

# 2026 BUSINESS DAYS AT THE CAPITOL

**Tuesday, January 6**

**Delta Colonial Hotel**

12:00 pm—12:15 pm

**Opening Remarks & Welcome**

Tony Rosanova—New Rose Consulting, MT Chamber Board Chair  
Todd O’Hair—Montana Chamber of Commerce, President & CEO

12:15 pm—1:00 pm

**Senate Bill 535 Right to Try**

**Moderator:** Jessie Luther—Taylor Luther Group, Partner  
Ken Bogner—Senator, President Pro Tempore  
Greg Meiselbach—The Shelburne Group, Principal

1:00 pm—1:15 pm

**Keynote:** Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen

1:15 pm—1:45 pm

**Policy Impact on Manufacturing in Montana**

**Moderator:** Marta Bertoglio—Montana Department of Commerce, Director  
Bryan Wood—Wood’s Powr-Grip, President  
Paddy Fleming—Montana Manufacturing Extension Center, Director

1:45 pm—2:15 pm

**Networking Break**

2:15 pm—3:00 pm

**Tax Shift**

Joe Kristan—Eide Bailly, CPA / Tax Partner  
Russell Rice—Eide Bailly, CPA / Tax Partner

3:00 pm—3:45 pm

**House Bill 231 Aftermath**

**Moderator:** Todd O’Hair—Montana Chamber of Commerce, President & CEO  
Sarah Clerget—Holland & Hart, Counsel & Government Affairs Director  
Paul Hopfauf—MDU Resources, Director of Strategic Planning & Growth  
Bob Story—Montana Taxpayers Association, Executive Director

3:45 pm—4:15 pm

**Montana’s Growing Firearms Industry**

Attorney General Austin Knudsen  
Neil Whelden—Line49 Rifle, General Manager

4:15 pm—5:00 pm

**Property Development & Housing**

**Moderator:** Mike Freeman—BHE MT, External Affairs & Gov’t Policy Director  
Daniel Cox—Montana Association of REALTORS, Government Affairs Director  
Krystal Guilhemotonia—Aqua Creek Products, CEO  
David O’Connor—Big Sky Housing Trust, Executive Director

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**Lawmaker Appreciation Reception**

**Wednesday, January 7**

**Delta Colonial Hotel**

7:30 am—9:00 am

**Eggs & Issues**

**Moderator:** Cary Hegreberg—Bull Thistle Consulting, LLC, Consultant

Matt Regier—Senate President, District 5

Laura Smith—Senate Minority Whip, District 40

Brandon Ler—Speaker of the House, District 33

Mary Caferro—House of Representatives, District 82

9:00 am—9:30 am

**Networking Break**

9:30 am — 9:45 am

**Keynote:** Montana Supreme Court Chief Justice Cory Swanson

9:45 am—10:15 am

**Tourism Contribution to Montana's Economy**

**Moderator:** Todd O'Hair—Montana Chamber of Commerce, President & CEO

Mandy Rambo—Montana Department of Commerce, Deputy Director

Brad Niva—Big Sky Chamber of Commerce, CEO

10:15 am—10:30 am

**Keynote:** Minister of Affordability & Utilities Nathan Neudorf

10:30 am—11:15 am

**Workforce Development**

**Moderator:** Adam Gilbertson—RDO Equipment, Sr VP Field Technology

Ed Buttrey—Montana Hospital Association, President & CEO

Tracy Jerman—Northrop Grumman, Community Engagement & GR

Elizabeth Feary—Montana State University, Director of Career, Internship & Student Employment Services

11:15 am—12:00 pm

**All of the Above Energy**

**Moderator:** Sonja Nowakowski—MT Dept of Environmental Quality, Director

Gary Parry—House of Representatives, District 35

Greg Bailly—NorthWestern Energy, Director of Project Management

Tony Rosanova—New Rose Consulting, MT Chamber Board Chair

12:00 pm—12:30 pm

**Lunch**

12:30 pm—1:00 pm

**Last Word Closing Luncheon**

Governor Greg Gianforte

Todd O'Hair—Montana Chamber of Commerce, President & CEO