TO: Campaigns and Advocacy Committee

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**RE: Swearing-in of the BC Cabinet by Premier on Nov 18, 2024**

# Key Points

Premier David Eby has announced a new cabinet on November 18, 2024. This cabinet comprises **27 ministries**: **23 ministers** and **4 ministers of state**, supported by **14 parliamentary secretaries**.

**The new cabinet’s priorities, as per Premier Eby, include:**

* **Reducing costs for families**
* **Strengthening health care**
* **Enhancing community safety**
* **Growing the economy inclusively**
* **Building partnerships with Indigenous communities**
* **Taking action on climate change**

# Background

Following the **October 28, 2024** provincial BC election, the **BC NDP** led by Premier **David Eby** secured a **majority government**, winning 47 seats. After this, the **Lieutenant Governor** invited Premier Eby to form the government, which he accepted. On **November 18, 2024**, Premier Eby announced his new **cabinet**, consisting of **23 ministers** and **4 ministers of state**, who will oversee various key portfolios such as healthcare, education, housing, and climate action.

**Definitions**

* **Lieutenant Governo**r: The Lieutenant Governor of B.C. represents the King at the provincial level in Canada and is the legal head of state in British Columbia, which means he or she acts as chief public representative and has the highest ranking position in the provincial government.
* **Premier:** The Premier acts as the head of government for B.C. In other words, they are the first minister and chief officer of the executive branch. The majority of the time, the leader of the political party with the most elected Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) in the province becomes the Premier. The Premier recommends to the Lieutenant Governor which MLAs should be appointed as cabinet ministers.
* **Cabinet:** The B.C. Executive Council (Cabinet) includes the Premier, Cabinet Ministers, and the Lieutenant Governor in Council. It sets the policies and direction of the province and oversees day-to-day government operations.
* **Cabinet Ministers:** Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) appointed by the Premier to lead specific government ministries. These individuals are responsible for policy development and operational decisions within their respective portfolios.
* **Ministers of State:** Junior cabinet members who assist senior ministers in focused policy areas.

# Relevant Cabinet Members for CSU’s Policies

**The following ministers are directly relevant to CSU’s advocacy and policy goals:**

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| **Ministry** | **Minister** | **CSU advocacy** | **Notes** |
| **Education and Child Care** | **Lisa Beare** | **Early Childhood Education** | Previously Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills |
| **Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills** | **Anne Kang** | **Student Housing,**  **International Student Healthcare Fees, International student tuition** | Previously held a position in municipal affairs, which is now part of the housing ministry**.** |
| **Energy and Climate Solutions** | **Adrian Dix** | **Mitigating Climate Change policy - public transit** | Former Minister of Health |
| **Infrastructure** | **Bowinn Ma** | **Student Housing, Public Transit to North Shore** | North Vancouver-Lonsdale MLA, formerly managed Emergency Management and Climate Readiness |
| **Housing and Municipal Affairs** | **Ravi Kahlon** | **Student Housing** | Housing portfolio now includes municipal affairs |
| **Transportation and Transit Ministry** | **Mike Farnworth** | **Public Transportation, Climate Change** | Also House Leader; previously Deputy Premier |
| **Health** | **Josie Osborne** | **International student health fee** | Moved from Energy and Climate Solutions |

**The following cabinet members are noteworthy, but less directly relevant to CSU’s primary advocacy areas:**

1. **Attorney General and Deputy Premier:** Niki Sharma
2. **Emergency Management and Climate Readiness:** Kelly Greene
3. **Labour:** Jennifer Whiteside
4. **Environment and Parks:** Tamara Davidson
5. **Finance:** Brenda Bailey **(**Former tech entrepreneur, moved from Jobs, Economic Development, and Innovation Ministry**).**
6. **Social Development and Poverty Reduction:** Sheila Malcolmson