Maine Artificial Intelligence Task Force

Kickoff Meeting

January 31, 2025

Agenda

Welcome

Task Force Overview – deliverable, meeting schedule, Task Force topics

Task Force Member Introductory Roundtable

Closing & Next Steps

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Deliverable

October 31, 2025 – Recommendations to the Governor and the State Legislature

> "The purpose of the Task Force is to investigate the implications of recent and anticipated advances in the field of AI for the State of Maine and make recommendations to: ***Prepare Maine's economy and workforce*** for the opportunities and risks likely to result from advances in AI; ***Protect Maine residents from potentially harmful uses of AI technologies***, such as safeguarding consumer data privacy, mitigating bias in datasets, and mandating disclosure around AI utilization; and ***Explore the most promising uses for State agencies, quasi-State agencies, and other public entities*** such as municipalities to deploy AI technologies to address capacity gaps and improve service delivery to the populations they serve."
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> "The Task Force shall issue a public report of its findings to the Governor and the State Legislature no later than October 31, 2025."
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> - Executive Order (December 20, 2024)

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Task Force website – https://www.maine.gov/future/future/artificial-intelligence-task-force

Task Force Meeting Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Description
December 20, 2024			*Executive Order signing*
January 31	Friday	12-1	Kickoff Meeting (1hr)
February 14	Friday	12-2	Task Force Meeting #1 (2hrs) – "State of AI Today"
March 12	Wednesday	2-4	Task Force Meeting #2 (2hrs)
April 11	Friday	12-2	Task Force Meeting #3 (2hrs)
May 9	Friday	12-2	Task Force Meeting #4 (2hrs)
June 4	Wednesday	2-4	Task Force Meeting #5 (2hrs)
June 27	Friday	12-2	Task Force Meeting #6 (2hrs)
July 16	Wednesday	2-4	Task Force Meeting #7 (2hrs)
September 5	Friday	12-2	Task Force Meeting #8 (2hrs)
September 24	Wednesday	2-4	Task Force Meeting #9 (2hrs)
October 8	Wednesday	2-4	Task Force Meeting #10 (2hrs)
October 24	Friday	12-2	Task Force Meeting #11 (2hrs)
October 31	*Friday*		*Final Recommendations Due*

Topics for Deliberation

Topic	Anticipated Research Work Products	Possible Topics for Testimony
1. "Prepare Maine's economy and workforce for the opportunities and risks likely to result from advances in AI"	Occupational analysis showing exposure of Maine's workforce to AI impacts – geographic, demographic, industry, etc.	Workforce impacts, training Maine students and talent to incorporate AI, opportunities for business innovation, sector-specific impacts, etc.
2. "Protect Maine residents from potentially harmful uses of AI technologies"	Legal analysis of current state and federal policy as it relates to new AI technologies	Consumer data privacy, bias in training data used to train AI models, disclosure around AI utilization, etc.
3. "Explore the most promising uses for State agencies, quasi-State agencies, and other public entities such as municipalities to deploy AI technologies to address capacity gaps and improve service delivery to the populations they serve"	Survey of municipal officials' perspectives on incorporating AI into their workflows – where are they already using AI, what are the opportunities/risks for municipalities?	Capacity constraints in municipalities, transformative use cases for state and local governments, etc.

Task Force Membership

Task Force	Technical Advisory Committee
Laura Fortman, Commissioner, MDOL	Dan Burgess, Director, GEO
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Hannah Pingree, Director, GOPIF	Justin Cary, Attorney, Drummond Woodsum
Brian Whitney, President, MTI	Mark McInerney, Director, MDOL Center for Workforce Research and Information
Rep. Daniel Sayre	Warren Valdmanis, Managing Partner, Future of Work Partners
Rep. Nathan Carlow	Ruth Kermish-Allen, Executive Director, Maine Mathematics and Science Alliance
Sen. Nicole Grohoski	Dan Nigrin, Chief Information Officer, MaineHealth
Sen. James Libby	
Jay Brenchick, Director of Economic Development, City of Auburn	
Sam Boss, Apprenticeship, Workforce, and Equity Director, Maine AFL-CIO	
Molly Curren Rowles, Executive Director, ACLU of Maine	
John Brautigam, Public Policy Advocate, Legal Services for Maine's Elders	
JJ Rouhana, Chief Information Officer, LL Bean	
Michael Odokara-Okigbo, Chief Executive Officer, NKENNE	
Chris Mallett, Chief Administrative Officer, Northeastern University's Roux Institute	
Mary Dickinson, EVP and CSO, Jackson Labs (*Co-Chair*)	

Task Force Roundtable

- Name

- Organization

- Either:
  - Topic area(s) you are excited about exploring further, or
  - Example(s) of ways you have already incorporated AI into your work

Closing & Next Steps

Next Meeting:

"The State of AI Today" – February 14, 2025, 12pm – 2pm

Topics

- Basics of AI, AI history, future of the technology
- AI policy around the country

Speakers

- Usama Fayyad, Executive Director, Northeastern Institute of Experiential AI
- Cassandra Madison, COO, Center for Public Sector AI
- Carl van Horn, co-chair, State of New Jersey Future of Work Task Force (tentative)