Maine Artificial Intelligence Task Force

October 8, 2025

Agenda

1. Welcome (5 min)

2. Review public comments (10 mins)

3. Edits made to incorporate Task Force feedback from 9/26 meeting (20 mins)

4. Themes for the co-chair letter (30 min)

5. Break (5 min)

6. Review introduction sections (45 min)

7. Closing & next steps (5 min)

Review public comments

- 48 responses representing 8 Maine counties
- Most engagement was on Education recommendations (29), followed by Economy (14) and AI Harms (13)

Topline takeaways:
- Emphasis on understanding and engaging with existing tools and resources (ex: NEA AI Principles)
- Respondents underscored the need to involve many voices in future AI conversations

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Workforce – recs should be more specific about geographic reach of existing state programs	*Beginning on p. 5 in prep memo*: made explanatory edits to Rec #3
Healthcare – match examples to appropriate recs; include workers in design and rollout of trainings; and broaden regulatory rec beyond just behavioral health	*Beginning on p. 8 in prep memo*: moved Duke example from Rec #4 to Rec #1; included workers in the list of partners for creating trainings in Rec #2; and deleted reference to just behavioral health in Rec #3
Public Sector – recs should also reflect the need for leg and judicial branches to engage with AI.	*Beginning on p. 14 in prep memo*: added these ideas to Rec #2

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Edits since 9/26 meeting – implementation section

Changes made to reflect Task Force feedback at 9/26 meeting:

1. Incorporate the cross-cutting recs together into the implementation section

2. Pulled out themes from the implementation exercise to create five buckets of activities:
   1. Educate Mainers about AI, its potential benefits, and how to stay safe
   2. Continue to bolster protections against the harms that AI creates or exacerbates
   3. Take enabling steps that unlock long-term, large-scale opportunities
   4. Enable ongoing State engagement on AI issues
   5. Pursue innovative partnerships and funding strategies

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Example: May 2025 Infrastructure Rebuilding and Resilience Commission co-chair's letter

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What areas are valuable to highlight?

Potential areas to highlight:

- AI has quickly become a **ubiquitous part of the way that Mainers work and live**, with usage continuing to accelerate.
- AI offers considerable **promise for Maine, but not without risks**.
- AI **literacy is foundational** to both maximizing AI's benefits and mitigating its risks.
- Maine has **opportunities to become a national innovation leader** in AI.

Break – Return at 3:05pm

Review introduction sections

1. Introduction – Why focus on AI?
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   3. State of Maine actions to date
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Do these sections successfully set the stage for readers to be able to engage with recommendations?

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Have we successfully reflected the Task Force process?

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3. Topic-specific introductory text
    1. Economy
    2. Workforce
    3. Education
    4. Healthcare
    5. AI-related Harms
    6. Public Sector

In the topic you focused on, does this text effectively summarize the key learnings that shape the subsequent Task Force recommendations in this area?

Adjourn

Next Meeting:

Friday, October 24, 12p-2p