



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

County Supervisors Association
1905 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona

**MINUTES
March 1, 2024**

Call to Order:	Steve Miller	8:30 a.m.
Present In Person:	Alton Joe Shepherd Steve Miller	Apache County Pinal County
Present Telephonically/Webinar:	Ann English Patrice Horstman Steve Christensen Paul David Richard Lunt Duce Minor Steve Gallardo Hildy Angius Daryl Seymore Rex Scott Manny Ruiz James Gregory	Cochise County Coconino County Gila County Graham County Greenlee County La Paz County Maricopa County Mohave County Navajo County Pima County Santa Cruz County Yavapai County
Absent:	Lynne Pancrazi	Yuma County

Others present telephonically: Lena Fowler, Jean Bishop, John Howard, Clay Mack, James Menlove, Dustin Welker, Sam Elters, Alejandro Figueroa, Rich Karwaczka, Rochelle Lacapa, Tami Ryall, Chris Keller, Danny De Hoog, Brandon Gaylord, Keith Brekhus, Corey Ringenberg, Sarah Hall, J. Frisby, Tristan Wulffson, Wiame Nazih, Lucas Atencio, Tom Dorn, Karen Kruse, Brandon Nee, Brooke White

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

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

CSA Legislative Agenda

Craig Sullivan reported bills have been crossing over to the other chamber and the deadline to hear bills in the opposite chamber is March 22. He noted there are 17 House legislators going on a trip to Israel this month which could impact committee hearings.

Adopted Budget Proposals. Craig reported CSA has been distributing options for the budget that would address CSA issues. He reviewed CSA's budget priorities. In reply to Supervisor Rex Scott's query on the childcare subsidy reimbursement issue being added to the DES budget, Craig replied that in addition to CSA having sent a letter in the fall on this issue, the issue has become part of the Governor's budget and would be part of the overall budget discussion.

Adopted Policy Priorities. Craig reported the ACJC bill passed through the House and CSA will keep working on it in the opposite chamber. In response to Supervisor Steve Christensen's query on HB 2785 regarding a delayed enactment date, Craig replied there is a trailer bill on this and a summary on it would be distributed today.

Legislative Bills for Discussion and Possible Action

- 1) Procurement; Written Certification. Jacob Emmett referred to prior legislation passed on procurement, *i.e.*, Laws 2016, Chapter 46, and Laws 2022, Chapter 295. He also commented on a current proposal

that, among other things, provides confusion to smaller businesses and adds additional delays to the procurement process. After having received concerns from counties, Jacob presented a proposed policy statement for legislators and legislative staff that the proposal on the procurement process is not working for public entities. He noted the draft proposed policy statement letter will be distributed today to counties. Supervisor Rex Scott moved to approve for staff to proceed on the recommendation counties' stand in support of the proposed policy statement. Supervisor Ann English seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. The motion passed unanimously.

- 2) [HB 2101](#): land division; applicant submissions; review. Brooke White presented HB 2101 and stated counties had provided feedback. Supervisor Richard Lunt moved to support HB 2101. Supervisor Daryl Seymore seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 3) [HB 2815](#): religious institutions; use-by-right development. Brooke reported HB 2815 had been previously discussed at last week's CSA board of directors meeting and CSA had received feedback from counties. Discussion occurred. Craig Sullivan reported CSA had a meeting scheduled with the bill sponsor yesterday, but it had to be cancelled due to floor action. Supervisor Rex Scott moved to oppose HB 2815 as written and to encourage CSA staff to continue the dialogue with the bill sponsor. Supervisor Patrice Horstman seconded the motion. Further discussion occurred. Supervisor Steve Gallardo mentioned he had just contacted the bill sponsor who indicated he is willing to address county concerns. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4) [SB 1677](#): firefighters; peace officers; PTSD; therapy. Craig Sullivan reported on SB 1677 and indicated it creates concerns in the workers comp system. He referred to a proposed amendment received this week that would take it out of the workers comp system but would still create a county general fund liability. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Ann English moved to oppose SB 1677 and any amendments proposed. Supervisor Hildy Angius seconded the motion. Further discussion occurred. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Legislative Issues

Jacob Emnett provided an update on the following legislation: SB 1278 (passed the Senate yesterday with bipartisan support) and HB 2703 (passed the House yesterday with bipartisan support) – Jacob noted CSA will continue to testify in committee and express concerns; HB 2096 (failed for the second time on the House floor with no motion for reconsideration) – he thanked counties for advocating their concerns; HB 2097 (county environmental health professionals had expressed concerns; passed the House on party lines; an amendment may be forthcoming); HB 2275 (the CSA board had previously opposed this bill; passed the House on party lines; CSA will continue to oppose the bill in the Senate); and HB 2632 (the bill sponsor may entertain an amendment, but until then, CSA will continue to oppose the bill).

Vanessa Fielder provided an update on HB 2329 s/e (indicated the bill could create future unfunded county liability; the bill is pending House Rules).

Craig Sullivan reported on noteworthy resolutions/ballot referrals. He noted five have already passed, two more are possibilities, and at least 20 more are in play. He proposed the question on how many would be considered too many wherein the ballot would be multiple pages that could affect the speed in which the ballots are printed and sent out.

Next Meeting Date and Time

President Steve Miller noted the next meeting will be held on Friday, March 8, at 8:30 a.m.

Other Business

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Steve Miller adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.