

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION/LEGISLATION
COMMITTEE**

Monday, February 1, 2021
1:30 p.m.

Supervisor Keith Carson, Chair
Supervisor Wilma Chan

Location: *Board of Supervisors Chambers – Room 512 5th floor*
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. Federal Legislative Update – CJ Lake

Schedule

The House and Senate are in session this week. The Senate is focusing on confirmations of President Biden's cabinet appointees. The House is set to vote on their budget resolution this week.

COVID Relief Discussions

This weekend, 10 GOP Senators released their \$618 billion COVID-19 relief plan. President Biden will meet with the Republican senators at the White House this evening to discuss their proposal. The proposal provides the Biden Administration and Congressional Democrats the opportunity to move a bipartisan bill that includes components from the Biden proposal, including funding for coronavirus vaccines and testing, and unemployment assistance.

Senate Power Sharing Agreement

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and Minority Leader Mitch McConnell are close to brokering a power sharing agreement to formally organize the Senate. Senate Democrats will keep the filibuster rule but retain the right to eliminate it in the future. Until an agreement is reached, the Senate will operate under the rules established under the 116th Congress, with Republicans formally in charge of the Committees. Newly-elected senators cannot not receive committee assignments until a deal is reached.

Biden Executive Orders

The Biden Administration issued several Executive Orders last week relating to Buy American policy, LGBTQ protections, racial equity, climate change and health care.

Federal Mask Orders from CDC and DHS

The Department of Homeland Security issued a National Emergency Determination enabling the Transportation Security Administration to implement Biden's executive order on promoting Covid-19 safety in domestic and international travel. TSA will require individuals to wear a mask at TSA screening checkpoints and throughout the commercial and public transportation system.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also issued a mask-wearing requirement that goes into effect tomorrow for all travelers into, within, or out of the United States, including on airplanes, ships, ferries, trains, subways, buses, taxis, and ride-shares. FTA is meeting tomorrow with transit industry officials to discuss the implications of these recent moves.

Presidential Cabinet Confirmations

The Senate has confirmed the following cabinet nominees:

- General Lloyd Austin - Secretary of Defense
- Antony Blinken - Secretary of State
- Janet Yellen - Secretary of the Treasury
- Avril Haines - Director of National Intelligence

The following nominees have been approved by Committees:

- Alejandro Mayorkas - Homeland Security (Floor vote on Tuesday)
- Pete Buttigieg - Transportation (Floor vote on Tuesday)

The following nominees are awaiting Committee approval after hearings:

- Gina Raimondo - Commerce (Committee vote on Wednesday)
- Jennifer Granholm - Energy
- Linda Thomas-Greenfield - Ambassador to the UN
- Denis McDonough - Veterans Affairs (Committee vote on Tuesday)
- Rep. Marcia Fudge - Housing and Urban Development

The following nominees have Committee hearings scheduled:

- Tom Vilsack - Agriculture (Tuesday)
- Michael Regan - EPA (Wednesday)

The following nominees are awaiting scheduling:

- Merrick Garland - Attorney General
- Marty Walsh - Labor
- Rep. Deb Haaland - Interior
- Miguel Cardona - Education
- Xavier Becerra - HHSThe Biden Administration has to fill 4,000 political positions in the federal government. More than 1,000 of these positions—including cabinet secretaries and agency heads, deputy secretaries, assistant secretaries, and ambassadors—require Senate confirmation. Other positions in the White House or in departments and agencies are Presidential appointments without Senate confirmations

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request PAL_Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other: Federal Update**

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

Capitol Update

The Legislature continues to focus on the state budget with multiple budget subcommittees scheduled to meet this week to discuss the Governor's proposed budget. The Legislature continues to introduce bills as February 19th approaches, which is the bill introduction deadline.

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

- The Assembly Health and the Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on Health and Human Services have scheduled a joint informational hearing related to Medi-Cal and the Asset Tests.
- The Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration will hold an informational hearing to hear items from the Governor's budget related to the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, the Franchise Tax Board and the Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

- The Assembly Accountability and Administrative Review and Emergency Management Committee have scheduled a joint hearing on the topic of COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution.
- The Assembly has scheduled a Joint Hearing with the Insurance and Joint Legislative Audit Committee to hear items on Employment Development Department, Federal COVID-19 Funding and Unemployment Insurance.

Thursday, February 4, 2021

- The Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee Subcommittee No. 5 on Corrections, Public Safety, Judiciary, Labor and Transportation will hold an informational hearing to hear items from the Governor's budget related to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Friday, February 5, 2021

- The Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee Subcommittee No. 5 on Health and Human Services will hold an informational hearing to hear the Governor's budget related to the Health and Human Services Agency / Office of Systems Integration, the Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, the Department of Managed Health Care, the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission and the California Health Benefit Exchange.

KEY DATES & DEADLINES

- Last day for bills to be introduced – February 19, 2020
- Spring Recess – March 25, 2021

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelly Abreu expressed that the County of Alameda should implement a personnel policy similar to the Pleasanton Police Department, which in part, restricts their employees from any off-duty speech or conduct that tends to compromise or damage the mission, function, reputation or professionalism of the Department.

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