



31st Biennial Institute
FOR Georgia Legislators

CARL VINSON INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT
THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 *continued*

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
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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
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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
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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



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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