

Democrats Elect Internal Leadership

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2022

HOUSE DEMOCRATS

The House Democratic Caucus convened on November 22 to elect new internal leadership for the 2023-2024 General Assembly.



James Beverly (D-Macon)

Minority Leader

Beverly was elected to the House in 2010 and has served as caucus chairman since 2017 when he replaced Stacey Abrams, who had stepped out of her leadership role in preparation for her first run for Governor. Last week, Beverly fended off a challenge from Rep. Carolyn Hugley, who was a key ally of Abrams during her time as Leader.



Sam Park (D-Lawrenceville)

Minority Whip

Park was elected to the House in 2016 and previously served as a deputy whip and as vice-chair for the Gwinnett House delegation. He replaces Rep. David Wilkerson as Minority Whip.



Billy Mitchell (D-Stone Mountain)

Minority Caucus Chairman

Mitchell was selected for a second term as Caucus Chairman.



Karen Bennett (D-Stone Mountain)

Minority Caucus Vice-Chairman

Bennett was first elected to the House in 2013 and recently served as Chair of the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus. She replaces Rep. Erica Thomas, who did not run for reelection.



Park Cannon (D-Atlanta)

Majority Caucus Secretary

Cannon was elected to the House in a Special Election in 2016. She joined the Minority Caucus's leadership team at the start of the 2021 session and was reelected to the Secretary post.



Shea Roberts (D-Atlanta)

Minority Caucus Treasurer

Roberts was elected to the House in 2021. She replaces Rep. Mary Robichaux, who was defeated in November.

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SENATE DEMOCRATS

The Senate Democratic Caucus convened on November 28 to select leaders for the upcoming term of the General Assembly.



Gloria Butler (D-Stone Mountain)

Minority Leader

Butler has served in the Senate since 1999. She was first elected as the Senate's Minority Leader in 2021 and has been reelected for a second term as the Senate's top Democrat.



Harold Jones (D-Augusta)

Minority Whip

Jones has served as Minority Whip since the 2017 session; this will be his third term in that post. He was first elected to the Senate in 2014.



Elena Parent (D-Atlanta)

Minority Caucus Chairman

Parent returns to her post as Minority Caucus Chair. She previously served as Vice Chair of Fundraising and Campaigns. She has served in the Senate since 2014 and completed a term in the House from 2011-2012.



Sonya Halpern (D-Atlanta)

Minority Caucus Vice-Chairman

Halpern recently completed her first term in the Senate and has been selected to serve as the Caucus Vice Chair for the upcoming term. She replaces Sen. Lester Jackson, who sought higher office and did not run for reelection.



Nan Orrock (D-Atlanta)

Majority Caucus Secretary

Orrock has served as Caucus Secretary since 2011. She was first elected to the House in 1987 and later to the Senate in 2007.



David Lucas (D-Macon)

Minority Caucus Vice Chair of Fundraising and Campaigns

Lucas was elected to the House in 1974 and has served in the Senate since 2012. This is his first recent leadership appointment.