



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

County Supervisors Association  
1905 West Washington  
Phoenix, Arizona

**MINUTES  
February 3, 2023**

<b>Call to Order:</b>	Jason Whiting	9:01 a.m.
<b>Present In Person:</b>	Jason Whiting	Navajo County
<b>Present Telephonically/Webinar:</b>		
	Alton Joe Shepherd	Apache County
	Ann English	Cochise County
	Matt Ryan	Coconino County
	Steve Christensen	Gila County
	Danny Smith	Graham County
	Richard Lunt	Greenlee County
	Duce Minor	La Paz County
	Steve Gallardo	Maricopa County
	Hildy Angius	Mohave County
	Rex Scott	Pima County
	Stephen Miller	Pinal County
	Harry Oberg	Yavapai County
<b>Absent:</b>	Rudy Molera	Santa Cruz County
	Lynne Pancrazi	Yuma County

**Others present telephonically:** Patrice Horstman, Jean Bishop, Paul David, John Howard, James Gregory, Glenn Kephart, Sam Elters, Alejandro Figueroa, Jesus Valdez, Tami Ryall, Chris Keller, Rochelle Lacapa, Todd Madeksza, Gregory Nelson, David Galaviz, Cristina Arzaga Williams, Danny De Hoog, Israel Kiyogera, Cynthia Gentle, Sarah Hall, Michael Racy, Marlyn Van Keuren, Marianne Salem, Barbara Fox-Thomas, Maria Klucarova, Barbara Spoonhour, Andy Jacobs, Corey Ringenberg, Jen Hammond, Juan Frisby, Sofia Stokes, Jackson Jenkins, G. Crews, Catherine Boland, Luke Mournian, Audrey Serrano, Mark Barnes, AACo Intern Christina

**Others present in person:** Craig Sullivan, Penny Adams, Vanessa Fielder, Robin Hillyard Jacob Emmett, Yvonne Ortega

CSA President Jason Whiting welcomed everyone. Penny Adams called roll and a quorum was present.

**CSA Legislative Agenda**

Jacob Emmett provided a report on CSA budget and policy priorities. He noted the Senate's last day to file bills was January 30 and the Senate had filed 719 bills to date. He stated the House's last day to file bills is February 6 and 609 bills have been filed to date in the House.

Jacob reported that HB 2018 passed out of House Appropriations; HB 2430 passed House Ways and Means last week; HB 2052 passed House Government a few weeks ago; and SB 1077 and SB 1211 are up next week in their respective committees. He added that bills are being held and not going through Rules as the legislature focuses on the budget.

- 1) CSA Legislative Budget Priorities
  - a) [HB 2018 counties; committee youth contributions; repeal](#)
  - b) Transportation Infrastructure
  - c) Broadband Infrastructure
  - d) Public Safety Pensions
    - [HB 2430 EORP; appropriations; repayment](#) ([CSA Support Document](#))
  - e) Court Probation Officers Funding
- 2) CSA Policy Priorities
  - a) [SB 1077 jails; mental health; evaluations; treatment.](#)
  - b) [SB 1211 county attorney; representation; duties.](#)
  - c) [HB 2052 counties; advertising contracts; term; notice.](#)

### **Legislative Bills for Discussion and Possible Action**

President Jason Whiting shared that the bills listed on the agenda will be presented in a different order.

- 1) [HB 2304 voting locations; precinct-based.](#) Robin Hillyard reported on HB 2304. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Rex Scott moved to oppose HB 2304. Supervisor Ann English seconded the motion. Further discussion occurred. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2) [HB 2307 elections; hand counting; machines; prohibition.](#) Robin reported on HB 2307. Supervisor Rex Scott moved to oppose HB 2307. Supervisor Ann English seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 7) [SB 1103 administrative review; approvals; developments.](#) Robin reported this bill is from Senate President Petersen and was drafted by the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, which supports it. Robin noted that feedback received from the counties has been mixed reviews. President Jason Whiting shared his recent conversation with Senate President Petersen. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Ann English moved to support SB 1103. Supervisor Steve Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Matt Ryan requested staff continue to monitor the bill language as the bill proceeds in the process.
- 8) [SB 1105 early ballots; election day tabulation.](#) Jacob Emmett presented SB 1105 and noted it is permissive. Supervisor Rex Scott moved to oppose SB 1105. Supervisor Ann English seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. The motion passed unanimously.
- 9) [SB 1162 home-based businesses; restrictions; prohibition.](#) Jacob stated he had received various feedback from counties on SB 1162, with most indicating counties already have this power. Discussion occurred. Consensus was for staff to continue to monitor the bill and bring it back at a later date if it moves forward.
- 11) [SB 1245 VLT; cities and towns; counties.](#) Vanessa Fielder reported SB 1245 would require all revenue from VLT distributed to counties/cities/towns be used for transportation purposes only. Supervisor Duce Minor moved to oppose SB 1245. Supervisor Richard Lunt seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 12) [SB 1263 business personal property; tax exemption.](#) Vanessa reported SB 1263 would exempt personal property from property taxes in FY 2024. She noted it is scheduled for Senate Finance next Monday with the bill sponsor chairing the Senate Finance Committee. Supervisor Ann English moved to oppose. Supervisor Danny Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 13) [SB 1276 assessed valuation; class one property.](#) Vanessa reported SB 1276 would modify the accelerated depreciation schedule for some business personal property. She noted the bill is scheduled in Senate Finance next Monday. Supervisor Matt Ryan moved to oppose SB 1276. Supervisor Richard Lunt seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 14) [SB 1325 TPT; administration; remote sellers.](#) Vanessa reported SB 1325 would make changes on how remote sellers collect taxes and remit them. She noted that as written it is unclear if county excise taxes would be included. She added that the LPC opposed a similar bill last year. Supervisor Richard Lunt moved to oppose SB 1325. Supervisor Duce Minor seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 5) [SB 1096 firearms; contracts; prohibited practices](#) and 6) [SB 1611 public entities contracts; prohibition.](#) Robin reported that SB 1096 and SB 1611 are similar. She noted that the Arizona Association of Counties (AACo) reported concern over losing potential banking partners. She

noted that one recommendation from the Summit was to indicate that it would be deemed to be included in the contract if a company enters into a contract with an Arizona public entity. Supervisor Matt Ryan moved to oppose SB 1096 and SB 1611. Supervisor Ann English seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 3) [HB 2534 mortgaged property; tax statements; email](#). Jacob reported this bill originated from AACo. Supervisor Richard Lunt moved to support HB 2534. Supervisor Rex Scott seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 10) [SB 1178 early voting; identification; signature](#). Jacob reported this bill was an AACo bill. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Richard Lunt moved to support SB 1178. Supervisor Rex Scott seconded the motion and remarked that the bill sponsor was a former Secretary of State. The motion passed unanimously.
- 15) [SB 1593 recall; requirements; petitions](#). Jacob reported this bill was an AACo bill. Supervisor Rex Scott moved to support SB 1593. Supervisor Harry Oberg seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 4) [HB 2560 images; voter lists; records; contest](#) / [SB 1324 images; voter lists; records; contest](#). Robin reported this bill was for information only at this time as AACo is seeking feedback from county recorders and election directors.

#### **Other Legislative Issues**

None.

#### **Next Meeting Date and Time**

President Jason Whiting reported there would not be an LPC meeting next Friday as most people will be travelling to the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference. He stated the next meeting will be held in conjunction with the CSA Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, February 16, at 10:00 a.m.

#### **Other Business and Adjournment**

There being no further business, President Jason Whiting adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.