the resignation of Anthony Gerber of Denver, Colorado, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (12/04/25)
Justin Shofler

Health & Human Services

July 11, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

MEMBER OF THE
COLORADO LIMITED GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION

for a term expiring July 1, 2029:

Michael Faber of Castle Pines, Colorado, to serve as a member from the Fourth Congressional District and representative of business management, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (01/12/26)
Justin Shofler

Finance

January 9, 2026

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
COLORADO WILDLIFE HABITAT STAMP COMMITTEE

for a term expiring December 31, 2029:

Travis Black of Grand Junction, Colorado, to serve as a Division of Parks and Wildlife, who is also a wildlife biologist and non-voting member, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (01/09/26)
Justin Shofler

Agriculture & Natural Resources

December 22, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, to designate, appoint, reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

effective January 1, 2026 for terms expiring December 31, 2029:

Jon Barba of Henderson, Colorado, appointed;

Donna Wehe of Alamosa, Colorado, appointed;

Duane Bussey of Alamosa, Colorado, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (01/06/26)
Justin Shofler

Education

January 9, 2026

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

for a term expiring July 1, 2026:

Howard Ogg of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the general public, who is an owner or operator of a business within Colorado that employs students who are enrolled in schools that are subject to administration by the private occupational school division, occasioned by the resignation of Scott Cardona of Denver, Colorado, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (01/09/26)
Justin Shofler

Education

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, the Senate adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, January 23, 2026.

Approved:

James Rashad Coleman, Sr.
President of the Senate

Attest:

Esther van Mourik
Secretary of the Senate

SENATE JOURNAL
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STATE OF COLORADO
Second Regular Session

10th Legislative Day Friday, January 23, 2026

Prayer By Senator Frizell

Call to Order By the President at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call Present--28.
Excused--7, Bridges, Cutter, Danielson, Gonzales, Kirkmeyer, Marchman, Mullica.
Present later--2, Kirkmeyer, Gonzales.

Quorum The President announced a quorum present.

Pledge By Senator Baisley

Approval of the Journal On motion of Senator Amabile, the Journal of Thursday, January 22, 2026 was approved as corrected by the Secretary.

At the order of the President, Senator Kirkmeyer was added to the current roll call.

SENATE SERVICES REPORT

Correctly Printed: SB26-031.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

January 22, 2026
Natalie Castle
Executive Director
Office of Legislative Council
200 E. Colfax Ave., Room 029
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Director Castle,

I am pleased to appoint Senator Janice Marchman to the Legislative Council Committee. This appointment is effective immediately.

Sincerely,
(signed)
James R. Coleman
Senate President

YES	29	NO	0	EXCUSED	6	ABSENT	0
Amabile	Y	Daugherty	Y	Lindstedt	Y	Rodriguez	Y
Baisley	Y	Exum	Y	Liston	Y	Simpson	Y
Ball	Y	Frizell	Y	Marchman	E	Snyder	Y
Bridges	E	Gonzales J.	E	Michaelson	Y	Sullivan	Y
Bright	Y	Hinrichsen	Y	Mullica	E	Wallace	Y
Carson	Y	Jodeh	Y	Pelton B.	Y	Weissman	Y
Catlin	Y	Kipp	Y	Pelton R.	Y	Zamora	Y
Cutter	E	Kirkmeyer	Y	Rich	Y	President	Y
Danielson	E	Kolker	Y	Roberts	Y		

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Appointment Letters of designation and appointment from Governor Jared Polis were read and assigned to committees as follows:

January 13, 2026

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
FRONT RANGE PASSENGER RAIL DISTRICT BOARD

for a term expiring December 31, 2029:

Maria Garcia Berry of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a representative of a passenger rail development or operations system, occasioned by the resignation of Salvatore Pace of Pueblo, Colorado, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (01/20/26)
Justin Sholfer

Transportation & Energy

December 23, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, reappoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO

effective January 1, 2026 for a term expiring December 31, 2029:

Annette Martinez of Windsor, Colorado, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (01/06/26)
Justin Sholfer

Education

December 23, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, reappoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

effective January 1, 2026, for a term expiring December 31, 2029:

Paul Major of Telluride, Colorado, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (01/06/26)
Justin Sholfer

Education

December 23, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

effective January 1, 2026 for terms expiring December 31, 2029:

Elizabeth Markey of Fort Collins, Colorado, reappointed;

Louis Martin of Rush, Colorado, reappointed;

Kenzo Kawanabe of Denver, Colorado, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (01/06/26)
Justin Sholfer

Education

December 19, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES

for a term expiring December 31, 2028:

Wendy Lea of Boulder, Colorado, to serve as a non-alumnus of the school, occasioned by the passing of Judith Steinberg of Aspen, Colorado, appointed;

effective January 1, 2026 for terms expiring December 31, 2029:

Stephen Fenberg of Boulder, Colorado, to serve as an non-alumnus of the school, appointed;

David Lawler of Denver, Colorado, to serve as an alumnus of the school, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (01/06/26)
Justin Sholfer

Education

June 6, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:
Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, reappoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

effective July 2, 2025 for terms expiring July 1, 2029:

