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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House and Senate

FROM: Representative Matt Hatchett, Chair, House Appropriations Committee
Senator Blake Tillery, Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee

DATE: December 22, 2025

RE: 2026 Joint Appropriations Hearings

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The 2026 Joint Appropriations hearings for the Amended Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 budgets are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 341 of the State Capitol. Governor Brian P. Kemp will be first to address the committee from 10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

The Governor's Budget report is the reference document for discussion, and all members of the General Assembly will be provided with a hard copy, as well as the published electronic version posted on the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget website under the Budget Reports tabs, once released. The complete hearing schedule is attached for your review.

The meeting will be available to the public via livestream on the House Broadcast webpage or <https://vimeo.com/showcase/8988933>

Cc: Governor Brian P. Kemp
Speaker's Office
Lt. Governor's Office
Sen. Larry Walker III, President Pro Tempore, Nominee
Rep. Jan Jones, Speaker Pro Tempore
House Budget and Research Office

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Senate Budget and Evaluation Office
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**2026 Joint Budget Hearing Schedule
341 State Capitol**

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

10:00 – 10:15	Chairmen’s Welcome Representative Matt Hatchett, House Appropriations Committee Senator Blake Tillery, Senate Appropriations Committee
10:15 – 10:30	The Honorable Brian P. Kemp Governor of Georgia
10:30 – 11:00	Dr. Robert Buschman State Economist
11:00 – 11:30	Commissioner Pat Wilson Department of Economic Development
11:30 – 12:00	Commissioner Russell McMurry Department of Transportation
12:00 – 12:30	Commissioner Tyler Harper Department of Agriculture
12:30 – 1:15	Lunch
1:15 – 1:45	Superintendent Richard Woods Department of Education
1:45 – 2:15	Chancellor Sonny Perdue University System of Georgia
2:15 – 2:45	Commissioner Greg Dozier Technical College System of Georgia
2:45 – 3:15	President Gretchen Corbin Georgia Lottery Corporation
3:15 – 3:45	President Chris Green Georgia Student Finance Commission
3:45 – 4:15	Commissioner Amy Jacobs Department of Early Care and Learning
4:15 – 5:00	Chief Justice Nels Peterson, Georgia Supreme Court Chief Judge Trenton Brown, Georgia Court of Appeals

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

8:00 – 8:45	Commissioner Kevin Tanner Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
8:45 – 9:30	Commissioner Dean Burke, MD Department of Community Health
9:30 – 10:15	Commissioner Candice Broce Department of Human Services
10:15 – 10:45	Commissioner Kathleen Toomey, MD Department of Public Health
10:45 – 11:15	Commissioner Patricia Ross Department of Veterans Service
11:15 – 11:45	Commissioner Rebecca Sullivan, Department of Administrative Services State Accounting Officer Gerlda Hines, State Accounting Office
11:45 – 12:15	Executive Director and State CIO Shawnzia Thomas Georgia Technology Authority
12:15 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 1:30	Secretary Brad Raffensperger Secretary of State
1:30 – 2:00	Commissioner John King Office of Insurance and Safety Fire
2:00 – 2:30	Commissioner Barbara Rivera Holmes Department of Labor
2:30 – 3:00	Commissioner Frank O'Connell Department of Revenue
3:00 – 3:30	Executive Director Jim Potvin Employees' Retirement System
3:30 – 4:00	Executive Director Jason Branch Teachers Retirement System
4:00 – 4:30	Commissioner Angelique McClendon Department of Driver Services
4:30 – 5:00	Executive Director Omotayo Alli Georgia Public Defender Council
5:00 – 5:30	Executive Director Pete Skandalakis Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia

Thursday, January 22, 2026

8:00 – 8:30	Attorney General Chris Carr Department of Law
8:30 – 9:00	Colonel Billy Hitchens Department of Public Safety
9:00 – 9:30	Director Chris Hosey Georgia Bureau of Investigation
9:30 – 10:00	Director Josh Lamb Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency
10:00 – 10:30	Commissioner Michael Nail Department of Community Supervision
10:30 – 11:00	Executive Director Jay Neal Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
11:00 – 11:30	Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb Department of Juvenile Justice
11:30 – 12:15	Commissioner Tyrone Oliver Department of Corrections
12:15 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 1:45	State Property Officer Marty Smith, State Properties Commission Director Diana Pope, Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission
1:45 – 2:15	Commissioner Walter Rabon Department of Natural Resources
2:15 – 2:45	Director Johnny Sabo Georgia Forestry Commission
2:45 – 3:15	Commissioner Christopher Nunn Department of Community Affairs
3:15 – 4:00	Director Richard Dunn Governor's Office of Planning and Budget
4:00 – 5:00	Block Grant Hearing