

2011 - 2012
Wisconsin Legislative Leadership and Key Committees

The 2011-12 Legislature runs from January 3, 2011 through December 2012

Updated as of October 20, 2011

Senate (17 Republicans – 16 Democrats)

Leadership

- Majority Leader* – Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau
- Assistant Majority Leader – Glenn Grothman, R-West Bend
- Senate President* – Mike Ellis, R-Neenah
- President Pro Tempore – Joe Leibham, R-Sheboygan
- Caucus Chair – Pam Galloway, R-Wausau
- Assistant Caucus Chair – Sheila Harsdorf, R-River Falls

- Minority Leader – Mark Miller, D-Monona
- Assistant Minority Leader – Dave Hansen, D-Green Bay
- Caucus Chair – Julie Lassa, D-Stevens Point
- Assistant Caucus Chair, Kathleen Vinehout, D-Alma

** The Senate Majority Leader is in charge of the Senate and effectively runs the body. However, the Senate President traditionally holds the gavel and leads the body during floor sessions.*

Key Standing Senate Committees

- Agriculture, Forestry and Higher Education
 - Dale Schultz, R-Richland Center, Chair
 - Sheila Harsdorf, R-River Falls, Vice Chair
 - Neal Kedzie, R-Elkhorn
 - Terry Moulton, R-Chippewa Falls
 - Dave Hansen, D-Green Bay
 - Jessica King, D-Oshkosh
 - Jennifer Shilling, D-La Crosse

- Economic Development, Veterans and Military Affairs – Joe Leibham, R-Sheboygan, Chair; Alberta Darling, R-River Hills, Vice Chair
- Workforce Development, Small Business and Tourism – Terry Moulton, R-Chippewa Falls, Chair; Rob Cowles, R-Green Bay, Vice Chair

Assembly (60 Republicans, 38 Democrats, 1 Independent)

Leadership

- Speaker* – Jeff Fitzgerald, R-Horicon
- Speaker Pro Tempore – Bill Kramer, R-Waukesha
- Majority Leader – Scott Suder, R-Abbotsford
- Assistant Majority Leader – Dan Knodl, R-Germantown
- Caucus Chair – Joan Ballweg, R-Markesan
- Assistant Caucus Chair – John Murtha, R-Baldwin

- Minority Leader – Peter Barca, D-Kenosha
- Assistant Minority Leader – Donna Seidel, D-Wausau
- Caucus Chair – Kelda Helen Roys, D-Madison
- Assistant Caucus Chair – Fred Clark, D-Baraboo

** The Assembly Speaker effectively runs the Assembly and controls floor sessions.*

Key Standing Assembly Committees

- Colleges and Universities
 - Stephen Nass, R-Whitewater, Chair
 - Dean Knudson, R-Hudson, Vice Chair
 - Joan Ballweg, R-Markesan
 - Don Pridemore, R-Hartford
 - Dan Knodl, R-Germantown
 - Paul Farrow, R-Pewaukee
 - Evan Wynn, R-Whitewater
 - Barbara Toles, D-Milwaukee
 - Terese Berceau, D-Madison
 - Louis Molepske, Jr., D-Stevens Point
 - Mark Pocan, D-Madison

- Education – Steve Kestell, R-Elkhart Lake, Chair; Howard Marklein, R-Spring Green, Vice Chair
- Jobs, Economy and Small Business – Mary Williams, R-Medford, Chair; Mike Endsley, R-Sheboygan, Vice Chair
- Labor and Workforce Development – Joan Ballweg, R-Markesan, Chair; Chris Kapenga, R-Delafield, Vice Chair
- Rural Economic Development and Rural Affairs – Al Ott, R-Forest Junction, Chair; Jim Steineke, R-Kaukauna, Vice Chair

Joint Finance Committee (JFC)

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Senate (6 Republicans, 2 Democrats)

- Alberta Darling, R-River Hills, Senate Chair and JFC Co-Chair
- Luther Olsen, R-Ripon, Senate Vice Chair
- Sheila Harsdorf, R-River Falls
- Joe Leibham, R-Sheboygan
- Glenn Grothman, R-West Bend
- Rich Zipperer, R-Pewaukee
- Robert Jauch, D-Poplar
- Lena Taylor, D-Milwaukee

Assembly (6 Republicans, 2 Democrats)

- Robin Vos, R-Burlington, Assembly Chair and JFC Co-Chair
- Dan Meyer, R-Eagle River, Assembly Vice Chair
- Joel Kleefisch, R-Oconomowoc
- Dan LeMahieu, R-Cascade
- John Nygren, R-Marinette
- Pat Strachota, R-West Bend
- Tamara Grigsby, D-Milwaukee
- Cory Mason, D-Racine

Joint Finance serves as the budget-writing and appropriations committee for both houses of the Legislature.

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