Calendar for Biennial Budget Process for the 2020-21 Fiscal Biennium

Relevant dates with legal authority if applicable.

June 2018 – Minnesota Management& Budget (MMB) sends out budget instructions to state agencies. Instructions are at: https://mn.gov/mmb/budget/budget-instructions/bibudprep/

Fall 2018 - Agency profile and program performance information due in MMB.

Oct. 15, 2018 - Agencies must submit budget narrative and budget information to MMB (M.S. 16A.10, Subd. 2)

Nov. 30, 2018 - MMB submits agency base budget information to the Legislature and posts it to the MMB web site. https://mn.gov/mmb/budget/current-budget/governors-budget-recommendations/base-budget-books.jsp (M.S. 16A.10, Subd. 2)

Dec. 5, 2018 - Revenue and expenditure forecast is released by MMB. This is the first forecast that will include forecasted figures for FY 2020-21 (instead of planning estimates) and the first planning estimates for FY 2022-23. The November forecast must be delivered by the end of the first week in December. (M.S. 17A.103, Subd. 1)

Jan. 8, 2019 - The 2019 Legislature convenes. (M.S. 3.011)

Feb. 19, 2019 – The Governor submits FY 2020-21 budget recommendations to Legislature. (A new Governor receives more time than an incumbent Governor to submit budget recommendations. If there had not been a new Governor in 2019 the budget recommendations would have been due January 22.) (M.S. 16A.11, Subd. 1)

Early to Mid-March, 2019 – Bills to enact the Governor's budget are introduced.

Feb.28, 2019 - Updated revenue and expenditure forecast released by MMB. This forecast will be the basis for 2019 session budget decisions. This forecast is at: https://mn.gov/mmb/forecast/forecast/ (M.S. 16A.103, Subd. 1)

March 15, 2019 – First Committee Deadline for committees to act favorably on bills in the House of origin. (Joint Rule 2.03 and House Concurrent Resolution 1)

March 22, 2019 – Governor submits revised budget recommendations to the Legislature. The revised recommendations are adjusted to fit with the February forecast. (There is no statutory requirement for the Governor to provide revised recommendations after the forecast.)

March 25, 2019 - Within 25 days of the Feb. forecast, the House Ways and Means Committee must adopt a resolution setting general fund net expenditure limits and limits for each major finance and revenue bill for the next biennium (House Rule 4.03 (b)). Within 30 days of the

forecast Senate leadership must announce targets (Senate Rule 7.2). *(House Ways & Means adopted a budget resolution Monday, March 25, Senate Leadership announced Senate targets later that week.)*

March 29, 2019 – Second Committee Deadline for committees to act on bills that met the first deadline in the other body. (Joint Rule 2.03 and House Concurrent Resolution 1)

April 12, 2019 – Third Committee Deadline – the deadline for committees/divisions to act favorably on major appropriation and finance bills. (Joint Rule 2.03 and House Concurrent Resolution 1)

April 13 – 22, 2019 - Easter and Passover break – no committee meetings (Passover begins April 19, Easter is April 21.) (Senate Concurrent Resolution 4)

May 1, 2019 – Major finance bills passed by House and Senate and Conference Committees appointed. (Memo signed by Governor Tim Walz, Speaker Melissa Hortman and Majority Leader Paul Gazelka dated February 11, 2019.) *(This deadline was met for most major finance bills. HF 653 Legacy passed the House on May 2 and the Senate on May 8. House conferees for HF 653 were appointed May 8, Senate conferees on May 13. No major Capital Expenditure bills passed the House or Senate.)*

May 6, 2019 – Governor, Senate Majority Leader and Speaker of the House will provide fiscal targets to the chairs of conference committees on major finance bills. (Memo signed by Governor Tim Walz, Speaker Melissa Hortman and Majority Leader Paul Gazelka dated February 11, 2019.) *(This deadline was not met.)*

May 13, 2019 – Conference Committee Chairs will provide completed conference reports to the house of origin. (Memo signed by Governor Tim Walz, Speaker Melissa Hortman and Majority Leader Paul Gazelka dated February 11, 2019.) *(This deadline was not met.)*

May 20, 2019 - Regular legislative session adjourned by midnight. (Minnesota Constitution, Article IV, Section 12) *(One major budget bill was passed during the regular session – SF 2415 – Higher Education.)*

May 24, 2019 – Most major budget bills were passed in a one day special session. A Capital Expenditure bill was not passed.

June 2019 - Jan. 2020 - Legislative committees may hold interim hearings to monitor programs and budgets.

July 15, 2019 – Capital budget requests released by MMB. (M.S. 16A.11, Subd. 1)

Oct. 1 2019 – MMB determines if the FY 2019 General Fund closing balance is at least $33 million higher than projected at the end of the 2019 session. If so, $20 million is transferred to the disaster contingency account and $13 million is appropriated for Metro Mobility. If the

closing balance exceeds the projected balance by more than $33 million, an additional amount of up to $30 million is appropriated for school safety grants. If the closing balance is positive but less than $33 million that balance is split proportionally between the disaster contingency account and Metro Mobility. (2019 First Special Session Laws, Chapter 3, Article 1, Sec. 11 and SS Chapter 11, Article 5, Sec.5)

Oct. 10, 2019 – MMB provides updated general fund revenue information for first quarter of FY 2019 and also provides final FY 2019 revenue amounts.

Early Dec., 2019 – November budget forecast is released by MMB. This forecast will include final revenue and spending information for the FY 2018-19 biennium and updated numbers for FY 2020-21 and FY 2022-23. (M.S. 16A.103, Subd. 1)

Jan. 15, 2020 – Governor's capital budget recommendations released (M.S. 16A.11, Subd. 1)

Feb. 11, 2020 – The 2020 session of the Legislature convenes. (House Concurrent Resolution 2)

Late Feb., 2020 – February budget forecast released by MMB. (M.S. 16A.103, Subd. 1)

Mid-March 2020 – The Governor issues supplemental budget recommendations. (There is no statutory requirement for the Governor to provide supplemental budget recommendations in the even numbered year.)

Late March and April – Deadlines for committees to take action on bills.

Late March, 2020 - The House Ways and Means Committee may adopt and report a resolution setting net increases or decreases as compared to general fund expenditures for the current biennium in the Feb. forecast for overall spending and for each major finance and revenue bill (House Rule 4.03 (c)).

Apr. 8, 2020 (Friday) – Passover begins.
Apr. 12, 2020 (Sunday) – Easter.

May 17, 2020 – Last day in the 2020 regular session that bills may be passed. The Legislature must adjourn the regular session no later than Monday, May 18 but no bills may be passed on the last day the Legislature may meet. (Minnesota Constitution, Art. IV, Sec. 12 and 21)

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