



GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENCY AND LABOR RELATIONS POLICY COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Friday, March 28, 2025

ATTENDANCE

Members: Jaime Patiño (Chair); Christine Cordon (Vice Chair); Michael Allawos; Betsy Andersen; Jan Arbuckle; Ernest Azevedo; Xouhoa Bowen; Matthew Bronson; Jamie Cannon; Savita Chaudhary; Lara Christensen; Eric Cundeiff; Bobby Davis; Angel Galache; Mary Hao; George Harris; Michael MacDonald; Jill McLewis; John Mirisch; Brian Mohan; Cynthia Nava; Buenaflor Nicolas; Maria Orozco; Travis Paeden; Lavonda Pearson; Chaps Poduri; Emily Ramos; Jeremy Ray; Margaret Roberts; Larry Spicer; Blair Stewart; Frank Yokoyama

Cal Cities Partners: Jason Baltimore; Bob Brown

Staff: Johnnie Pina, Legislative Affairs, Lobbyist
Betsy Montiel, Policy and Legislative Analyst

I. General Briefing

Prior to the convening of the policy committees, members gathered for a general briefing where Cal Cities staff provided high-level legislative and budgetary updates. The session served as an opportunity to align all policy committees on major state developments and cross-cutting issues impacting cities.

II. Welcome and Introductions

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

III. Public Comment

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

IV. Gov Artificial Intelligence Coalition Update

Guest speaker Omar Moncayo, Data Privacy Analyst, with the City of Long Beach presented on AI governance and provided information about the [GovAI Coalition](#). The GovAI Coalition is composed of local, state, and federal government agencies working to inform and elevate responsible uses of AI in communities. The coalition also works with vendors to promote vendor accountability and foster cross-agency collaboration around technology.

The committee learned about several examples from the [City of Long Beach](#) on how to create guidelines and best practices for city staff to safely use AI. Long Beach established the Technology and Innovation Commission, which is an ad-hoc committee made up of three commissioners from the community. The commission will help deliver guidance and structure for the city's IT efforts while engaging members of the public. Members learned about risks related to AI, how to increase transparency for local government uses of AI, and the no-cost tools that are available for cities via the GovAI Coalition platform.

Omar answered several questions from members and was thanked by the committee for the presentation.

V. Artificial Intelligence Policy Overview

Cal Cities staff Johnnie Pina presented examples of AI policies published by the [National League of Cities](#) (NLC) and [California State Association of Counties](#) (CSAC). Members were informed that several local government organizations have developed their own guiding principles and standards around AI.

VI. California Public Records Act Roundtable Discussion

Vice Chair Christine Cordon opened up the discussion with comments regarding the accessibility of records and the increased challenges that cities are facing to address the sheer volume of public records requests. Members discussed challenges with PRAs including:

- Lack of technology to consolidate records and access to public information.
- Increased weaponization of the Public Records Act to harass councils.
- Modifications to record retention policies due to the inflow of digital records.
- Offsetting local fees and costs of PRAs.
- Public education to help inform residents of the process and workflow associated with PRAs.

VII. Legislative Update and Roundtable

Staff provided a legislative update pertaining to Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations. The committee learned about legislation seeking to make changes to the Brown Act and CalPERS. The committee was provided an overview of the following bills:

- SB 707 (Durazo) Open Meetings: Meeting and Teleconferencing requirements.
- SB 239 (Arreguin) Open Meetings: Teleconferencing Subsidiary Body.
- SB 339 (Ortega) Local Public Employee Organizations: Notice Requirements.
- AB 370 (Carrillo) California Public Records Act: Cyberattacks.
- AB 351 (McKinnor) Campaign Contributions: Agency Officers.

For more information on legislation, please visit the [GTLR Legislative Bill Tracking](#) page on the Cal Cities website.

VIII. Survey Needs Roundtable

Due to time constraints this item was not addressed.

IX. Adjourn

Chair Patiño gave closing remarks and thanked members for attending the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting – Virtually: Friday, June 13, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.