

**Meeting Minutes: Governmental Affairs Committee****Date/Time:** April 16, 2021 – 7:30 a.m.**Location:** District Office**Start:** 7:30 a.m.**End:** 7:58 a.m.**Committee Members Present:** Robin Nelson, Jim Johnson, Rebecca Knutson, Brian Nelson**Committee Members Absent:** Dr. Tracie Newman**Board Members Present:** Jennifer Benson (via phone)**Staff Members Present:** Rupak Gandhi and Jackie Gapp**Recorder:** JoLynn Mathern

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations/Actions
<b>Approval of February 19 Meeting</b>	Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the February 19 meeting.	Minutes will be posted on the Board's section of the public website.
<b>Current Status of Remaining Bills</b>	<p>The following bills are still remaining:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ HB1388 regarding funding has been assigned to conference committee and is currently at 1% and 1%.</li> <li>➤ HB1431 regarding career workforce academy was amended out.</li> </ul>	
<b>Debrief Session/ Suggestions for Future</b>	<p>Committee discussed the overall successful session and satisfaction with monthly meetings, virtual pre-session information session, crossover breakfast, position document and lobbying partnerships.</p> <p>Committee stated that the majority of Board members supported advocacy and decision making that happened at a quick pace necessary to keep up with the pace of legislative activity. Future discussions regarding Committee Chair authority for all Board Committees are important for possible policy language updates.</p> <p>Chair Robin Nelson will prepare a Board Report that summarizes the results specifically related to the District's legislative priorities once the session is completed.</p>	
<b>Post Session Follow Up with Legislators</b>	Thank you letters for local legislators to be signed by the entire Board will be at a May Board meeting. Committee discussed the possibility of building stronger relationships with local legislators by hosting an informal picnic in the summer.	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	TBD	
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