

PUBLIC RISK INNOVATION, SOLUTIONS, & MANAGEMENT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

Web Conference/Telephonic Meeting

Thursday, January 30, 2025

10:30 a.m.

First Meeting – 2025

Members Present

Sandy Avina, California Schools JPA
Matthew Duarte, CAPRI
Dave Richards, City of El Cajon
Alexander Zaretsky, Gold Coast Transit
William Kerwin, Huntington Beach UHSD
Greg Milligan, Santa Barbara County
Nancy Rice, Monterey County
Erika Leahy, City of Napa
Rhonda Haynes, OCFA
Steve Taylor, Shasta County
Catherine Laveau, Ventura County

Members Absent

Barbara Esquivel, MPA
Angela Colton, City of San Diego

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.

Consent Agenda

The October 30, 2024 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. Lobbyist is following federal executive orders that would impact California and local governments. The introduction of new bills has been fairly slow so far; however the deadline is February 21st and we expect more bills to be introduced closer to the deadline.

Jason advised that a member of our lobbying team, Priscilla, is moving and her last day is January 31st. Her replacement will be starting on February 17th.

The Committee, staff and lobbyists discussed and reviewed 26 bills that have been introduced to date.

The following bills were discussed and positions taken:

Area	Author	Bill No.	Bill Description	Current Position
EE Benefits	Bains	AB-0252	Wildfire Protection; Dept of Forestry & Fire Protection; Staffing	Watch
EE Benefits	McKinnor	AB-0288	Public Employment; Labor Relations; Employee Information	Watch
EE Benefits	Ortega	AB-0339	Local Public Employee Organizations; Notice Requirements	Oppose 2
EE Benefits	Ahrens	AB-0340	Employer-Employee Relations; Confidential Communications	Oppose 2
Health	Bauer-Kahan	AB-0045	Privacy; Health Care Data	Watch
Health	Bonta	AB-0224	Coverage; Essential Health Benefits	Watch
Health	Bonta	AB-0298	Coverage; Cost Sharing	Concerns
Health	Bauer-Kahan	AB-0302	Confidentiality of Medical Information Act	Watch
Health	Wiener	SB-0041	Pharmacy Benefits	Watch
Health	Menjivar	SB-0062	Coverage; Essential Health Benefits	Watch
Liability	Schiavo	AB-0028	Relocation Assistance; Chiquita Canon Landfill Disaster	Drop
Liability	Muratsuchi	AB-0049	Schools; Schoolsites & Day Care Centers; Entry Requirements; Immigration Enforcement	Watch
Liability	McKinnor	AB-0062	Racially Motivated Eminent Domain	Watch
Liability	Essayli	AB-0068	Schools; School Safety; Armed School Resource Officers	Watch
Liability	Pacheco	AB-0074	Vehicles; Financial Responsibility	Watch
Liability	Sanchez	AB-0089	Schools; Interscholastic Sports; Gender Equity	Watch
Liability	Jackson	AB-0090	Schools; Public PostSecondary Education; Overnight Student Parking	Watch
Liability	Sanchez	AB-0228	Schools; Pupil Health; Epinephrine Delivery Systems	Watch
Liability	Aguiar-Curry	AB-0250	Sexual Assault; Statue of Limitations	Watch
Liability	Lackey	AB-0300	Endangered Species; Incidental Take; Wildfire Preparedness Activities	Watch
Liability	Alanis	AB-0310	Nevaeh Youth Sports Safety Act	Watch
Liability	Rubio	SB-0019	Schools; Threats; Schools & Places of Worship	Watch

Liability	Laird	SB-0029	Civil Actions; Decedent's Cause of Action	Oppose 2
Liability	Gonzalez	SB-0048	Schools; Immigration Enforcement; Schoolsites; Prohibitions on Access, Sharing Info & Law Enforcement Collaboration	Watch
Work Comp	Ashby	SB-0008	Peace Officers; Injury or Illness; Leaves of Absence	Oppose 3
Work Comp	Laird	SB-0230	WC: Firefighters; Cancer Presumption	Concerns

Staff Legislative Activity Report

Staff discussed leveraging AI to assist with summarizing bills. The Committee would like staff to explore this further to try to define the output. Suggested doing a small group of bills as a pilot program to compare to AI's results versus manually evaluating the bill language and its impacts.

General Discussion of Legislative Issues

PRISM Members have requested the Committee review Government Code Section 935.4 relating to delegation of authority by a governing Board. The Committee would like to evaluate potential amendments to this Government Code Section via a special meeting or workshop.

2024 Fall Retreat Recap

Staff provided a summary of the outcome of the Fall Retreat that occurred in November 2024 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, with a focus on the following topics:

- Balance between control and flexibility with the PRISM membership
- PRISM communication and education strategies
- Consider in-house HR services
- Consider in-house Lobbying services

New goals have been established to be incorporated into PRISM's Strategic Plan based on the discussions and recommendations from the strategic planning session.

The Committee would like to evaluate in-house lobbying services needs via a special meeting or workshop.

Future Meetings

The next regularly scheduled meeting is ***Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at the PRISM office.***