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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Ohio's *Government Affairs Update* provides information about government related matters of interest to the commercial building industry and AGC's advocacy efforts. It is e-mailed to AGC of Ohio members and available online at www.agcoho.com/advocacy.html. Direct questions and comments to Andrea Ashley, VP of Government Relations: andrea@agcoho.com or (614) 486-6446.

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AGC OF OHIO GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS QUESTIONNAIRE; LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Complete survey by February 11; www.tfaforms.com/4716956

Legislative Committee Meets February 22; [RSVP Attendance](#)

With every new General Assembly, AGC of Ohio surveys members to provide guidance for the association's advocacy efforts. To help AGC best represent companies like yours, please complete the [survey](#) by February 11. Should you have any questions or would like to discuss a specific issue, contact Andrea Ashley at andrea@agcoho.com or 614-486-6446. Feel free to forward the [questionnaire](#) to others in your company who may want to share their insight.

The AGC of Ohio Legislative Committee will meet on February 22 from 10 a.m. to noon to review the results and identify potential legislative priorities. If interested in attending, RSVP your attendance to Andrea Ashley at AGC of Ohio: andrea@agcoho.com.

OFCC ACCEPTING COMMENTS ON 2019 SCHOOL DESIGN MANUAL (OSDM)

The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission is soliciting input from design and construction professionals regarding materials and methods of design used in the Ohio School Design Manual (OSDM), <https://ofcc.ohio.gov/Resources/Design-Manual-OSDM/2019-OSDM>.

AGC of Ohio will submit comments if members identify concerns with the manual. If there are any issues that you think AGC should include, submit them by February 4 to Andrea Ashley (andrea@agcoho.com) or Rich Hobbs (rjh@agcoho.com). AGC will include them with the association's comments barring any lack of consensus among members.

The official comment period runs from January 23 through February 15, 2019. Comments sent directly to OFCC should be submitted to eugene.chipiga@ofcc.ohio.gov. If you intend to submit comments directly to OFCC, please share them with AGC to help our advocacy efforts on any related matters.

TAKE 5 MINUTES TO SUBMIT YOUR TABULATION FORM FOR THE NATIONAL AGC SAFETY AWARD

Submission Deadline February 8; [Tabulation Form](#), [Instructions](#)

AGC of Ohio is accepting tabulation forms for AGC of America's National AGC Safety Awards (NASA) program. It is free of charge and takes 5 minutes to participate with your completed OSHA 300 log. AGC of Ohio collects submissions for AGC of America, and all completed tabulation forms must be received by AGC of Ohio no later than February 8, 2019. Access the entry tabulation form [here](#) and complete instructions [here](#).



OHIO STATEHOUSE UPDATE

The new statewide office holders have been sworn in, and the state legislature is gearing up for the 133rd Ohio General Assembly.

Governor DeWine, who was AGC of Ohio's preferred candidate and met with AGC members a few days after being elected, has named most of his cabinet—one of the most diverse in recent history. Of particular interest to the construction industry, he has articulated his commitment to career tech education and plans to create a Blue Ribbon Panel to review infrastructure funding (panelists are expected to be named early next week).

In the Senate, both the majority and minority leadership teams have been elected. They include: President Larry Obhof (R-Medina), President Pro Tempore Bob Peterson (R-Sabina), Majority Whip Matt Huffman (R-Lima), Minority Leader Kenny Yuko (D-Richmond Hts), Assistant Minority Leader Cecil Thomas (D-Cincinnati), Minority Whip Sean O'Brien (D-Bazetta), and Assistant Minority Whip Sandra Williams (D-Cleveland).

The Ohio House has gotten off to a dramatic start. Democrats flexed some muscle in the election of the Ohio House Speaker. In a tight race, Larry Householder (R-Glenford), who served two terms as Speaker in the early 2000s and did not have the majority of votes within the current House Republican caucus, wound up taking the Speaker's gavel from Ryan Smith (R-Gallopolis), who did have the majority of Republican votes. Householder received 26 Republican and 26 Democratic votes, while Smith got votes from 34 Republicans and 12 Democrats.

After the contentious Speaker's battle, neither House Republicans nor House Democrats have formerly elected their leadership teams; although House Democrats have chosen Rep. Emilia Sykes (D-Akron) as its incoming minority leader during a closed-door, informal vote Wednesday. The previous minority leader, Fred Strahorn (D-Dayton), stepped down after pushing for Ryan Smith as speaker. House Republicans are expected to round out their leadership slate within the next few weeks.

The chasms within the House will most likely have an impact on policy (and advocacy) during the first six months of this legislature, especially during the budget process. Some speculate it may impact the entire two years of the General Assembly, and possibly future ones.



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