

Legislative Manual

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Introduction

After many years of running our Legislative Committee, our Esteemed Chair and Past President Phil McDonagh is retiring his Governance Gavel.

Perhaps because he's the proud son of our Chamber's first President, Reed McDonagh, Phil wanted to ensure a smooth transition. He has shared much of his knowledge on committee governance for future Legislative Committee Chairs or Co-Chairs, Subcommittee Chairs, and Committee Members.

We are forever grateful for his hard work and dedication to the Legislative Committee, our Members and Partners, and the business community of Charles County, at large.

I) Legislative Chair & Chamber Staff

A) Preparing for Legislative Work

1) Division of Duties

Before the first committee meeting, Chamber Staff and Legislative Chair will discuss the division of duties. Optionally, a consultant may be brought in to manage portions of the legislative committee.

Determine Responsibility of the following:

- Who will do the first and second run through of legislative bills to determine which ones the committee will review?
- Who will create agendas and send team invitations to Membership?
- Who will maintain membership lists and contact information?
- Who will maintain meeting notes and positions?
- Who will maintain the legislative contact sheet for members?
- Who will draft letters to representatives?
- Who will update or monitor the website?
- Who will send out Legislative Updates to Membership?
- Who will send Legislative Wrap Up documents?
- Who will coordinate the Legislative Breakfast?

2) Membership Management

(i) First Contact

Chair or Staff will reach out to existing Legislative Committee Members to discuss the upcoming legislative meetings and confirming interest in continuing with the committee.

(ii) Filling the Roster

Chair or Staff will then identify any subcommittee areas where there are not enough members and will reach out to the business community to potentially fill that role. Should a subcommittee be without members, traditionally the Chair would monitor that area and bring those bills to the full committee for a vote.

(iii) Record Keeping

Staff or Chair will maintain accurate membership records including contact information.

B) Selection of Legislative Bills for Committee Review

1) Step One: Select By Title

The first look is a cursory skim of the bills by title. Staff, the Chair or Co-Chairs will take note of anything that sounds like it may have a business application and relates to our subcategories.

Phil would have a single sheet of paper with the subcategories spaced evenly apart on the page and would read through the bill titles. Should the bill sound applicable to the legislative committee, Phil would write it down on the page for further review.

So, if you skim the bills and it appears that there is a Transportation and Economic Development bill, you may select that bill number to review further.

2) Step Two: Read Synopsis

The second look is at the synopsis of the bill. If the bill sounds like it's applicable to the business community or our members, the bill will be assigned to the relevant subcommittee on the weekly agenda.

3) Step Three: Create the Agenda

The agenda will be created using the bills which passed the first and second glance. The bills should be assigned to the relevant subcommittees. Phil enters the number of bills in the bottom right corner for easy reference in the future.

C) Meeting Preparations

1) Sending the Agenda

The agenda will be sent out no later than Friday at 5:00 PM for the meeting taking place the following Wednesday. This ensures Subcommittee Chairs have time to assign bills to their committee members, and that committee members have time to review their assigned bills. Ensure that virtual login information is included in the agenda.

2) Send Calendar Invitations

Ensure that calendar invitations are sent and the virtual login information is included.

3) Monitor Communications

Often, subcommittee chairs or members will not be able to attend a particular meeting, and they may submit their comments in writing. The Chair will bring those comments to the Legislative Committee Meeting.

Note: If their comments include a written recommendation, The Chair will bring that to the committee as a motion, where it can be seconded during the meeting.

4) Recommended Optional Step: Reading Select Bills

The Chair may determine that reading certain bills is prudent. This may be due to the potential impact of the bill, the likelihood that it may go unread, or the availability of the subcommittee members on the day of the meeting. It may also be just to add to the

discussion or guide Support/Oppose/FYI/No Position based on historical Chamber positions.

The Chair would then keep personal notes to add to the discussion at the meeting.

D) Running the Meeting

1) Chair Acts as “Master of Ceremonies” and Parliamentarian

Chair will follow the written agenda in order, calling on subcommittee chairs for the presentation of individual bills.

2) Staff or Consultant will serve as Secretary

Staff or Consultant will be responsible for taking careful notes and will clarify the reason a position is being taken. This will be used in legislative letters or for posterity and to inform future legislative committee decisions.

3) Committee Members will make Motions and Vote

(i) Support or Oppose

(a) General Position

A committee member, (not the chair) will make a motion to Support or Oppose a particular bill, which will be seconded by another committee member.

Once a motion has been put forth and seconded, it is taken to the floor for a vote. All committee members in favor will raise hands or say “aye”. Then all opposed to the motion will raise their hand or say “aye”. If most members present raise their hand or say “aye” the motion carries.

Typical Scenario Follows:

Chair: *Introduces Subcommittee Chair to discuss the bill at hand.*

Subcommittee Chair: *Will either discuss bill or introduce the responsible subcommittee member to share the bill’s synopsis and impact.*

Committee: *Discusses merits or negative impacts of the bill based on the Business Community in Charles County*

Chair: “It sounds like we’re in opposition of HBxyz. Do we have a motion to oppose?”

Committee Member: “I make a motion to oppose HBxyz.”

Chair: “There is a motion on the floor to Oppose HBxyz, do we have a second?”

