



GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENCY, AND LABOR RELATIONS POLICY COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday, March 21, 2024

ATTENDANCE

Members: Jaime Patino (Vice Chair); Michael Allawos; Jan Arbuckle; La Tanya Bellow; Cameron Bergman; Ken Berkman; Desrie Campbell; Jaimie Cannon; Martha Cardenas-Singh; Cedric Cesena; Janet Conklin; Elisa Cox; Jessica Deakayne; Minnie Diallo; Mario Fernandez; Mike Healy; John Jansons; Linda Krupa; Frank Luckino; Michael Luellen; Dianna MacDonald; Katherina Mirassou; John Mirisch; Juan Munoz-Guevara; David Newman; Travis Paden; Chuck Page; LaVonda Pearson; Chaps Poduri; Jeremy Ray; Gabriel Reyes; Rocky Rhodes; Tanya Spiegel; Blair Stewart; Ali Taj; Princess Washington; Mary Zendejas

Cal Cities Partners: Chris Neumeyer; Patty Senecal

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

I. 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](#), which includes the latest on legislative and budgetary matters affecting cities.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Vice Chair Jaime Patino introduced himself and welcomed the committee. All other members of the committee introduced themselves.

III. Public Comment

The floor was open for public comment. Patty Senecal, Western States Petroleum Association, gave public comments on the topic of fossil fuel divestment related to SB 252 (Gonzalez).

IV. Artificial Intelligence Update

The committee received an update from Michael Karanicolas, Executive Director, Institute for Technology, Law & Policy, UCLA. The Institute for Technology, Law & Policy leads cross-disciplinary research to understand how emerging technologies influence privacy, law, public policy, and society, at large. The speaker presented on a body of work that is looking into artificial intelligence (AI) and its uses in the public sector. Committee members were informed of the existing regulatory framework around AI policies and regulatory proposals being introduced at the state and federal level.

V. California Public Records Act (CPRA) Presentation

The committee received an update on the California Public Records Act from Donald A. Larkin, City Attorney, City of Morgan Hill, and Darren Ziegler, Deputy



Director of PRA Services and E-Discovery, Counsel, Best Best & Krieger LLP. The committee received an update on recent updates to [The People's Business](#) reference guide. The guide was updated and revised to reflect AB 473, which as of January 1, 2023, relocated and renumbered the CPRA.

The speakers also provided the committee with a legal update regarding recent and pending CPRA litigation that will impact cities. Finally, the committee discussed potential CPRA reform and what legislation could improve the CPRA for cities.

VI. CalPERS Update

Daniel Brown, Chief, CalPERS Legislative Affairs Division provided the committee an update on recent CalPERS board decisions. The CalPERS board voted to oppose the Taxpayer Deception Act. Members were also updated on the CalPERS Risk Mitigation Policy, which was adopted in 2015 to balance and reduce the discount rate. The policy was discussed in the February board meeting where it was decided it will be brought back to the board for a vote to remove the automatic trigger.

VII. Legislative Agenda

Proposed Amendments to SB 252 (Gonzalez) Public Retirement Systems: Fossil Fuel Divestment.

In the January committee meeting, members voted to take Council Member, Mike Healy's proposed amendments to the board for a decision. As written, SB 252 would require CalPERS and CalSTRS to divest from fossil fuel by 2031. The proposed amendments would instead delegate to individual cities, counties, special districts, and school districts the decision on whether to have their CalPERS or CalSTRS portfolios be free of fossil fuel companies. Mr. Healy presented the proposed amendments.

The committee had a robust discussion about climate change, fossil fuel, and pension costs. After the discussion a motion was made to support the proposed amendments in concept; direct Cal Cities staff to work with Mr. Healy to revise the proposed amendments to SB 252 to address drafting concerns raised by Cal Cities legal counsel; and authorize the GTLR Chair and Vice-Chair to sign off on the final version of the language. The motion failed 12-19.

VIII. Legislative Update

Due to time constraints there was no legislative update at this meeting.

IX. Adjourn

Vice-Chair Jaime Patino adjourned the meeting.

Next Virtual Meeting: Thursday, June 20, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.