



Pikes Peak Area
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MEETING AGENDA
PPACG LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
March 6, 2023, 8:30 a.m.

PPACG Upper Conference Room – 15 S. 7th St., Colorado Springs, CO 80905

<http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting>

Meeting ID: 297 807 688 247

Passcode: GSJsgm

Meeting will be held in a hybrid format to allow in-person attendance as well as a remote option.

1. Call to Order – Commissioner Stone and/or Mayor Dixon
2. Summary of March 2 Legislative Breakfast – John Liosatos
3. Updates from Federal Partners ☒
4. Legislative Update – Dan Jablan
 - A. Review of recently introduced bills
 - B. Review of emphasis bills ☒
 - C. Review of the remaining bill tracking list (time permitting):
<https://www.coloradocapitolwatch.com/bill-tracker-votes/0/6512/2023/0/>
 - D. Questions
5. Member open discussion

The purpose of the Legislative Committee is to draft the annual Policy Statement on Legislative Issues for Board of Directors approval, help develop legislative bills, develop position statements on proposed bills, laws, regulatory actions and other initiatives, meet with elected representatives and lobbyists in order to communicate PPACG's position, to testify before legislative bodies, boards and commissions, and work with other similar agencies and groups in formulating legislative positions.

A quorum of Board members may be present at this meeting.

Federal transportation update provided by the National Association of Regional Councils.

The Senate is in session. The House will return Tuesday, March 7.

[Committee Approves Legislation to Reject Biden Waters of the United States \(WOTUS\) Rule, Streamline Energy Projects, and Other Measures](#)

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved a joint resolution to overturn the Biden Administration's new waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule, a bill to promote the development of energy infrastructure and ensure water quality under Clean Water Act Section 401 and several other measures. The Committee also passed its views and estimates on the budget and its authorization and oversight plan. H.R. 1152, the Water Quality Certification and Energy Projects Improvement Act of 2023, introduced by Reps. Rouzer and Garret Graves (R-LA), promotes the development of the Nation's energy infrastructure by streamlining the permitting process under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act and clarifying Section 401's focus on water quality.

The Committee also approved:

- H. Res. 152, Supporting the goals and ideals of "move over" laws;
- H. Con. Res. 15, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition;
- H.R. 783, designating the "Helen Edwards Engineering Research Center";
- General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions that, through avoided lease costs over the terms of the leases, will save over \$382 million;
- The Committee's Authorization and Oversight Plan and the Fiscal Year 2024 Views and Estimates.

More information about the committee's action can be found [here](#).

[Biden's FAA Nominee Faces Military Waiver Challenge](#)

Following a hearing over President Joe Biden's nominee to lead the Federal Aviation Administration, Republicans in the House and Senate say they will oppose a waiver that would allow the confirmation to move forward. In a [letter to Biden](#) on Thursday, Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation ranking member Ted Cruz (R-TX) and House Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman Sam Graves (R-MO) contend a waiver is needed because FAA nominees may not be in the military or retired from the military. Biden's nominee, Phil Washington, is currently the CEO

of Denver International Airport, a position he's held since June 2021, and has worked for decades leading metropolitan transit systems. He's also a 24-year veteran of the U.S. Army, where he held the rank of command sergeant major — the second-highest non-commissioned officer rank an enlisted soldier can achieve. Unlike the rules for the Defense secretary, which allow a nominee to be considered a civilian if they have at least a seven-year year "cooling-off period," the FAA statute does not allow for any retired military member, regardless of time, to be eligible.



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New bills for consideration

No new bills for consideration

Priority Bills

| Bill # | Title | Position | Status | Hearing |
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| HB23-1052 | Mod Prop Tax Exemption for Veterans With Disab | Support | Passed House; Assigned to Senate State Affairs | Not yet scheduled |
| HB23-1075 | Wildfire Evacuation and Clearance Time Modeling | Amend | Awaiting hearing in House Agriculture | 03/13/23 @ 1:30 |
| HB23-1096 | Wildfire Resilient Homes | Amend | Pl'd at sponsor's request (Will be seeking late bill status to work in conjunction with Governor – will announce a \$2 mil fund for | n/a |
| HB23-1101 | Ozone Season Transit Grant Program Flexibility | Monitor | Passed House; Assigned Passed Senate Transportation and second reading; Awaiting final vote in the Senate. | 03/03/23 @ 9:00 |
| HB23-1184 | Low-income Housing Property Tax Exemptions | Support | Passed House Transportation, Housing & Local Govt; Referred to Finance | Not yet scheduled |
| HB23-1210 | Carbon Management | Monitor Revisit on 3/6/23 | Assigned to House Energy & Environment | 03/09/23 @ 1:30 |
| SB23-016 | Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Measures | Amend | Passed Senate Trans & Energy and Finance. Awaiting hearing in House Appropriations | Not yet scheduled |
| SB23-036 | Veterans with Disab Prop Tax Exemption Reqmnts | Support | Passed Senate; Assigned to House State Affairs | 03/16/23 @ 10:00 |
| SB23-059 | State Parks and Wildlife Area Local Access Funding | Monitor | Remains in Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources | 03/09/23 @ 1:30 |

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| SB23-108 | Allowing Temporary Reductions in Property Tax Due | Monitor | Passed Senate; Awaiting House assignment | Not yet scheduled |
| SB23-111 | Public Employees' Workplace Protection | Oppose | Passed Senate Local Govt, referred to Appropriations | Not yet scheduled |
| SB23-161 | Financing to purchase Firefighting Aircraft | Support | Passed Senate Finance, referred to Appropriations | Not yet scheduled |
| SB23-166 | Establishment of a Wildfire Resiliency Code Board | Amend | Assigned to Senate Local Govt | 03/16/23 @ 10:00 |

Full list of bills

<https://app.coloradocapitolwatch.com/bill-tracker-votes/0/6512/2023/0/>