

# 2025 CAPITOL DAY

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## NH Bankers ASSOCIATION SPEAKERS



### BANK COMMISSIONER EMELIA A.S. GALDIERI

Emelia Galdieri is the New Hampshire Banking Department's Bank Commissioner. She's worked for the Department since 2012; first as a hearings examiner for the Consumer Credit Division, later becoming legal counsel, and then deputy commissioner.

Previously, Emelia served as senior law clerk for the New Hampshire Superior Court. She worked closely with many Superior Court judges, including the Honorable James D. O'Neill, III and the Honorable Tina L. Nadeau, supervised all Superior Court law clerks, and drafted legal opinions.

Emelia is a life-long New Hampshire resident. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of New Hampshire and her juris doctor from the University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law.



### SENATE PRESIDENT SHARON CARSON

- District 14: Auburn, Hudson, and Londonderry
- Current Committees: Chair, Judiciary; Vice Chair, Executive Departments and Administration; Vice Chair, Rules and Enrolled Bills
- Years Served in the Senate: (14) 2009-2020, 2021-2022, 2023-2024, 2025-2026 (Current)
- Years Served in the House: 8; 2000-2008
- Profession: Adjunct history and political science professor at Nashua Community College
- Education: Graduated from Mount Wachusett Community College with a degree in laboratory technology, Bachelor's and Masters' degrees in American History from the University of New Hampshire. She was awarded a doctoral scholarship from UNH, has taken and passed her doctoral exams in American History, and is currently working on her dissertation.
- Military Service: Retired Sergeant First Class, U.S. Army Reserve



### SENATE MINORITY LEADER REBECCA PERKINS KWOKA

- District 21: Durham, Lee, Madbury, New Castle, Newfields, Newington, Newmarket, and Portsmouth.
- Current Committees: Election Law and Municipal Affairs, Rules and Enrolled Bills
- Years Served in the Senate: Serving her third term in the Senate. 2021-2022, 2023-2024, 2025-2026 (current)
- Years Other Elected Position: Served 4 years on the Portsmouth City Council
- Profession: Lawyer
- Education: Dartmouth College, B.A. 2004, Cornell Law, J.D. 2010
- Recognition/Awards: New Hampshire 40 Under 40, Portsmouth Herald's 10 to Watch, Leadership New Hampshire Class of 2017, Visionary Leadership Award, Workforce Housing Coalition



### SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, SHERMAN PACKARD (R-ROCKINGHAM)

- Current Committee: Chair of House Rules
- 18<sup>th</sup> term in the NH House
- Represents Londonderry
- NH Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Education, Member Londonderry Lions Club
- He has served in the capacity of Assistant Republican Leader, Senior Assistant Republican Leader, Minority Leader/Republican Leader, Speaker Pro Tempore and Deputy Republican Leader.
- Recognition: Induction into the Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame in 2003 for his activism in motorcyclists' rights, Induction into the Motorcycle Riders Hall of Fame in 2008, Awarded the Lifetime Achievement National Coalition of Motorcycle award, Appeared on the cover of American Motorcyclists Magazine



### HOUSE MINORITY LEADER ALEXIS SIMPSON (D-ROCKINGHAM)

- Current Committees: Rules
- Represents Exeter, Newfields, Newmarket, Stratham
- Master of Theology with a focus on ethics and politics at Harvard Divinity School and is a minister in the United Church of Christ
- Background in Physics (B.S., University of Virginia) and theology (M.Div., Emory University, and Th.M., Harvard University),
- Serves on Exeter's newly-created Police Stakeholders Committee



## GOVERNOR KELLY AYOTTE

- Elected New Hampshire's 83rd Governor on November 5, 2024
- Has served on several non-profit boards, including Swim with a Mission, Veterans Count, and the School Board of Saint Christopher Academy in Nashua
- Has chaired the Board of BAE Systems, Inc., and Cirtronics, a manufacturing company in Milford
- Elected to US Senate in 2010
- First female NH Attorney General in 2004
- Received a Bachelor of Arts with honors from the Pennsylvania State University and law degree from Villanova University.

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