

PUBLIC RISK INNOVATION, SOLUTIONS, & MANAGEMENT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

Web Conference/Telephonic Meeting

Thursday, February 19, 2026

10:30 a.m.

First Meeting – 2026

Members Present

Greg Milligan, ACCEL-City of Santa Barbara
Jennifer Collins, California Schools JPA
Marisol Thorn, City of El Cajon
Alexander Zaretsky, Gold Coast Transit
Nancy Rice, Monterey County
Barbara Esquivel, MPA
Erika Leahy, City of Napa
Angela Colton, City of San Diego
Steve Taylor, Shasta County
Catherine Laveau, Ventura County

Members Absent

Matthew Duarte, CAPRI
Rhonda Haynes, OCFA

Selection of Chair & Vice Chair

Catherine Laveau was elected as Chair and Steve Taylor was elected as Vice Chair for 2025.

Administrative Matters

The Committee reviewed the Code of Conduct, minor updates to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and PRISM Organizational Strategic Plan.

The Committee reviewed and approved amendments to PRISM's Legislative Platform, which will be included within the SOP.

Consent Agenda

The October 30, 2025, minutes were approved.

Legislative Activity

PRISM Lobbyist, Jason Schmelzer, provided an update on the beginning of the legislative session. The legislature is dealing with deficits and is conscientious of this with bills and impact to the State's budget. The introduction of new bills has been fairly slow so far; however, the deadline is February 20th and we expect more bills to be introduced prior to the deadline.

The Committee, staff and lobbyists discussed and reviewed 24 bills that have been introduced to date. The following bills were discussed and positions taken:

The following were two-year bills discussed with no change in position:

Area	Author	Bill No.	Bill Description	Current Position
Liability	Lowenthal	AB-0883	California Public Records Act	Watch
Other	Aguiar-Curry	AB-0464	Sexual Assault in Prison	Watch
Other	Wahab	SB-0691	Body-Word Cameras; Policies	Watch

The following were two-year bills discussed with a change in position:

Area	Author	Bill No.	Bill Description	Current Position
Liability	Allen	SB-0832	Upper LA River & Tributaries Working Group Revitalization Plan	Drop
Work Comp	Chen	AB-1048	WC Provider Contracts	Oppose Unless Amended
Work Comp	Caballero	SB-0555	WC; Average Annual Earnings	Watch
Work Comp	Grayson	SB-0700	Bank of California Program	Drop

The following positions were taken on newly introduced bills:

Area	Author	Bill No.	Bill Description	Current Position
EE Benefits	Ortega	AB-1582	Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act	Watch
EE Benefits	McNerney	SB-0947	Employment; Automated Decision Systems	Oppose 3
Liability	Addis	AB-1159	Student Personal Information	Watch
Liability	Bryan	AB-1537	Peace Officers; Secondary Employment	Watch
Liability	Calderon	AB-1554	Wildfire Fund	Watch
Liability	Jackson	AB-1566	Crimes; Mandated Reporters; Severe Neglect	Watch
Liability	Ramos	AB-1586	Opioid Overdose Reversal Medication; School Resource Officers	Support 1
Liability	Gabriel	AB-1626	Youth Health; Sports; Coaches	Watch
Liability	Weber Pierson	SB-0945	Schools; CPR; Automated External Defibrillators	Watch
Other	Jackson	AB-1664	Vehicles; Direct Driver Monitoring Systems	Watch
Other	Dixon	AB-1749	Impeding Emergency Responses with Drone	Support 1
Other	Gonzalez	SB-0937	Law Enforcement; Flashbang Grenades & Explosive Breaching Charges	Watch

Other	Cabaldon	SB-0994	Local Government; Nondisclosure Agreements	Watch
Other	Wiener	SB-1004	Law Enforcement; Masks	Watch
Work Comp	Ortega	AB-1576	Subsequent Injuries Payments	Oppose 3
Work Comp	Governor	None	Subsequent Injuries Fund (SIBTF) Budget Trailer Bill	Support 3
Work Comp	Committee on Insurance	AB-1683	WC; Prepaid Cards	Support 2

Staff Legislative Activity Report

Staff provided an update on various coalition meetings on legislative matters.

2025 Fall Retreat Recap

Staff provided a summary of the outcome of the Fall Retreat that occurred in November 2025 as part of the annual process of strategic planning for PRISM. Members of the Executive Committee and Committee Chairs and/or Vice Chairs participated in discussion and planning sessions. Some of the outcomes of the strategic planning session, some of the outcomes included:

- Reviewing and updating the organizational goals
- Protecting Public Funds

Specific to the Legislative Committee, Goals #1 and #4 were updated in relation to protecting public funds and expansion of Government Relations capacity.

Future Meetings

The next regularly scheduled meeting is ***Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at the PRISM office.***