

**Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Legislative Committee – November 27, 2018**  
Conference Room 11

***Board of Supervisors Members Present:***

Sharon Bulova, Chairman  
Penelope Gross, Mason District (Vice Chairman)  
Jeff McKay, Lee District (Committee Chair)  
John Cook, Braddock District  
John Foust, Dranesville District  
Pat Herrity, Springfield District  
Catherine Hudgins, Hunter Mill District  
Kathy Smith, Sully District  
Linda Smyth, Providence District  
Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District

***Meeting Agenda***

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***Meeting Materials***

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boardofsupervisors/board-legislative-committee-meeting-nov-27-2018>

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

***Summary of Discussion:***

**Federal Items:**

- Draft Recommended Strategies and Principles for the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress
- 115<sup>th</sup> Congress Federal Legislative Tracking Chart (*provided as a handout for Committee members to review after the meeting*)

The Legislative Committee received an update from Nancy Prowitt, President and Chief Operating Officer, Alcalde and Fay, on a number of federal items including the budget.

The Legislative Committee directed staff to update the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization position to add language about planes approaching too low over parts of Fairfax County. The Legislative Committee also directed staff to share the Federal Funding for Costs of Educating Federally-Connected Students position with other local government advocates. Lastly, the Legislative Committee directed staff to add language to the Energy/Climate Change principle explicitly referencing solar tax credits.

Legislative Committee members received copies of the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress federal legislative tracking chart for their review after the meeting.

#### Board of Supervisors 2019 Draft Legislative Program

The Committee reviewed the following items:

- Position Statements
  - Funding – Economic Success
  - Funding – Public Safety/Courts Funding
  - Public Safety – Pneumatic Guns
    - The Legislative Committee directed staff to add language to the position clarifying that pneumatic guns can cause serious injury or death.
- Budget Fact Sheet

#### Letter to Governor Northam on County's State Budget Priorities

The Legislative Committee reviewed a draft letter outlining several of the County's budget priorities for the 2019 General Assembly (GA) session. Because the letter was consistent with the County's previously discussed positions, the Committee agreed to send it to the Governor under the Chairman's signature. The Legislative Committee also directed staff to add language in support of the Science Museum of Virginia's request for state planning funds (\$7 million in FY 2020) to facilitate construction of the Northern Virginia Science Center in Dulles, Virginia, in partnership with the Children's Science Center. Staff added language to the letter, which was formally addressed in a Board matter during the December 4, 2018, Board meeting.

#### Board of Supervisors 2019 Draft Human Services Issue Paper

The Committee reviewed the following items:

- Position Statements
  - Medicaid Waivers
  - Children and Families – School Readiness
  - Health, Well Being, and Safety – Domestic and Sexual Violence
- Human Services Fact Sheet

Item for Initial Consideration. The Committee reviewed the following item and took the actions indicated below:

- Land Use – Proffers for Historic Preservation
  - The Legislative Committee concurred with the staff recommendation to retain the existing proffer position in the Legislative Program, and direct staff to consider the importance of historic preservation issues as potential changes to the state proffer law are discussed.

Item for Further Consideration. The Committee reviewed the following item and took the actions indicated below:

- Transportation – Stormwater Facilities
  - The Legislative Committee concurred with the staff recommendation to direct staff to prepare a letter for the Chairman’s signature to the Secretary of Transportation, requesting that VDOT amend existing urban street standards to ensure that innovative and visually attractive stormwater facilities are constructed and maintained when practicable. The Committee also concurred with the staff recommendation to add language on increased maintenance funding to the Transportation Funding position in the Legislative Program, and to direct staff to prepare a Board item requesting that VDOT utilize the County’s stricter stormwater standards for any VDOT transportation project in Fairfax County when practicable.

#### Overview of the Fairfax County Deer Management Program

The Legislative Committee received a presentation from County staff, including wildlife biologist Katherine Edwards, on the County’s deer management program, followed by some discussion of the program. The Committee directed staff to continue monitoring the program, and to keep Board members apprised of any new developments in research and technology that could influence management of the County’s program.

#### Medicaid Expansion and Substance Use Disorder

The Legislative Committee received an update from County staff on how Medicaid expansion in Virginia would affect services for people requiring substance use treatment programs.

#### Children’s Science Center

The Legislative Committee discussed the Children’s Science Center’s plan to open a new permanent location in Loudoun County. Legislative Committee members directed staff to provide more detailed information regarding how Fairfax County Public Schools plans to use the new facility, including their plans for ensuring there is equity in access for all FCPS students. As mentioned above, the Committee directed staff to add language to a letter to Governor Northam in support of the Science Museum of Virginia’s request for state planning funds (\$7 million in FY 2020) to facilitate construction of the Northern Virginia Science Center in Dulles, Virginia, in partnership with the Children’s Science Center.

#### National Association of State Chief Information Officers’ (NASCIO) Government Affairs and Advocacy Overview

The Legislative Committee received copies of a NASCIO overview of 2018 federal advocacy priorities. This document was provided as a handout for Committee members to review after the meeting.

#### Snow Removal

The Legislative Committee received copies of a document providing an overview of existing state law relating to snow removal, and previous County discussions relating to the issue of liability

protection for private landowners who clear snow from sidewalks in state rights-of-way. This document was provided as a handout for Committee members to review after the meeting.

Overview of the Impact of Body Cameras on the Operations and Workload of Commonwealth's Attorneys Offices

The Legislative Committee received copies of a presentation prepared by House Appropriations Committee staff on the impact of body-worn cameras on the operations and workload of Commonwealth's Attorneys offices. This document was provided as a handout for Committee members to review after the meeting.

House Select Committee on School Safety Recommendations

The Legislative Committee received copies of a presentation prepared by the Virginia Division of Legislative Services outlining the House Select Committee on School Safety's recommendations. This document was provided as a handout for Committee members to review after the meeting.

Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, the *Wayfair* Decision, and Related Tax Policy Issues for 2019

The Legislative Committee received copies of a presentation prepared by Senate Finance Committee staff, providing an analysis of the Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act's implications for Virginia, and potential policy responses for the 2019 GA session. This document was provided as a handout for Committee members to review after the meeting.

Other

The Legislative Committee directed staff to research marijuana decriminalization and provide an update to the Committee. Additionally, the Committee directed staff to bring related bills back to the Legislative Committee for consideration by the Board of Supervisors.

Finally, the Legislative Committee discussed the possibility that bills legalizing sports betting would be introduced during the 2019 GA session, and directed staff to bring relevant bills back to Legislative Committee for consideration by the Board of Supervisors.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

***Votes Taken:*** None

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