

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

7th Legislative Day Tuesday, January 20, 2026

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.

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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.123

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To the Honorable17
Colorado Senate18
Colorado General Assembly19
State Capitol Building20
Denver, CO 80203212223

Ladies and Gentlemen:2425

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:262728

MEMBER OF THE29
PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD3031

for a term expiring July 1, 2029:3233

Jason Wardrip of Aurora, Colorado, to serve as a public member, appointed.343536

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August 1, 202546474849

To the Honorable50
Colorado Senate51
Colorado General Assembly52
State Capitol Building53
Denver, CO 80203545556

Ladies and Gentlemen:5758

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:596061

MEMBERS OF THE62
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING6364

for terms expiring May 18, 2029:6566

Anne Penney of Erie, Colorado, to serve as a representative of city and town government, reappointed;67

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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

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