

Regional Voices from Sebago Lake to Casco Bay

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In the last *Regional Voices*, we discussed how easy it is to reach out to lawmakers at the State House and make your voice heard. Click [here](#) for a refresher.

This week let's focus on Governor Mills' 14 commissioners. These are the men and women who will run Maine state government's administrative agencies. Knowing who they are and what they do is just as important as knowing your legislators.

The Maine Senate Thursday voted nearly unanimously to confirm the first nine commissioners in Gov. Janet Mills' Cabinet (see [PPH story](#)). We expect all 14 Commissioners to be formally approved by the end of next week.

Here's the list of nominees – click on their names to read Governor Mills' press releases, and follow the news story links after their names for more information about each person:

- [Patrick Keliher](#), nominated to continue serving as the Commissioner of the [Department of Marine Resources](#) ([Ellsworth American](#))
- [Anne Head](#), nominated to continue serving as the Commissioner of the [Department of Professional and Financial Regulation](#)
- [Major General Douglas Farnham](#), nominated to continue serving as the Commissioner of the [Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management](#)
- [Gerald Reid](#), nominated to serve as the Commissioner of the [Department of Environmental Protection](#) ([PPH profile](#))
- [Michael Sauschuck](#), nominated to serve as the Commissioner of the [Department of Public Safety](#) ([PPH profile](#))
- Randall Liberty, nominated to serve as the Commissioner of the [Department of Corrections](#) ([PPH profile](#))
- Heather Johnson, nominated to serve as the Commissioner of the [Department of Economic and Community Development](#) ([PPH profile](#))
- Pender Makin, nominated to serve as the Commissioner of the [Department of Education](#) ([PPH profile](#))
- Laura Fortman, nominated to serve as the Commissioner of the [Department of Labor](#) ([PPH profile](#))

- Jeanne Lambrew, nominated to serve as the Commissioner of the [Department of Health and Human Services \(PPH profile\)](#)
- Kirsten Figueroa, nominated to serve as the Commissioner of the [Department of Administrative and Financial Services \(PPH profile\)](#)
- [Judith Camuso](#), nominated to serve as the Commissioner of the [Department of Inland, Fisheries and Wildlife \(PPH profile\)](#)
- [Bruce Van Note](#), nominated to serve as the Commissioner of the [Department of Transportation \(PPH profile\)](#)
- [Amanda Beal](#), nominated to serve as the Commissioner of the [Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry \(PPH profile\)](#)

Commissioners handle the widest variety of issues, and communities will interact with every one of their agencies through the course of the year.

Keep this list handy for easy reference when you need it. If you ever need help connecting with a commissioner (or figuring out whom to contact), just **let me know.**