



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

County Supervisors Association
1905 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona

**MINUTES
February 2, 2024**

Call to Order:	Steve Miller	8:30 a.m.
Present In Person:	Alton Joe Shepherd Richard Lunt Stephen Miller	Apache County Greenlee County Pinal County
Present Telephonically/Webinar:	Ann English Patrice Horstman Steve Christensen Paul David Duce Minor Steve Gallardo Hildy Angius Jason Whiting Rex Scott Manny Ruiz James Gregory Lynne Pancrazi	Cochise County Coconino County Gila County Graham County La Paz County Maricopa County Mohave County Navajo County Pima County Santa Cruz County Yavapai County Yuma County
Absent:	None	

Others present telephonically: Lena Fowler, Jean Bishop, Daryl Seymore, John Howard, Clay Mack, Dustin Welker, Sam Elters, Maury Thompson, Michael Racy, Alejandro Figueroa, Rochelle Lacapa, Tami Ryall, Danny De Hoog, Brandon Gaylord, Sarah Hall, Gregory Nelson, Coconino PIO, Luke Mournian, Kim Challender Briggs, J. Frisby, Connie DeKemper, Amber Pava, Aidan Hume, Andrew Butler, Tristan Wulffson, Blake Tonn, Wiame Nazih, Tom Dorn, Karen Kruse, Mark Barnes, Brandon Nee

Others present in person: Craig Sullivan, Penny Adams, Vanessa Fielder, Jacob Emmett, Zoe Averill, Brooke White, Yvonne Ortega, Kavya Venkatraman

CSA President Steve Miller welcomed everyone. Penny Adams called roll and a quorum was present.

Minutes for Review

Supervisor Manny Ruiz moved to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2024, CSA Legislative Policy Committee meeting. Supervisor Richard Lunt seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

CSA Legislative Agenda

Craig Sullivan reported that committee hearings will continue to be busy over the next few weeks in the house of origin. He said the chair of the subcommittee on state and local resources of House Appropriations asked CSA to present at her committee next week on some CSA budget items.

Adopted Budget Proposals. Craig reported the ACJC bill (HB 2716) has been introduced by Representative Travers and has been assigned to House Government.

Adopted Policy Priorities. Craig reported the automatic recount issue is very active right now and it is looking like a solution needs to be reached by February 9. He extended appreciation to Jen Marson for all her work on this issue.

Legislative Bills for Discussion and Possible Action

- 1) [SB 1054](#) state construction project delivery methods. Brooke White reported that positive feedback had been received from the counties. Supervisor Ann English moved to support SB 1054. Supervisor Jason Whiting seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 2) Secure Behavioral Health Facilities
 - a. [SB 1068](#) secure behavioral health facilities; appropriations.
 - b. [SB 1101](#) appropriations; secure behavioral health facilities.

