

For Action:

Per Diem Recommendation – 225th General Assembly

Recommendation: That the COGA approve a per diem of \$57 (\$18 for breakfast, \$14 for lunch, \$25 for dinner) for commissioners and advisory delegates to the 225th General Assembly (2022). It will be in effect during physical, in-person attendance at their assigned committee in Louisville, including dinner on the day of travel to Louisville and breakfast on the day of departure (adjusted for those with later arrivals and/or earlier departures). For commissioners and advisory delegates assigned to the committees meeting in Group 1, the per diem will also cover June 18 and 19.

Background: \$57/day is the amount COGA approved for the 224th General Assembly (2020) in Baltimore, and the amount used for calculating the revised budget for the 225th General Assembly in Louisville.

OGA staff recently researched meal costs at Galt House restaurants and other outlets near the hotel and the Presbyterian Center, and confirmed that these amounts are realistic (though not overly generous) with multiple options at those prices (including tax and gratuity).

It is expected that luncheons on committee days will be catered at the Presbyterian Center.

The GSA meal per diem amount for Louisville is \$59 (\$14, \$16, \$29).

History:

2018 (St. Louis)	\$54
2016 (Portland)	\$50
2014 (Detroit)	\$50
2012 (Pittsburgh)	\$47
2010 (Minneapolis)	\$45
2008 (San Jose)	\$45
2006 (Birmingham)	\$39
2004 (Richmond)	\$38