

Rhode Island's Future - House Leadership Set to Change Hands from Murphy to Fox

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[The Providence Journal is reporting](#) that the House Democratic caucus is set to meet to vote on their new leadership team and, based on reports, that new leadership team will be as follows:

1. Speaker: [Gordon Fox \(D-4\)](#)
2. Majority Leader: [Nicholas Mattiello \(D-15\)](#)
3. Whip: [J. Patrick O'Neill \(D-59\)](#)

The Journal's report also indicates that Republican Bob Watson and Democrat Greg Schadone will formally be nominated for the Speaker's position, but that they acknowledge not having enough votes to be Speaker.

Two additional things.

1. Note that the Whip position became available when current Majority Whip - [Peter Kilmartin \(D-61\)](#) announced that [he was going to run for Attorney General in 2010](#)

2. There will likely be changes to a few committees. It has already been announced that Rep. John McCauley will become the new chair of the municipal government committee. Expect changes in Labor and Environment as well.