



GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENCY, AND LABOR RELATIONS POLICY COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Friday, June 13, 2025

ATTENDANCE

Members: Jaime Patino (Chair); Christine Cordon (V. Chair); Michael Allawos; Gary Alpert; Betsy Andersen; Jan Arbuckle; Ernest Azevedo; Daniel Buckshi; Jamie Cannon; Yulia Carter; Savita Chaudhary; Lara Christensen; Eric Cundieff; Kathleen Foster-Gee; Angel Galache; George Harris; Bill Hussey; Randi Johl; Michael Luellen; Michael MacDonald; Jill McLewis; Katherine Mirassou; John Mirisch; Brian Mohan; Jeffrey Nibert; Buenaflor Nicolas; Travis Paden; Chuck Page; Lavonda Pearson; Johncito Peraza; Chaps Poduri; Pam Powell; Emily Ramos; Jeremy Ray; Marey Ann Reiss; Vicki Riddle; Margaret Roberts; Amanda Uptergrove

Partners: Jason Baltimore

Staff: Johnnie Piña, Legislative Advocate
Betsy Montiel, Policy and Legislative Affairs Analyst

I. **Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Jaime Patiño provided opening remarks and welcomed the committee and members.

II. **Public Comment**

Chair Patiño opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

III. **General Briefing**

In accordance with the customary practice of convening all policy committee members for a general briefing prior to the start of policy committee meetings, the Cal Cities advocacy team provided a [General Briefing Update Document](#), which includes the latest on legislative and budgetary matters affecting cities.

IV. **Presentations: Artificial Intelligence**

- [Artificial Intelligence Handbook for Local Governments](#)

Guest speakers Richard Murphy, Senior Program Manager, Michigan Municipal League and Molly Kleinman, PhD, Managing Director, Science, Technology, and Public Policy Program, University of Michigan provided an overview of the Artificial Intelligence Handbook for Local Governments. Molly discussed the primary goals of the Handbook to help local governments learn about AI, explore AI applications, as well as provide AI related guidelines for best practices. The guest speakers also shared strategies for a risk-based framework to help cities navigate risk factors when making decisions about their AI systems.

- **Artificial Intelligence Use and Procedure**

Guest speaker Steve Hargis, PhD, the Strategic Initiatives Manager & Financial Management Services with the City of Moreno Valley presented on the city's use of AI. Steve discussed three different ways that AI could impact cities including, to promote greater transparency, enhanced decision-making for local governments, and improved operational efficiencies.

- **Artificial Intelligence Demystified - [AI Toolkit for Municipalities](#)**

Guest speaker Angelina Panettieri, Legislative Director of Technology and Communications with the National League of Cities (NLC) presented on the organization's advocacy efforts related to AI. NLC formed an [AI Advisory Committee](#), which was made up of local officials to demystify the use of AI and to better understand opportunities for local governments to use AI. The committee was informed that NLC has been hosting webinars and has produced the AI toolkit to provide case studies and guidance of AI use for municipalities. NLC is also surveying cities across the country to highlight city priorities and values around AI.

V. Legislative Agenda

[SB 707](#) (Durazo) Open Meetings: Meeting and Teleconferencing Requirements. As Amended 5/29/25

This bill makes various changes to the rules for local agencies to hold public meetings pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act). SB 707 would, until January 1, 2030, include various definitions to the term "eligible legislative bodies" and would extend certain requirements under the Brown Act to those bodies. After addressing clarifying questions and a robust discussion, the committee voted by voice vote to take an Oppose Unless Amended position on SB 707.

VI. Legislative Update and Roundtable

Due to time constraints this item was not addressed at the time of the meeting.

VII. Adjourn

Chair Patiño thanked the committee for attending the meeting and thanked staff for a productive year.

Next Virtual Meeting: Staff will notify committee members by **August 18** if the policy committee will meet in October. If you have any questions, please contact [Meg Desmond](#), Cal Cities Associate Manager, Legislative Administration.