Meeting Minutes: Governmental Affairs Committee

**Date/Time:** November 8, 2021 – 7:30 a.m. **Location**: District Office **Start**: 7:30 a.m. **End**: 7:56a.m.

Committee Members Present: Robin Nelson, Jim Johnson, Brian Nelson, Dr. Tracie Newman (via phone) and Nikkie Gullickson

Committee Members Absent: None

**Board Members Present:** Jennifer Benson (via phone)

Staff Members Present: Rupak Gandhi, Jackie Gapp, Tara Brandner and Tamara Uselman

**Recorder:** JoLynn Houkom

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations/Actions
Approval of September 30 Meeting	Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the September 30 meeting.	Minutes will be posted on the Board's section of the public website.
Proposed Bills Process Review	Chair Nelson stated the session will move quickly and will include bills that come from interim committees, House/Senate Delay Committees or 2/3 Chamber Vote and then go to a joint technical corrections committee. Amendments have to be presented before they hit the floor.	
Legislator Bill Proposals Submitted to Delayed Bills Committees	Committee reviewed and discussed bill proposals from the Delayed Bills Committees. Representative Kasper and Senator Schaible have introduced bills relating to prohibiting the teaching of critical race theory in public schools. Representatives Weis and Ertelt have introduced a bill relating to COVID-19 vaccinations. Senator Poolman has introduced a bill relating to career and technical education scholarship eligibility requirements. Committee will monitor these bills.	
Interim Committee Bill Proposals Submitted to Legislative Management	Committee reviewed and discussed bill proposals from Legislative Management. HB 1507 relating to computer science and cybersecurity required instruction and graduation requirements and SB2346 regarding DPI authorization to withhold state school aid for information technology project upgrades to the state automated reporting system and statewide longitudinal data system that would cost the District approximately \$1M. Committee will monitor these bills.	
Special Session Communication	Chair Nelson stated that she has been contacted by several legislators requesting position statements from the District. Administration and Committee will need to move fast to keep up with the pace of this special session that does not have a deadline for completion.	
Next Meeting: January 4, 2022		