

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Legislative Committee – February 8, 2019

Conference Room 11

Board of Supervisors Members Present:

Penelope A. Gross, Mason District (Vice Chairman)
Jeffrey C. McKay, Lee District (Committee Chair)
John W. Foust, Dranesville District
Patrick S. Herrity, Springfield District
Catherine M. Hudgins, Hunter Mill District
Kathy L. Smith, Sully District
Linda Q. Smyth, Providence District
Daniel G. Storck, Mount Vernon District

Meeting Agenda:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boardofsupervisors/sites/boardofsupervisors/files/assets/meeting-materials/2019/feb08-legislative-agenda-final.pdf>

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<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boardofsupervisors/board-supervisors-legislative-committee-meeting-feb-8-2019>

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M.

Summary of Discussion:

Update on State Budget

The Committee received an updated [chart](#) on the state budget, including an overview of the House and Senate budget amendments.

Virginia Tax Reform

The Legislative Committee received an update on the tax reform agreement that was being discussed at the General Assembly as of February 8, 2019.

Specific Legislation and Bills for Discussion

The bills discussed at Legislative Committee, listed with staff recommendations, are posted on the February 8 Legislative Committee meeting page under [specific legislation](#) and [legislation provided for discussion](#). The Board of Supervisors formally takes action on Legislative Committee materials at formal Board meetings (next scheduled Board meeting: February 19, 2019).

- Historical Positions of the Board
 - Staff identified new legislation (two bills) that was consistent with historical positions of the Board. Legislative Chairman McKay explained that these bills were being provided with the recommendation to “Support,” based on past support

of these types of initiatives, and checked with committee members to make sure no one had any questions on those bills.

- New Bills
 - Staff made recommendations for positions on eight new bills. The Legislative Committee discussed and took positions on these bills, modifying the staff recommendations as desired.
- Bills for Discussion
 - The Legislative Committee discussed three bills (SB 1759, SB 1025, and HB 2682), and took positions on two of them (SB 1759 and SB 1025). Of those two bills, the County had already taken a position on SB 1759 (Surovell). Because the bill had changed dramatically since the Committee initially discussed it on January 25, the latest draft was discussed in detail and the Committee changed the position from “Support” to “Monitor,” and directed staff to seek amendments to provide safeguards and improve potential implementation. Further, staff listed eight additional bills for discussion, but Legislative Chairman McKay clarified that those bills were being provided for informational purposes.

Fairfax County Legislative Summary

The Legislative Committee reviewed the [Legislative Summary](#), including the status of legislation on which the Board of Supervisors had previously taken positions, and discussed changing positions on a number of bills.

Pending Utility Undergrounding Legislation (Discussed in conjunction with SB 1759 under Legislation Provided for Discussion)

The Committee received an update on pending legislation relating to undergrounding utility lines. The Committee also received a [handout](#) that detailed the various provisions of the legislation under consideration as of February 7, 2019.

Legislation Requiring Further Review, Staff “Watch List,” and Legislation Provided for Information

The Legislative Committee received a document with legislation requiring further review, the staff “Watch List,” and legislation provided for information. The Legislative Committee did not take a position on these bills at this meeting. This [list](#) was provided as a handout for Board members to review after the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 P.M.

Votes Taken: None

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