Aaron Harber of Lafayette, Colorado, to represent the Second Congressional District, reappointed;

James Wilson, of Salida, Colorado, to represent the Seventh Congressional District, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (12/04/25)
Justin Sholfer

Education

January 13, 2026

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
STATE BOARD OF THE
GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND

for a term expiring April 15, 2029:

Jim Ramey of Grand Junction, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the Third Congressional District, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (01/20/26)
Justin Sholfer

Agriculture & Natural Resources

January 9, 2026

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
STATE BOARD OF THE
GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND

for terms expiring April 15, 2029:

Adam Eichberg of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the First Congressional District, appointed;

Ray Rivera of Golden, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the Seventh Congressional District, appointed;

Brenda May of Lamar, Colorado, to serve as a representative of agriculture and of the Fourth Congressional District, reappointed;

Krithika Prashant of Colorado Springs, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the Fifth Congressional District, reappointed;

Patty Imhoff of Greenwood Village, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the Sixth Congressional District, reappointed;

Tom Lee of Greenwood Village, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the Sixth Congressional District, reappointed;

effective April 16, 2026 for terms expiring April 15, 2030:

Raymond Tschillard of Greeley, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the Eighth Congressional District, reappointed;

Mara Brosy-Wiwchar of Thornton, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the Eighth Congressional District, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (01/09/26)
Justin Sholfer

Agriculture & Natural Resources

August 15, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappointed and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
COMMISSION ON AGING

effective September 2, 2025 for terms ending September 1, 2028:

Danelle Hubbard of Centennial, Colorado, to serve as a member with expertise in dementia, appointed;

Peter Hynes of Glendale, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the housing sector, appointed;

Laura Kinder of Boulder, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the Second Congressional District 2, appointed;

Jake McGuire of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a member with knowledge of transportation, reappointed;

Ellen Taxman of Boulder, Colorado, to serve as a representative of an organization providing home & community based services, reappointed;

Jodi Waterhouse of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a representative of higher education, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (01/12/26)
Justin Sholfer

Health & Human Services

June 20, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building

Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
AIR QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION

for a term expiring January 31, 2028:

Jana Milford of Boulder, Colorado, to serve as a member with technical and private sector experience, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (12/04/25)
Justin Sholfer

Health & Human Services

September 12, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, reappoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
COLORADO PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY
REVIEW BOARD

effective September 28, 2025 for a term expiring September 27, 2028:

James Vandenberg, PharmD, BCPS of Denver, Colorado, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (12/04/25)
Justin Sholfer

Health & Human Services

July 18, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly

State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, reappoint and submit for your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

for terms expiring March 1, 2029:

Stan VanderWerf of El Paso, Colorado, to serve as a resident of the Fifth Congressional District and as a Republican, reappointed;

Christina Suh of Aurora, Colorado, to serve as a resident of the Sixth Congressional District and as an Unaffiliated, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (12/19/25)
Justin Sholfer

Health & Human Services

January 9, 2026

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
WORKERS' COMPENSATION COST
CONTAINMENT BOARD

for terms expiring December 13, 2029:

Robert Switzer of Centennial, Colorado, to serve as an executive with good risk management experience in the insurance industry, reappointed;

Thomas Jensen of Gypsum, Colorado, to serve as an employer with good risk management experience with respect to their workers' compensation insurance, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (01/09/26)
Justin Sholfer

Business, Labor, & Technology

At the order of the President, Senator Gonzales was added to the current roll call.

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, the Senate adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Monday, January 26, 2026.

Approved:

James Rashad Coleman, Sr.
President of the Senate

Attest:

Esther van Mourik
Secretary of the Senate

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STATE OF COLORADO
Second Regular Session

13th Legislative Day Monday, January 26, 2026

Prayer By the chaplain, Father Eustace Sequeira, Regis University Jesuit Community, Denver.

Call to Order By the President at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call Present--34.
Excused--1, Cutter.

Quorum The President announced a quorum present.

Pledge By Senator Lindstedt.

Approval of the Journal On motion of Senator Bright, the Journal of Friday, January 23, 2026 was approved as corrected by the Secretary.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

HJR26-1003 by Representative(s) Duran and Caldwell; also Senator(s) Mullica--Concerning national blood donor month.

On motion of Senator Mullica, the resolution was **adopted** by the following roll call vote:

YES	34	NO	0	EXCUSED	1	ABSENT	0
Amabile	Y	Daugherty	Y	Lindstedt	Y	Rodriguez	Y
Baisley	Y	Exum	Y	Liston	Y	Simpson	Y
Ball	Y	Frizell	Y	Marchman	Y	Snyder	Y
Bridges	Y	Gonzales J.	Y	Michaelson	Y	Sullivan	Y
Bright	Y	Hinrichsen	Y	Mullica	Y	Wallace	Y
Carson	Y	Jodeh	Y	Pelton B.	Y	Weissman	Y
Catlin	Y	Kipp	Y	Pelton R.	Y	Zamora	Y
Cutter	E	Kirkmeyer	Y	Rich	Y	President	Y
Danielson	Y	Kolker	Y	Roberts	Y		

Co-sponsor(s) added: Amabile, Baisley, Ball, Bridges, Bright, Carson, Catlin, Coleman, Danielson, Daugherty, Exum, Frizell, Gonzales J., Hinrichsen, Jodeh, Kipp, Kirkmeyer, Kolker, Lindstedt, Liston, Marchman, Michaelson Jenet, Pelton B., Pelton R., Rich, Roberts, Rodriguez, Simpson, Snyder, Sullivan, Wallace, Weissman, and Zamora Wilson.

