



**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION  
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

*(Teleconference/Web Conference Made Available)*

County Supervisors  
Association  
1905 West Washington  
Phoenix, Arizona

**MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 27, 2026**

<b>Call to Order:</b>	Alton Joe Shepherd	8:30 a.m.
<b>Present In Person:</b>	Alton Joe Shepherd	Apache County
<b>Present Telephonically/Webinar:</b>		
	Patrice Horstman	Coconino County
	Steve Christensen	Gila County
	Paul David	Graham County
	William Wearne	Greenlee County
	David Plunkett	La Paz County
	Kate Brophy McGee	Maricopa County
	Sonny Borrelli	Mohave County
	Jason Whiting	Navajo County
	Rex Scott	Pima County
	Stephen Miller	Pinal County
	Luis Carlos Davis	Santa Cruz County
	Mary Mallory	Yavapai County
	Lynne Pancrazi	Yuma County
<b>Absent:</b>	Frank Antenori	Cochise County
<b>Proxy:</b>	Duce Minor	La Paz County

**Others present telephonically:** Chris Kuknyo, Lena Fowler, John Howard, Clay Mack, Sam Elters, Dustin Welker, Chris Keller, Tami Ryall, Rochelle Lacapa, Alejandro Figueroa, Michael Racy, Chelle Ewald, Tami Ryall, Cynthia Gentle, Keith Brekhus, Blake Tonn, Marlyn Van Keuren, Kim Briggs, Mark Barnes, Alexis Susdorf, Karen Kruse, Andy Jacobs, Andy Tobin, Brandon Nee, Yvonne Ortega

**Others present in person:** Craig Sullivan, Penny Adams, Jacob Emmett, Kaytlin King, Zoe Averill, Angel Gutierrez

President Alton Joe Shepherd welcomed everyone. Penny Adams called roll and a quorum was present.

**CSA Legislative Agenda**

**Legislative Context.** Kaytlin King provided an overview of the current legislative context, indicating that no new bills have been introduced since last week’s CSA board meeting. She noted this was crossover week, where only the two chambers’ Appropriations committees met.

**Adopted Budget Priorities.** Kaytlin noted HB 2292 wildfire prevention authority; fund and HB 2619 S/E regarding post-wildfire flooding did not get a hearing in House Appropriations. Jacob Emmett noted CSA will continue to engage with counties, legislators, and the Governor’s Office on budget bills to keep the conversation ongoing.



Adopted Policy Priorities. Kaytlin reported on CSA's adopted legislative priorities:

SB 1067 county abatement liens; notice; priority. Went through Committee of the Whole (COW).

HB 2270 county seal; authority; sheriff's posse. Scheduled next week in COW with an amendment.

HB 2096 forgivable financial assistance; cesspool remediation. Scheduled for Senate Natural Resources next week.

HB 2439 public cold plunge; rules; exemption. Passed the House.

SB 1419 solar energy; inspection; contractors. Scheduled next week in COW with an amendment.

HB 2324 fire code; municipalities; county buildings. Scheduled next week in COW with an amendment.

HB 2022 elections; July primary; curing; observers. Was the first bill signed into law as Chapter 1.

### Updates

- 1) **SB 1504:** PSPRS; service requirement; cost-of-living adjustment. Craig Sullivan remarked that this bill was presented at last week's CSA board meeting. He stated the bill passed Public Safety 5-2 and the Senate Appropriations committee this week rejected the bill. He reported CSA had worked closely with the League of Arizona Cities and Towns and the Arizona Tax Research Association to oppose the measure. He commended the CSA team for putting together effective data to help empower the lawmakers in their decisions. He noted in his email to the counties this week to thank the lawmakers who opposed the measure.

- 2) Crossover Week: Engagement Strategies for the Second Half of Session

1. **HB 4030:** rates; fees; taxes; moratorium & **HCR 2052:** rates; fees; taxes; moratorium. Craig Sullivan reported the CSA Executive Committee had signed onto a letter opposing HB 4030 and HCR 2052. He noted the bills did move so CSA will engage supervisors to connect with legislators next week.
2. **HCR 2016:** voting centers; precinct voting. Jacob Emmett reported on HCR 2016 and noted that although the measure was not on a committee agenda for next week, it may be so in the future. He stated CSA will work with supervisors in communicating with legislators. Discussion occurred.

- a. Small Modular Nuclear Reactors; Power Plants

1. **SB 1418:** corporation commission; small modular reactors
2. **HB 2452:** comprehensive plans; data centers; nuclear
3. **HB 2456:** small modular reactors; zoning; co-location
4. **HB 2795:** small modular reactors; zoning; approval
5. **HB 2494:** certificate; environmental compatibility; zoning exemption

Jacob Emmett described each of these bills that were crafted in a similar vein. He noted three of the bills failed. He stated CSA has testified on all of the bills expressing county concerns. He noted a meeting is scheduled for later today with Representative Carbone on his bill. CSA will continue to communicate on these measures.

- 3) Other

Kaytlin King reported on the status of bills CSA has processed, which includes 12 that never received a hearing, five CSA amended, two that failed in committee, and 23 that are still in play.

Jacob Emmett reported HCR 2056 medical mandates; right to refuse passed the House Committee of the Whole. He indicated CSA has received some concerns from counties and that the bill language is very broad. He noted CSA will continue to track this measure and that as an HCR, it will bypass the Governor and go to the ballot.

### Other Legislative Issues

None.



**Next Meeting Date and Time**

President Alton Joe Shepherd noted the next LPC meeting would be held on March 6 at 8:30 a.m.

**Other Business**

President Alton Joe Shepherd thanked everyone for joining today and for being a part of the LPC.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, President Alton Joe Shepherd adjourned the meeting at 9.05 a.m.