

Legislature Announces 2025 Joint Legislative Budget Hearing Schedule

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ISSUE: BUDGET HEARINGS

COMMITTEE: FINANCE

Senate Finance Committee Chair Liz Krueger and Assembly Ways and Means Committee Chair J. Gary Pretlow today announced the joint legislative hearing schedule on the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025-26 Executive Budget Proposal.

These hearings, each of which focuses on a programmatic area of the Executive Budget Proposal, are intended to provide the appropriate legislative committees with public input. The hearings will be available for viewing on the Senate and Assembly websites. The Legislative Channel (on cable systems throughout the state) also will carry the proceedings.

In accordance with the schedule, the hearings will commence on January 27 and conclude on February 27. The respective state agency or department heads will begin testimony each day, followed by witnesses who have requested to testify on that area of the budget. Due to time constraints related to provisions of the New York State Constitution concerning the approval of the state budget by April 1, only a limited number of witnesses can be accommodated at any given hearing. The committees will endeavor to permit as many interested parties to testify as possible, ensuring that a wide range of views are presented, and will attempt to avoid redundant testimony where possible.

The agency and departmental portion of the hearings are provided for in Article 7, Section 3 of the Constitution and Article 2, Section 31 of the Legislative Law. The State Legislature is also soliciting public comment on the proposed budget pursuant to Article 2, Section 31-a of the Legislative Law.

February 13	Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Public Protection	Senate
February 25	Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Higher Education	Assembly
February		9:30 a.m.	Workforce Dev./Labor	Senate
26	Wednesday	2:00 p.m.	Economic Dev./Arts	Senate
February 27		9:30 a.m.	Taxes	Assembly
		12:00pm	Housing	Assembly

Joint Legislative Hearing & Hearing Date	Request to Testify Due by	Submission of Written Testimo Giving Oral Testimony		
	Week 1			
January 27 Agriculture & Markets/ Parks & Recreation	January 24 at 12pm	January 25 at 12pm		
January 28 Environmental Conservation/Energy	January 24 at 12pm	January 25 at 12pm		
January 29 Elementary Education/ Secondary Education	January 24 at 12pm	January 25 at 12pm		
	Week 2			
February 4 Local Government/ General Government	January 29 at 5pm	January 31 at 12pm		

February 5 Mental Hygiene	January 29 at 5pm	January 31 at 12pm				
February 6 Transportation	January 29 at 5pm	January 31 at 12pm				
	Week 3					
February 11 Health/Medicaid	January 29 at 5pm	February 7 at 12pm				
February 12 Human Services	January 29 at 5pm	February 7 at 12pm				
February 13 Public Protection	January 29 at 5pm	February 7 at 12pm				
Break						
	Week 4					
February 25 Higher Education	January 29 at 5pm	February 14 at 12pm				
February 26 1.Labor/Workforce Development 2.Economic Development/Arts	January 29 at 5pm	February 14 at 12pm				
February 27 1.Housing 2.Taxes	January 29 at 5pm	February 14 at 12pm				