



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

County Supervisors Association
1905 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona

**MINUTES
March 15, 2024**

Call to Order:	Steve Miller	8:31 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 Lynne Pancrazi	Cochise County Coconino County Gila County Graham County Greenlee County La Paz County Maricopa County Mohave County Navajo County Pima County Santa Cruz County Yuma County
Absent:	James Gregory	Yavapai County

Others present telephonically: Lena Fowler, Jean Bishop, John Howard, Clay Mack, James Menlove, Dustin Welker, Sam Elters, Alejandro Figueroa, Rich Karwaczka, Michael Racy, Rochelle Lacapa, Sarah Hall, Gregory Nelson, J. Frisby, Crews G., Joe Casey, Andy Jacobs, Wiame Nazih, Lucas Atencio, Tom Dorn, Jen Marson, Mark Barnes

Others present in person: Maury Thompson, Tristan Wulffson, Craig Sullivan, Penny Adams, Vanessa Fielder, Jacob Emnett, Zoe Averill, Kavya Venkatraman

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

Minutes for Consideration and Approval

Supervisor Manny Ruiz moved to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2024, CSA Legislative Policy Committee meeting as presented. Supervisor Richard Lunt seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

CSA Legislative Agenda

Craig Sullivan reported next week is the last week to hear bills in the opposite chamber. He added there are still a number of bills of interest to counties scheduled in committees next week. He noted CSA is continuing to distribute CSA's document on county budget priorities. He reported there have been no direct conversations between the governor and legislature, although a meeting had been scheduled for this week that was ultimately cancelled. He added this provides the opportunity to continue to communicate county budget priorities.

Craig mentioned that the Chief Justice spoke with legislators this week, which points to counties needing to put the pressure on the legislature. He noted that after committees next week floor action will pick up.

Legislative Bills for Discussion and Possible Action

- 1) **SB 1357**: early ballots; affidavits; privacy ([Senate Engrossed](#)). Jacob Emnett reported SB 1357 contained only one sentence. He reported concerns were that the bill did not contain a delayed effective date, which could mean the requirement for something like a “privacy flap” on mailed ballot envelopes could be effective for this year’s election. Supervisor Ann English moved to oppose SB 1357. Supervisor Patrice Horstman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 2) **HB 2177**: jury; parental rights; termination ([House Engrossed](#)). Jacob presented HB 2177 and noted the effective date would be June 30, 2025. He stated the differences reported as ongoing costs from the different agencies (Administrative Office of the Courts; Attorney General’s Office; and Joint Legislative Budget Committee) were basically from how the agencies viewed the number of cases that would go to jury trial. He noted the bill did not contain an appropriation. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Richard Lunt moved to oppose HB 2177. Supervisor Lynne Pancrazi seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Other Legislative Issues

None.

Next Meeting Date and Time

President Steve Miller noted the next meeting will be held in conjunction with the CSA Board of Directors meeting next Thursday, March 21, at 10:00 a.m. He reported there will not be a meeting held on Friday, March 29, due to the holiday, but then the next LPC meeting will be held on Friday, April 5, at 8:30 a.m.

Other Business

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Steve Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:50 a.m.