SJR26-005 by Senator(s) Roberts and Pelton R.; also Representative(s) Johnson and McCormick--Concerning the designation of "Colorado 4-H Day".

On motion of Senator Roberts, the resolution was read at length and **adopted** by the following roll call vote:

YES	34	NO	0	EXCUSED	1	ABSENT	0
Amabile	Y	Daugherty	Y	Lindstedt	Y	Rodriguez	Y
Baisley	Y	Exum	Y	Liston	Y	Simpson	Y
Ball	Y	Frizell	Y	Marchman	Y	Snyder	Y
Bridges	Y	Gonzales J.	Y	Michaelson	Y	Sullivan	Y
Bright	Y	Hinrichsen	Y	Mullica	Y	Wallace	Y
Carson	Y	Jodeh	Y	Pelton B.	Y	Weissman	Y
Catlin	Y	Kipp	Y	Pelton R.	Y	Zamora	Y
Cutter	E	Kirkmeyer	Y	Rich	Y	President	Y
Danielson	Y	Kolker	Y	Roberts	Y		

Co-sponsor(s) added: Amabile, Baisley, Ball, Bridges, Bright, Carson, Catlin, Coleman, Danielson, Daugherty, Exum, Frizell, Gonzales J., Hinrichsen, Jodeh, Kipp, Kirkmeyer, Kolker, Lindstedt, Liston, Marchman, Michaelson Jenet, Pelton B., Pelton R., Rich, Roberts, Rodriguez, Simpson, Snyder, Sullivan, Wallace, Weissman, and Zamora Wilson.

Senate in recess. Senate reconvened.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -- FIRST READING

The following bills were read by title and referred to the committees indicated:

SB26-032 by Senator(s) Daugherty and Mullica; also Representative(s) Feret and Brown--Concerning the promotion of immunization access.
Health & Human Services

SB26-033 by Senator(s) Liston; also Representative(s) Winter T.--Concerning clean energy permitting processes, and, in connection therewith, creating the Colorado clean energy permitting coordination office.
State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

SB26-034 by Senator(s) Kolker and Marchman; also Representative(s) Hamrick and Bacon--Concerning expanding participation by members of the Auraria board of directors advisory committees.
Education

SB26-035 by Senator(s) Roberts; --Concerning an increase of traffic violation penalties.
Transportation & Energy

SB26-036 by Senator(s) Gonzales J. and Weissman; also Representative(s) Bacon and Zokaie--Concerning increasing operational efficiency of existing prison population management measures.
Judiciary

SB26-037 by Senator(s) Rich and Roberts; also Representative(s) Soper and Espenoza--Concerning allowing local elected judicial officers to set weekend bonds.
Judiciary

SB26-038 by Senator(s) Kipp; also Representative(s) Zokaie--Concerning Colorado state university compliance with ordinances imposed by a local government.
Local Government & Housing

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Appointment

Letters of designation and appointment from Governor Jared Polis were read and assigned to committees as follows:

January 13, 2026

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR
WESTERN COLORADO UNIVERSITY

for a term expiring December 31, 2028:

Kelly Nordini of Denver, Colorado, occasioned by the resignation of Alvina Vasquez of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, appointed;

for terms expiring December 31, 2029:

Danielle Henry of Thornton, Colorado, appointed;

Kara Buckley of Crested Butte, Colorado, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (01/20/26)
Justin Sholfer

Committee on Education

June 22, 2025

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, reappoint, appoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
COLORADO HEALTHCARE AFFORDABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY ENTERPRISE

for terms expiring May 15, 2029:

Mannat Singh of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a representative of a business that purchases or otherwise provides health insurance for its employees, reappointed;

Ryan Westrom of Castle Rock, Colorado, to serve as a representative of a statewide organization of hospitals, reappointed;

Ryan Thornton of Centennial, Colorado, to serve as a representative that is employed by a safety-net hospital in Colorado, appointed;

Julie Nickell of Aurora, Colorado, to serve as a representative that is employed by an urban hospital in Colorado, appointed;

Raine Henry of Denver, Colorado, to serve as an employee of the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing, appointed;

Hillary Jorgensen of Aurora, Colorado, to serve as a representative of healthcare consumers, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Jared Polis
Governor
Rec'd: (12/19/25)
Justin Sholfer

Health & Human Services

SIGNING OF BILLS -- RESOLUTIONS -- MEMORIALS

The President has signed: HJR26-1003.

On motion of Majority Leader Rodriguez, the Senate adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

Approved:

James Rashad Coleman, Sr.
President of the Senate

Attest:

Esther van Mourik
Secretary of the Senate