



**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

(Teleconference/Web Conference Made Available)

County Supervisors
Association
1905 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona

**MINUTES
MARCH 27, 2026**

Call to Order:	Alton Joe Shepherd	8:30 a.m.
Present In Person:	Alton Joe Shepherd	Apache County
Present Telephonically/Webinar:		
	Frank Antenori	Cochise County
	Patrice Horstman	Coconino County
	Stephen Christensen	Gila County
	Paul David	Graham County
	William Wearne	Greenlee County
	Duce Minor	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
	Lynne Pancrazi	Yuma County
Absent:	Mary Mallory	Yavapai County
Proxy:	Mary Mallory	Yavapai County

Others present telephonically: Lena Fowler, Daryl Seymore, John Howard, Clay Mack, Rich Vitiello, James Menlove, Dustin Welker, Sharon Gilman, Sam Elters, Dave Strahl, Alejandro Figueroa, Eric Peterson, Rochelle Lacapa, Cynthia Gentle, Michael Racy, Danny De Hoog, Tristan Wulffson, Joe Casey, Kim Briggs, Shawn Johnson, Chelle Ewald, Karen Kruse, Sophia W., Mark Barnes, Brandon Nee, Yvonne Ortega

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

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

President Shepherd reported on a meeting with Governor Hobbs this week, accompanied by Supervisors Brophy McGee and Pancrazi, along with CSA staff. President Shepherd stated several issues were discussed with the governor, including thanking her for committing to \$10.4 million for probation officer salaries and ongoing issues, a reminder of how cost shifts hinder county revenue, the need to protect taxpayer investments in the public pension system, the request of local flexibility/input on energy production and large load facilities, statewide transportation infrastructure, along with CSA priority legislation. He reported the opioid settlement was also mentioned and the governor indicated she would speak with the Auditor General. He stated that overall it was a very good meeting and thanked his colleagues for participating and thanked CSA staff for preparing the information to make it a productive meeting.

Minutes for Consideration and Approval

President Alton Joe Shepherd reported there were no minutes to consider.

CSA Legislative Agenda

Legislative Context. Kaytlin King provided an update on the status of the session, noting that today marked the 75th day of the legislative session and was the last day to hear bills in the second chamber committees, except Appropriation committees will occur next week. She noted if legislation does not make it out of the second chamber or is not assigned to Appropriations, then the legislation will most likely be done for the session. She stated floor calendars and caucus meetings will occur and then, hopefully, budget negotiations.

Adopted Budget Priorities. Kaytlin reported on CSA budget priorities. Jacob Emmett responded to Supervisor Rex Scott's query on HB 2292 and HB 2619. Kaytlin reported the CSA bills have made great progress, with four of them scheduled to be heard in committees next week and two awaiting a committee or caucus. Discussion followed.

Adopted Policy Priorities. Kaytlin reported all CSA policy priorities made it through their respective second committees; with one previously signed and chaptered. She noted two of the bills went through on party lines and CSA is working with stakeholders on SB 1419 on a possible amendment on the floor.

Legislative Bills for Discussion and Possible Action

FOR ACTION

- 1) **SB 1170:** narcotic drugs; sales; minor; sentencing. Jacob Emmett explained SB 1170 and indicated CSA has spoken with the bill sponsor about county concerns. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Duce Minor moved to oppose SB 1170. Supervisor Lynne Pancrazi seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 2) **SB 1284: S/E:** private permit providers. Jacob provided a status update on SB 1284 strike-everything. He noted CSA had opposed the original bill (SB 1241) and will continue to express concerns. It is scheduled in House Appropriations next week. Discussion occurred.
- 3) **SB 1496:** DCS; policies; procedures. Jacob provided a status update on SB 1496. He noted CSA had opposed the original bill (SB 1234) and will continue to work with the bill sponsor on a possible amendment of SB 1496. Discussion occurred.
- 4) **SB 1538: S/E:** controlled substances; approval; workers' compensation. Kaytlin King reported CSA had testified in opposition to SB 1538 in House Public Safety & Law Enforcement. She reported CSA is working with the insurance pool on a potential amendment. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Rex Scott moved to oppose SB 1538 as written. Supervisor Kate Brophy McGee seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 5) **SB 1825:** precinct committeemen; vacancy; application. Kaytlin indicated concerns were expressed at a previous LPC meeting and some supervisors reached out to the bill sponsor about an amendment in the House. Discussion occurred.
- 6) **HB 2118:** mobile food vendors; licensure. Kaytlin indicated some counties had expressed concerns with HB 2118. She stated CSA reached out to the bill sponsor who agreed to an amendment that would hold counties harmless. Supervisor Frank Antenori moved to approve a neutral standing of HB 2118. Supervisor Lynne Pancrazi seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 7) **HB 2400: S/E:** emergency fuel waiver; petition; requirement. Kaytlin provided a status update of HB 2400 and indicated the bill was held and is no longer of concern as it is functionally dead.

- 8) **HB 2452**: comprehensive plans; data centers; nuclear. Jacob reported on HB 2452 and expressed concerns. He requested counties forward his previous email to a county zoning expert for feedback. Discussion occurred.

FOR DISCUSSION

- 1) **SB 1687**: voter access; elections; primary date. Jacob reported on SB 1687 for informational purposes. Discussion occurred.
- 2) **HB 2307**: dangerous incompetent defendants; out-of-state facilities. Jacob provided an update on HB 2307. Discussion occurred. Craig Sullivan thanked Sam Elters, Michael Racy, and Senator Angius for their work on HB 2307.

Updates

- 1) **HCR 2016: S/E**: fees; taxes; freeze; affordability. Jacob Emmett indicated CSA had testified in opposition in committee last week.
- 2) **SCR 1001/HCR 2001**: citizenship; identification; contributions; early voting. Jacob provided an update.

Other Legislative Issues

Supervisor Sonny Borrelli welcomed David Strahl as the new county manager in Mohave County who has replaced the retiring Sam Elters. In response to Supervisor Frank Antenori's question on the four-year moratorium on taxes and fees, Craig Sullivan indicated that was HCR 2016 s/e previously discussed. He noted CSA will provide a briefing kit on the issue to supervisors to provide to legislators.

Next Meeting Date and Time

President Alton Joe Shepherd noted the LPC would not meet next week on April 3 as it is Good Friday, but would meet next on Friday, April 10.

Other Business and Adjournment

There being no further business, President Alton Joe Shepherd adjourned the meeting at 9.51 a.m.