

Time/Date: Thursday, March 12. Check in from 8am to 9am. Morning programming will wrap up with lunch at 11am to leave time in the afternoon free for legislative appointments.

Location: Flaherty & Hood Offices, located at 525 Park Street, Suite 300, St. Paul, MN 55103.

Due to construction throughout the Capitol complex, group meeting space is very limited for the 2026 legislative session. Flaherty & Hood has a large conference room that will be available for our event. Their office is located just across the street from the Minnesota Senate Building.

Parking: Parking is available by permit only in the surface lot on the west side of the Flaherty & Hood building. Permits will be shared via email, and we will also have permits printed for you when you arrive. Permits must be printed full-page, in color, and placed on the front driver's side dashboard. Building management frequently tows vehicles that do not have a permit displayed or have the permit displayed incorrectly. The surface lot fills quickly and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. There is additional paid street and ramp parking available in the surrounding area.

Security at the Capitol complex: New this session, all visitors to the Capitol and the Minnesota Senate Building will need to go through a security screening when entering either building. Visitors will walk through screening equipment and all bags and other large items will be put through a scanner. There is more information about the screening process, as well as a list of prohibited items, [available here](#). We're encouraging people to allow for extra time to enter the Capitol complex and to carry fewer large items (especially laptops or other large electronics) if possible.

Appointments: MDHA attendees are responsible for scheduling their own appointments with legislators. [You can use this tool](#) to find your legislators and their contact information. Our morning program will wrap up around 11:30am, leaving the afternoon free for meetings. If you have questions about scheduling your legislative appointments, please reach out to MDHA lobbyist Darrin Lee at dwlee@flaherty-hood.com.

Due to construction on the State Office Building, House members and staff have been relocated to other buildings within the Capitol Complex. There is also additional security screening required upon entry to the Capitol and the Minnesota Senate Building. Be sure to leave yourself enough time between appointments to navigate the Capitol complex. We recommend a minimum of 15 minutes between meetings.

Tentative agenda:

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8am – 9am: Arrival and check-in at Flaherty & Hood offices. Feel free to arrive anytime after 8am. Coffee and donuts will be provided! *Keep in mind, the building is keycard access only and there may not be anyone to let you in before 8am.*

9am – 10am: Prepare for legislative meetings. We'll walk you through MDHA's top legislative priorities and talking points, give you tips to effectively lobby your legislators, and go over a map of the Capitol complex.

10am-11am: Visits from legislators and agency staff.

11am: Box lunch served.

11:30am: Program wrap-up; head to Capitol complex for legislative meetings.