

## **Healy Administration Cabinet Secretaries**

There will be (12) Secretariats in total:

- **Administration and Finance** - Matthew Gorzkowicz
- **Education** - Patrick Tutwiler
- **Energy and Environmental Affairs** - Rebecca Tepper
- **Public Safety and Security** - Terrence Reidy
- **Transportation** - Baker's Transportation Secretary Jamey Tesler will continue until Gina Fiandaca is sworn in later this month
- **Technology Services and Security** - Baker's assistant secretary at the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security, Matt Moran, will hold the position until Jason Snyder is sworn in later this month
- **Housing and Economic Development\*\*** - Baker's undersecretary at the Department of Housing and Community Development, Jennifer Maddox, will hold the position until Yvonne Hao is sworn in later this month
- **Labor and Workforce Development** - Baker's undersecretary at the EOLWD, Mike Doheny, is serving as Acting Sect. until Healy names a permanent appointment \*\*01/11/23 UPDATE: Lauren Jones has been named the permanent Sect. Swear in date tbd.
- **Health and Human Services** - Healy's chief of the Health Care and Fair Competition Bureau in the attorney general's office, Mary Beckman, is serving as Acting Sect. until Healy names a permanent appointment
- **Veterans** - Baker's secretary Cheryl Lussier Poppe will continue until Healy names a permanent appointment
- **Climate Chief** - this is a new Sec. level position - Melissa Hoffer

\*\* Gov. Healey intends to split the Housing and Economic Development Secretariat into two in a bid to better address the "housing crisis" in Massachusetts. Gov. Healey has not yet said who she intends to lead her housing efforts. Until the secretariat is divided, Maddox, and Hao after she is sworn in, will serve as Secretary of Housing and Economic Development.

**2023-2024 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY GOALS**  
**December 2022**

AIA Massachusetts (AIA MA) focuses on legislative and regulatory advocacy in the Commonwealth for issues that have direct impact on the architectural profession. For the next two years, 2023-2024, AIA MA will focus on the following advocacy for issues including, but not limited to, the following:

**Policy positions**

- **Environmental:** energy efficiency, carbon neutrality, and resiliency
- **Economic Justice:** equity and diversity in housing and access to and construction of K-12 and higher education facilities
- **Codes:** better coordination of codes and regulations for the built environment, and incentivizing renovation/retrofit of existing buildings as a sustainable practice
- **Practice:** support for the business practice of architecture for firms of all sizes, and support for initiatives that look to strengthen workforce diversity, equity and inclusion
- **Smart Growth:** support for the principles of smart growth development policies and regionally appropriate investments in infrastructure and transportation

**Legislative Advocacy**

Continue support and monitoring of bills that:

- Seek overall carbon neutrality, especially in the building sector
- Promote design and construction of zero-net energy buildings
- Encourages electrification and de-carbonization of public utilities
- Reinsert the consistency provisions that were removed from the 2018 Climate Adaptation Management Plan (C.A.M.P.)
- Promote expansion of net-metering
- Seek better coordination between the administrative boards and commissions that regulate the construction industry, and specifically seek a new legislative sponsor for the AIA MA Building Code Coordinating Council (BCCC) bill
- Support creation of more housing generally and more affordable housing particularly, with specific interest in: designer selection, permitting, use of modular construction, alternative procurement methods, and equitable housing access
- Promote more investment in and better oversight of historic preservation projects and control of demolition of historic structures
- Support development of mass timber industry in the commonwealth and the New England region
- Support pairing school funding equity issues with the AIA MA lead K-12 Healthy Schools initiative
- Support more state funding for all state projects related to increasing efficiency measures

Continue opposition to and monitoring of bills that:

- Establish a Practice Act for interior designers

**Regulatory Advocacy**

Continue support and monitoring of rules and regulations related to the built environment that:

- Advance strong energy and carbon reduction provisions within the upcoming 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the state building code, including the stretch code and new municipal opt-in stretch energy code
- Include the mass timber provisions contained within the base 2021 IBC/IRC in the upcoming 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the state building code
- Support better energy and carbon efficiency standards in building renovation
- Resolve known conflicts between states' various construction codes including, but not limited to: accessibility, fire, plumbing, mechanical, and building codes
- Support publication of a blended state building code
- Support zoning changes to increase housing affordability through density and mixed use
- Support authorization of "as-of-right" gender-neutral bathrooms

## Governor Priorities

**Housing** - Create a standalone Sect. of Housing within first 100 days; Have A/F Sect. Gorzkowicz identify unused state-owned land and facilities that can be turned into rental housing or homes within one year; Expand tax deductions for renters

**Climate** - Double the state's offshore wind and solar power procurement targets, and quadruple energy storage deployment; Electrify the state's public vehicle fleet and put a million electric vehicles on the road by 2030; Commit at least 1% of the state's budget to environmental and energy agencies; Triple the budget of the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, and create a "green bank" to invest in resilient infrastructure and to attract new businesses to Massachusetts (*\*\*Mainly mirroring recommendations found in the Baker Administrations Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2050 – released in Dec 2022).*

**Higher Education** – within first budget – include a "MassReconnect" program to make community college free for people 25 and older without a college degree; Increase funding to the state university system;

**Transportation** - Appoint a safety chief at the MBTA within 60 days; Fund the hiring of 1,000 new workers to focus on the operation of the MBTA within first year; Form an interagency task force dedicated to competing for federal infrastructure money

**Tax Reform** - Is open to enacting parts of the \$1B tax package proposed last session

**EDI** - Direct each Administration agency to conduct a full equity audit

## Speakers Priorities

**Housing** – Feels it's critical that working folks across the state have access to quality housing

**Offshore Wind** – Feels that if the state is to meet its climate goals, the Legislature must continue to examine ways to further support offshore wind

**Higher Education** – non-committal on free community college education, has expressed concerns about costs

**Early Education and Care Workforce** – Expects full attention of the House to be directed at examining how to further support early education and care workforce

**Public Transportation** – Wants to ensure all residents have access to safe and reliable public transportation

**Health Care Cost Containment** – Originally addressed in 2012, but feels it's time to re-address. Also wants to ensure community hospitals are protected from larger hospitals expanding into their market

**Tax Reform** – Not committed to enacted proposed \$1B in tax reforms proposed last session. Wants the House to look at where the Commonwealth is economically before making any commitments. Contemplating changes to 62F refund law

**Gun Control** – Expects to continue enacting strong gun laws that have made our state a national leader in gun safety, a designation that is under threat by a highly politicized Supreme Court;

## Senate Presidents Priorities

**Housing** – Is interested in building on Housing Choice legislation passed last session

**Higher Education** – Wants to enact free community college for all and for the Legislature to determine how it can dedicate more funds to public higher education institutions all across our state (*\*\*Committed to using all Fair Share Amendment revenues as "above and beyond" existing line-item spending)*

**Early Education/K-12** – Wants to build on last sessions Student Opportunity Act by passing a new Student Opportunity Plan that lays the educational cornerstone for our youngest learners and opens doors for continued learning beyond high school. She is also committed to re-introducing transformational *early education and care legislation (See Speaker priority re: Early Educ. and Care Workforce)*

**Transportation** – Want to expand safe, reliable and affordable public transit throughout the Commonwealth

**Tax Reform** – Is committed to enacting permanent progressive tax relief to provide tangible benefits to low and middle income families, seniors and residents; Is open to enacting parts of \$1B tax package proposed last session (*\$1B proposal was dropped at the end of last session due to \$3B Chapter 62F refunds requirements)*

**Prescription Drugs** – Will work to re-pass the bill from last session and work with House to enact