Jacob Emmett provided an update on SB 1068, which had been approved at the January CSA board meeting pending a favorable amendment. He reported an amendment was put on SB 1101 to add Title 13 commitments on the bill, which is an identical bill to SB 1068, but not the original bill discussed and voted on.
- 3) [SB 1076](#) marijuana funds; uses; enforcement & [HB 2452](#) marijuana funds; uses; enforcement. Zoe Averill reported there is no cap on the grants proposed in these two mirror bills. She noted the Public Health Association adopted a neutral position, and SB 1076 was held in Senate Health & Human Services this week. Supervisor Rex Scott moved to oppose SB 1076 and HB 2452 as currently drafted. Supervisor Richard Lunt seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 4) [SB 1286](#) elections; voting centers; polling places. Jacob reported some counties expressed concern with this bill. Supervisor Ann English moved to oppose SB 1286. Supervisor Rex Scott seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5) [SB 1495](#) personal property exemption; increase. Vanessa Fielder reported on SB 1495 and indicated further clarification is needed. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Manny Ruiz moved to oppose SB 1495 as written until further clarification is received. Supervisor Patrice Horstman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 6) [SB 1498](#) insurance; lienholder; third-party liability. Jacob reported the bill adds a step to what the county can recover in public funds paid via workers' compensation before a third-party is deemed liable. Supervisor Ann English moved to oppose SB 1498. Supervisor Richard Lunt seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 7) Maricopa County Division
 - a. [HCR 2025](#) division; Maricopa county; new counties. Vanessa reported HCR 2025 and SB 1292 were similar, but not identical, bills. She reported on both bills including that each proposal would reduce the shared sales tax distribution from the 14 counties and divert it to Maricopa County. She added the LPC opposed a similar measure last year. Supervisor Alton Shepherd moved to oppose HCR 2025. Supervisor Richard Lunt seconded the motion. Supervisor Steve Gallardo expressed concerns that the measures were not good for the residents of Maricopa County and would welcome a stakeholder meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. [SB 1292](#) Maricopa county; division; new counties. Supervisor Richard Lunt moved to oppose SB 1292. Supervisor James Gregory seconded the motion the motion passed unanimously.
- 8) Type 03 School District Property Tax
 - a. [HB 2173](#) county aid; school districts; revisions. Vanessa provided an update from the LPC discussion held a few weeks ago. She reported HB 2173 passed unanimously out of House Education and was amended to address some stakeholder concerns, including county feedback
 - b. [SB 1663](#) common school districts; tuition; expenditures. Vanessa reported this bill would repeal changes made to Type 03 districts made by Laws 2022, Chap. 285. She noted clarification has been requested from legislative staff. Discussion occurred.
- 9) [HB 2097](#) gray water; definition; residential standards. Jacob reported mixed feedback had been received from counties on HB 2097, but most leaned toward opposition. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Manny Ruiz moved to oppose HB 2097. Supervisor Lynne Pancrazi seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 10) [HB 2632](#) zoning violations; enforcement; notice; service. Brooke reported some bill language clarification is necessary on HB 2632. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Steve Gallardo moved to oppose HB 2632. Supervisor Ann English seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Other Legislative Issues

Supervisor Rex Scott requested staff provide updates should the funding for childcare in the DES budget be threatened as budget discussions occur at the legislature. Craig Sullivan responded CSA would do that.

Consideration and Approval of CSA President's Temporary Position Authority on Legislative Matters

Craig Sullivan explained that due to the fluidity of legislative action and because the LPC will not meet for two weeks, as next week's meeting is cancelled due to members travelling to the NACo Legislative Conference, the proposal presented is to provide temporary delegated authority to the CSA president during this timeframe, in order to be able to direct staff to register potential positions on possible legislative matters that would fall under the criteria of having a negative impact on county operations, resources, or constituent responsiveness. Supervisor Manny Ruiz moved to approve the CSA president's temporary authority on legislative matters. Supervisor Steve Gallardo seconded the motion and expressed his approval that CSA be able to readily engage during this critical time period. Craig added that should this authority be approved, CSA would report out at the next LPC meeting scheduled for February 16 and seek consideration and codification of any positions taken. Supervisor Paul David also requested updates be provided on any action taken, as CSA usually provides. Supervisor Ann English added that supervisors can login to the Request to Speak system in support of CSA's position on legislation. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Date and Time

President Steve Miller provided a reminder there would not be a meeting held next week on February 2, and the next meeting will be held on Friday, February 16, at 8:30 a.m.

Other Business

Supervisor Jean Bishop requested a summary on water legislation and Craig Sullivan noted CSA is tracking all water legislation and can provide a tracking list. President Steve Miller noted that he sits on the CAP board and the legislative committee for the CAP and the meetings can be viewed online to learn the CAP's position on water legislation. Supervisor Steve Christensen complimented CSA staff for always being prepared and ready to answer questions.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Steve Miller adjourned the meeting at 9:29 a.m.