

DEVENS COMMITTEE
August 5, 2026 6:30 PM
Agenda

In-Person	Virtually via Zoom*
Vicksburg Conference Room First Floor 33 Andrews Parkway Devens, MA 01434	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88988372005?pwd=cwTqjB2tDBS7W5RLmqVl6w7o2B3f8t.1 Meeting ID: 889 8837 2005 Passcode: 01434 Dial by your location: 1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

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Agenda Items

1. Call to Order
2. Chair's overview of agenda and hybrid meeting process and procedures**
3. Approval of July 1, 2026 meeting minutes
4. Devens resident engagement/voting initiative
5. Senator Jamie Eldredge to answer the Community's questions
6. Presentation by Michael Sweeney, Executive Vice President of Devens Operations
 - The Vicksburg study (part of building assessments - one of the follow up tasks from the Governor's Housing Working Group)
7. General public comments
8. Adjourn

*All meeting materials will be presented live and will be included in the meeting minutes. If you do not have a Zoom account, you can sign up for free at: <https://zoom.us/signup>

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Upcoming Devens Committee Meeting Dates 2026

September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2

Questions for Senator Eldridge

1. Jurisdiction and Governance for Devens

- What is your perspective on the long-term governance model for Devens, and what approach do you support to ensure that residents and businesses have meaningful, formal representation in decision-making processes beyond an advisory role?
- How are you evaluating potential jurisdictional changes involving surrounding municipalities, and what safeguards do you believe are necessary to ensure equitable allocation of tax revenues, delivery of municipal services, and preservation of local representation?
- What steps have you taken, or do you plan to take, to engage directly with Devens residents and businesses to understand their perspectives and ensure that any future governance decisions support long-term economic stability and community interests?

2. Housing and Future Residential Development

- How do you approach balancing the need for increased housing supply with the requirement that infrastructure capacity—including schools, transportation, and utilities—keeps pace with development in communities such as Devens?
- What policies or frameworks do you support to guide housing development in a manner that maintains neighborhood stability, protects existing homeowners, and supports a balanced and sustainable housing market over time?
- What role should sustainability standards, including energy efficiency and low-carbon building practices, play in future housing policy, and how can the state support their adoption in a practical and scalable way?

3. Healthcare Access

- What actions are you currently supporting or advancing to improve access to emergency and hospital-based care for residents in this region following the closure of Nashoba Valley Medical Center?
- What is your perspective on the need for expanded local access to urgent care, primary care, or satellite healthcare facilities, and what efforts are underway to support these services?
- How is the state assessing the long-term regional impact of the hospital closure, and what benchmarks or measures are being used to evaluate progress in restoring access to care?