EVENT SCHEDULE as of December 11, 2018

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Registration *(Conference Registration Desk, 1st floor)*

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  Primer on State Government and Legislation and the Legislative Process *(New Members)*  
*Masters Hall, 1st floor*  
Presenters:  Laura Meadows  
Paul Burks  
David Tanner  
*Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia*  
Rick Ruskell  
*Legislative Counsel*

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Budget Update *(Members only)*  

**House Members** *(Mahler Hall, 1st floor)*  
Speakers:  Rep. Terry England, Chair  
*House Appropriations Committee*  
  
  Martha Wigton, Director  
  *House Budget and Research Office*

**Senate Members** *(Masters Hall, 1st floor)*  
Speakers:  Sen. Jack Hill, Chair  
*Senate Committee on Appropriations*  
  
  Melody DeBussey, Director  
  *Senate Budget and Evaluation Office*
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4:00 p.m.  

**Opening Plenary Session (Mahler Hall, 1st floor)**

Presiding: Laura Meadows, Director
*Carl Vinson Institute of Government*

National Anthem: Myah Paden, Student, *Hugh Hodgson School of Music*
*University of Georgia*

Welcome: Jere W. Morehead, *President*
*University of Georgia*

Introduction of New Legislators:
Geoff Duncan, *Lieutenant Governor-elect*
David Ralston, *Speaker of the House*

Keynote Address: Maria Taylor, *University of Georgia, ABJ ’09, MBA ’13*
*Analyst and Host for ESPN Network*

**Reception**  
Sponsored by the University of Georgia Foundation

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018

6:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  

**Registration (Conference Registration Desk, 1st floor)**

7:30 a.m.  

**Breakfast: Updates from the Georgia Ports Authority and the Georgia World Congress Center Authority**  
(Magnolia Ballroom, 1st floor)

Moderator: Eric Robinson  
*Carl Vinson Institute of Government*
Speakers: Griffith Lynch, Executive Director  
*Georgia Ports Authority*

Frank Poe, Executive Director  
*Georgia World Congress Center Authority*

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
**Plenary Session: Transportation and Transit Update**  
(*Mahler Hall, 1st floor*)

Moderator: Laura Meadows

Speakers: Wes Clarke, *Carl Vinson Institute of Government*

Rep. Kevin Tanner, Chair  
*House Transportation Committee*  
*House Commission on Transit Governance and Funding*

Russell R. McMurry, P. E., Commissioner  
*Georgia Department of Transportation*

Christopher Tomlinson, Executive Director  
*State Road and Tollway Authority*

Sen. Brandon Beach, Chair  
*Senate Committee on Transportation*

10:00 a.m.  
**Break** (*Hill Atrium, 1st floor*)

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.  
**Plenary Session: Rural Development**  
(*Mahler Hall, 1st floor*)

Moderator: Stacy Jones  
*Carl Vinson Institute of Government*
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Speakers: Christopher Nunn, Commissioner
Georgia Department of Community Affairs
Calvin Rhodes, Executive Director and State Chief
Information Officer
Georgia Technology Authority
Jannine Miller, Senior Advisor to the Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Panelists: Rep. Terry England, Chair
House Appropriations Committee
Co-Chair, House Rural Development Council
Rep. Jay Powell, Chair
House Ways and Means Committee
Co-Chair, House Rural Development Council
Sen. Steve Gooch, Majority Whip

12:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Luncheon (Magnolia Ballroom, 1st floor)
Presiding: David Ralston, Speaker of the House
Invocation: Rep. Wes Cantrell
Speaker: Steve W. Wrigley, Chancellor
University System of Georgia

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Plenary Session: Workforce Development
(Mahler Hall, 1st floor)
Moderator: Greg Wilson
Carl Vinson Institute of Government
Speakers: Angela Pringle, Superintendent
Richmond County School System

Morris Leis, Superintendent
Coffee County School System

Brian Cooksey, Director
Operations Training & Development
Shaw Industries Group

Matt Arthur, Commissioner
Technical College System of Georgia

Panelists: Rep. Terry England, Chair
House Appropriations Committee

Sen. Brian Strickland

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Plenary Session: Literacy - Get Georgia Reading
(Mahler Hall, 1st floor)

Moderator: David Tanner
Carl Vinson Institute of Government

Speakers: Wendell Dallas, VP Operations
Atlanta Gas Light

Arianne Weldon, Director
Get Georgia Reading

Amy Jacobs, Commissioner
Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Panelists: Sen. Butch Miller, *Senate President Pro Tempore*

Rep. Robert Dickey, *Chair*

*House Appropriations Subcommittee on Education*

4:00 p.m. **Break** *(Hill Atrium, 1st floor)*

4:15 p.m. **Caucus Meetings**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018

7:30 a.m. **Breakfast: Elections Analysis** *(Magnolia Ballroom, 1st floor)*

Moderator: Ted Baggett

*Carl Vinson Institute of Government*

Speaker: Charles Bullock

*School of Public and International Affairs*

*University of Georgia*

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Plenary Session: Critical Issues in Healthcare** *(Mahler Hall, 1st floor)*

Moderator: Beverly Johnson

*Carl Vinson Institute of Government*

Speakers: Nelly Miles, *Director, Office of Public Affairs*

*Georgia Bureau of Investigation*

Judy Fitzgerald, *Commissioner*

*Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities*
Gerlda Hines, Interim Commissioner  
*Georgia Department of Human Services*

Panelists:  
- Rep. Sharon Cooper, Chair  
  *House Health and Human Services Committee*
- Sen. Renee’ Unterman, Chair  
  *Senate Committee on Health and Human Services*

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
**Break** *(Hill Atrium, 1st floor)*

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.  
**Plenary Session:** Public Safety - School Safety  
*(Mahler Hall, 1st floor)*

Moderator: Mara Shaw  
*Carl Vinson Institute of Government*

Speakers:  
- Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick  
  *Senate Study Committee on School Safety*
- Garry McGiboney, Deputy State Superintendent for External Affairs  
  *Georgia Department of Education*
- Homer Bryson, Director  
  *Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency*
- Shannon A. Flounnory, Executive Director  
  *Safety and Security, Fulton County Schools*
- Rep. Rick Jasperse, Chair  
  *House School Security Study Committee*
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12:00 p.m.       Luncheon
                    (Magnolia Ballroom, 1st floor)

                   Presiding: Geoff Duncan, Lieutenant Governor-elect
                   Invocation: Sen. Lee Anderson
                   Speaker: Brian Kemp, Governor-elect

2:00 p.m.       Adjourn