

## House Democrats Caucus Meeting

Monday, March 18, 2024 at 9:00am

*Location:* Colorado Education Association, 1500 Grant Street, Denver CO 80203

**Attendees:** Members of the House Democrats caucus and House Majority staff, along with guests Scott Merrifield, Shad Murib, Karen Asensio and Porter Bennet

### Minutes:

- 9:09am: Caucus chair Lindsay brought the meeting to order.
- 9:10am: Majority Leader Duran introduced the new director of HMP Scott Merrifield, CDP Chair Shad Murib, CDP Executive Director Karen Asensio and CDP Finance Director Porter Bennet.
  - 9:11am: Scott Merrifield introduced himself to the caucus.
  - 9:18am: Shad Murib addressed the caucus and introduced CDP staff.
- 9:36: Caucus chair Lindsay asked for updates from JBC members.
  - JBC Chair Rep. Bird provided an overview of the quarterly revenue forecasts presented by LCS and OSPB on Friday 3/15.
    - Rep. Amabile asked about Medicaid enrollment and caseload.
    - Rep. Kipp asked about enterprising cash fund fees.
    - AML Bacon asked whether legislation this year should include language that says it's subject to available appropriations.
  - Approps Chair Rep. Sirota asked the caucus how they'd like to share input on their spending priorities, given the tight fiscal climate.
    - Rep. Rutinel asked about the difference between the previously utilized quadratic system and a more static public ranking.
    - AML Bacon asked whether caucus member input would be specific to individual bills, or more broad to policy topic areas.
    - Rep. Weissman described the scenario in FY2017-18 when the legislative setaside was \$5M and the vast majority of bills never made it out of approps committee in the first chamber.
    - Rep. deGruy Kennedy described that in his early years in the legislature, members did not run bills with fiscal notes at all.
- 9:56am Caucus chair Titone adjourned the meeting.