



**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**
(Teleconference/Web Conference Made Available)

County Supervisors Association
1905 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona

**MINUTES
January 13, 2023**

Call to Order:	Jason Whiting	9:03 a.m.
Present In Person:	Alton Joe Shepherd Harry Oberg	Apache County Yavapai County
Present Telephonically/Webinar:	Ann English Matt Ryan Danny Smith Richard Lunt Duce Minor Steve Gallardo Hildy Angius Jason Whiting Rex Scott Stephen Miller Rudy Molera Lynne Pancrazi	Cochise County Coconino County Graham County Greenlee County La Paz County Maricopa County Mohave County Navajo County Pima County Pinal County Santa Cruz County Yuma County
Absent:	Steve Christensen	Gila County

Others present telephonically: Patrice Horstman, Paul David, Jean Bishop, Craig Brown, Mary Mallory, Ryan Patterson, James Menlove, Dustin Welker, Derek Rapier, Jennifer St. John, Maury Thompson, Ian McGaughey, Michelle Hindman, Glenn Kephart, Jesus Valdez, Alejandro Figueroa, Richard Karwazcka, Sam Elters, Chris Keller, Israel Kiyogera, Todd Madeksza, Rochelle Lacapa, Gregory Nelson, David Galaviz, Cristina Arzaga Williams, Sarah Hall, Michael Racy, Marilyn Van Keuren, Maria Klucarova, Tami Ryall, Barbara Spoonhour, Cynthia Gentle, Kim Challender, Juan Frisby, Sofia Stokes, Catherine Boland, Luke Mourmian, Audrey Serrano, Kim Briggs, Mark Barnes, Craig Sullivan, Robin Hillyard

Others present in person: Penny Adams, Vanessa Fielder, Jacob Emnett, Brandon Nee

President Jason Whiting welcomed everyone. Penny Adams called roll and a quorum was present. President Whiting welcomed the Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) members and thanked everyone for their participation.

Overview of the Legislative Policy Committee

Roster of Committee Members and Overview of the LPC. Craig Sullivan provided an overview of the Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) including the purpose, county membership and alternate representatives, the policies of the County Supervisors Association (CSA) and the importance of working together and with the legislature, the voting policy, how legislative bills are brought forward and what types of actions can be taken, and the schedule of LPC meetings. He noted that an LPC report will be provided after every LPC meeting and the report will be distributed to the full board membership.

President Jason Whiting encouraged the importance of establishing a relationship with each legislative delegation, practicing as nonpartisan in order to put forward the united brand of counties and establish collaborative efforts. He asked supervisors to reach out to legislators to encourage

their attendance at the CSA Legislative Reception scheduled for next week on the night before the CSA Board of Directors meeting.

Legislative Request to Speak System. Robin Hillyard provided information on the request to speak system at the legislature. She encouraged supervisors to visit the legislative portal on the CSA website that has direct links to the Legislature website and request to speak system, links to CSA priority documents, resolutions, bills, and directions for navigating the Legislature's website. After member discussion, she stated that an email will be provided to members providing their login information for the request to speak system, and to reach out to her or Jacob Emmett with any questions.

CSA Legislative Agenda

Craig Sullivan thanked those supervisors who came down to attend the Inauguration, the Governor's State of the State, and the Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day. He noted about 400 bills have been introduced so far, which is a little lower than usual. He stated the Governor will release her budget recommendations later today and CSA will analyze it and provide a report. Craig reviewed the CSA legislative budget priorities and noted CSA staff have been meeting with legislators, leadership, and legislative staff.

- 1) CSA Legislative Budget Priorities
 - a) [HB 2018 counties; committee youth contributions; repeal](#) (Livingston)
 - b) Transportation Infrastructure
 - c) Broadband Infrastructure
 - d) Public Safety Pensions
 - e) Court Probation Officers Funding

Jacob Emmett presented on the CSA policy priorities.

- 2) CSA Policy Priorities
 - a) Folder 688 - jails; mental health; evaluations; treatment (Shope): bill folder ready; seeking a meeting with Senator Kern as it is believed it will go to the Senate Judiciary committee.
 - b) Folder 1063 – County Attorney School Representation (Bennett): draft language completed; working with stakeholders.
 - c) Folder 1172 - counties; advertising contracts; term; notice (Dunn): expect the bill to go to the House Government committee, where Representative Dunn is chairman; have also spoken with Representative Longdon and Senate Government Chairman Jake Hoffman.
 - d) Out of State Biosolids: have had discussions with Arizona State Land Commissioner Lisa Atkins, Director Cabrera of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, and the governor's staff.
 - e) Number of Court Ordered Evaluations: continue to have conversations seeking a path forward and to identify a bill sponsor.
 - f) County Completed Project Thresholds: will continue discussions with targeted members after receiving potential opposition from the Association of General Contractors.

President Whiting thanked everyone for their hard work.

Legislative Bills for Discussion and Possible Action

- 1) Folder 1066 EORP; appropriations; repayment. Brandon Nee noted this is now HB 2430 with Representative Livingston as the bill sponsor and House Appropriations chair. He briefed the membership, but noted this will be brought back next week to the CSA Board of Directors for consideration and possible action and possibly for a Coalition Letter of Support. The County Managers Association will also be briefed today. CSA has been working with the bill sponsor and legislative staff.
- 2) [HB 2028 PSPRS; contribution rates](#). Vanessa Fielder presented comprehensive information on this bill regarding employee PSPRS contribution rates and noted it would be brought back at a future meeting for consideration.
- 3) [HB 2017 public officers; residency requirements](#). Jacob Emmett reported this bill would permit a deputy or assistant of an elected officer to reside outside of the state. He noted the bill originated with Yavapai County Attorney Sheila Polk. The Arizona Association of Counties (AACo) has adopted it in their legislative agenda. Discussion occurred.

- 4) [HB 2019 licensing; permitting; criteria; clarity](#). Jacob reported on this licensing/permitting bill and noted some counties have expressed concerns. Discussion occurred. CSA will continue to monitor this legislation and work with the counties.
- 5) [SB 1020 open meetings; capacity; posting](#). Robin Hillyard stated this open meetings' law bill was similar to HB 2070 from last year by Representative Kavanagh, but that bill included a civil penalty for violations not included in this year's bill. She noted in the feedback received from counties there were some concerns. She said she will continue to work with counties and will reach out to the county clerks association for feedback. She noted HB 2144 by Representative Dunn has also been dropped and is identical to last year's HB 2070, including the civil penalty.
- 6) [SB 1031 public employees; employment; termination](#). Robin reported on this bill that prohibits a state agency or political subdivision from terminating an employee based on their vaccination status or political affiliation. Discussion occurred.

Other Legislative Issues

None.

Reminder of CSA Legislative Reception

President Jason Whiting provided a reminder of the CSA Legislative Reception set for next Wednesday, January 18, at 5:00 p.m. at the CSA offices and encouraged supervisors to reach out to their legislators to attend as this was a great opportunity to further the county/state relationship.

Next Meeting Date and Time

President Jason Whiting advised that the LPC will next meet in conjunction with the CSA Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, January 19, at 10:00 a.m., which means an LPC meeting will not be held on Friday, January 20. He stated that Governor Hobbs will be the key speaker at the board meeting. Discussion occurred encouraging members to attend in person or by webinar to show the Governor that this organization is united and is a resource the state can lean on.

Other Business and Adjournment

President Jason Whiting thanked everyone for their participation. There being no further business, President Whiting adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.