

2024 BUSINESS DAYS AT THE CAPITOL

Wednesday, January 10

- 12:00 p.m.—12:30 p.m. **Opening Remarks & Welcome**
Todd O’Hair, President/CEO—Montana Chamber of Commerce
Nancy Schlepp, Chair of the Board—Montana Chamber of Commerce
Christi Jacobsen, Montana Secretary of State
- 12:30 p.m.—1:30 p.m. **News & Views: Federal & State Tax Update**
Ronald Yates, Jr., CPA, Partner-in-Charge of Montana—Eide Bailly LLP
Joe B. Kristan, CPA, Partner—Eide Bailly LLP
Moderator: Scott Sehnert, Vice President/Sr. Commercial Lender—First Security Bank
- 1:30 p.m. —2:15 p.m. **Childcare Solutions to Strengthen our Workforce**
Caitlin Jensen, MSW/Executive Director—Zero to Five
Tony Rosanova, President/CTO—Zoot Enterprises
Tracy Moseman, ECFSD Administrator—MT Dept. of Health & Human Services
Moderator: Sheridan Johnson, Government Relations Specialist—MT Chamber
- 2:15 p.m.—2:45 p.m. **Networking Break**
- 2:45 p.m.—3:15 p.m. **Footprint on Fossil Fuel**
Brian Thompson, Associate—Browning, Kaleczyc, Berry & Hoven
Jon Bennion, Director of Government Relations—Washington Companies
- 3:15 p.m.—4:00 p.m. **What’s at Stake: Medicaid Expansion**
Ed Buttrey, Legislator—House of Representatives District 21
John Goodnow, CEO—Benefis Health System
Cherie Taylor, President—Logan Health (Cut Bank / Chester)
Moderator: Bob Olsen, President/CEO—Montana Hospital Association
- 4:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m. **Breaking Barriers: Women Shaping Policy**
Jennifer Spall, VP, Corporate, Responsibility, State & Local Gov’t—JPMorgan Chase
Sarah Swanson, Commissioner—Montana Department of Labor & Industry
Moderator: Candace Carr Strauss, VP Marketing/Communications—MT Chamber
- 4:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m. **2023 Champions of Business**
- 5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. **Lawmaker Appreciation Reception & Banquet**

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- 8:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m. **Eggs & Issues: Legislative Leadership**
Jason Ellsworth, Senate President—Senate District 43
Pat Flowers, Senate Minority Leader—Senate District 32
Kim Abbott, House Minority Leader—House of Representatives District 83
Brandon Ler, House Majority Whip—House of Representatives District 35
Moderator: Charles Robison, Government Relations Director—Montana Chamber
- 9:30 a.m.— 10:00 a.m. **Networking Break**
- 10:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m. **2025 Legislative Outlook**
Llew Jones, Legislator—House of Representatives District 18
Jessie Luther, Partner—Taylor Luther Group
- 10:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. **Breaking Ground: Solutions to Housing Crisis**
Chris Dorrington, Director—Montana Department of Environmental Quality
Paul Green, Legislator—Montana House of Representatives District 41
Moderator: Todd O’Hair, President/CEO—Montana Chamber
- 11:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. **A View from Capitol Hill**
Ron Eidshaug, VP and Chief of Staff of Government Affairs—US Chamber
Todd O’Hair, President/CEO—Montana Chamber of Commerce
- 11:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. **Montana Photonics: An Origin Story**
Dr. Joe Shaw, Distinguished Professor/Optical Technology Center—MSU
Jason Yager, Executive Director—Montana Photonics & Quantum Alliance
Keegan Durfee, Student/Photonics Major—Gallatin College of MSU
Moderator: Brit Fontenot, Director of Economic Development & Community Relations—City of Bozeman
- 12:00 p.m.—12:15 p.m. **Networking Break**
- 12:15 p.m.—12:45 p.m. **The Last Word Closing Luncheon**
Governor Greg Gianforte
Todd O’Hair, President/CEO—Montana Chamber of Commerce