Committee Member: “I’ll second.”

Chair: “We have a motion and a second on the floor to Oppose HBxyz, is there any further discussion?”

Committee Member(s): *Optionally bring up any concerns they may have against opposing the bill which have not yet been addressed.*

Chair: “Hearing [your concerns/no further concerns], we have a motion to oppose still on the floor.”

Chair: “All in favor of Opposing HBxyz, raise your hand or say ‘aye’.”

Committee Member(s): *whom oppose HBxyz will raise their hands or say “aye”.*

Chair: “All against Opposing HBxyz raise your hand or say ‘aye’.”

Committee Member(s): *Those who are against Opposing HBxyz will raise their hands or say “aye”.*

Chair: “Seeing a clear majority, we’ll Oppose HBxyz on the basis of [Restates the basis for Opposition].”

Secretary: *Asks any clarifying questions necessary to ensure bill, position taken, and basis for opposition are written in meeting notes.*

Note: A written recommendation by a member of the committee who cannot attend a particular session may also be introduced by the Chair as a motion from that member.

(b) Legislative Letters

There is sometimes cause to have letters written to our representatives, especially when a certain bill has a high likelihood of passing and will cause significant harm to one or more of our members. In this case, after a bill has been voted on, the Chair may ask for a motion in support of sending a letter to representatives. Committee members will then vote, as above, and a letter will be drafted if the majority approves.

(c) Legislative Alerts

Legislative Alerts to specific industries regarding bills which may be especially detrimental and/or have a good chance of passing, may be sent out by the Chamber or Chamber Consultant.

(ii) FYI and No Position Bills

(a) General Position Bills

FYI and No Position bills may be voted on as above or taken in concurrence. In this case a bill would be discussed thoroughly, and if everyone seems in alignment the committee may proceed with an FYI or No Position without a formal vote.

Sample Concurrence Statement Follows:

Chair: “It seems we all agree this should be an FYI, without hearing any objections, we’ll FYI HBxyz to Real Estate firms.”

(b) Letters to Specific Industries

In the case where a specific bill may have a meaningful impact on a specific industry, but does not affect membership at large, it may be determined that a letter to that member or segment will be required. In this case, the Committee Chair should mention this to membership and ask for a motion and second to draft a letter that indicates why this particular issue is being brought to their attention.

(c) Legislative Alerts

In the event that several FYI's are found for a specific industry, but they will not have a huge impact or seem unlikely to pass, a legislative alert may be issued only to members within that segment.

E) After the Meeting

1) Website Updates

Staff or Consultant will upload bills and positions and any legislative letters written to the website.

2) Legislative Letters

Staff, Chair, or Consultant will draft any letters that were voted on. Letters should be signed by the Executive Board OR the Chamber President/CEO and the Chamber Chair.

3) Meeting Notes

Meeting notes need to be kept on legislative positions and why The Chamber has taken this position. This may be in the form of a document or a spreadsheet, but should be consistent for the year.

Note: A spreadsheet holds the potential for generating automatic letters to committees.

4) Legislative Updates

Periodic updates should be sent to membership during the legislative session, with special priority to bills which may be highly detrimental to Chamber businesses.

II) Subcommittees

A) Membership

1) Composition of Subcommittee

(i) Subcommittee Chair

(a) Assignments & Reporting

Subcommittee Chair will work with members to determine who will read which bills and how they will be reported on.

(b) Recruitment

Subcommittee Chair should assist Chamber with recruitment and subcommittee member recommendations, where appropriate. Subcommittee Chairs can help by identifying members and sharing that information with Chamber Staff, Chair, or Co-Chairs for orientation.

(ii) Subcommittee Members

Ideally, each subcommittee will have at least one subject matter expert in that category.

2) Pre-Session One-On-One

Subcommittee members, and subcommittee chairs, especially, should be contacted prior to the introductory meeting in early December to confirm they are still interested in being members.

3) New Member Orientation

It is important that new members understand that their own political interests are left at the door, and that decisions to support or oppose bills should be based on how they affect the Charles County Business Community.

4) Pre-Session Committee Meeting

In early December, a premeeting should take place to remind returning members and new members about the structure of the meetings. Subcommittee Chairs should reach out to their respective members at a later time to determine how bills will be reviewed and reported on.

B) Current Legislative Subcommittees

1) Education

This subcommittee has historically been comprised of members of both the College of Southern Maryland and Charles County Public Schools.

2) Environment & Business Regulations

This subcommittee has historically been comprised of volunteers in the construction and development industry.

3) Insurance, Unemployment & Workers Comp

This subcommittee has historically been staffed by local insurance agents and union representatives.

4) Military, Veteran, and Public Safety

This subcommittee has historically been federal employees, members of veteran interest groups and military spouses.

5) Miscellaneous

This subcommittee has historically been staffed by government leaders and lawyers.

6) Real Estate, Finance, Landlord-Tenant

This subcommittee has historically been staffed by real estate agents, developers, and lawyers.

7) Taxes

This subcommittee has often been managed by the chair or government leaders.

8) Transportation & Economic Development

This subcommittee typically has representatives from Charles County's Economic Development Department and those interested in economic development or transportation initiatives.

9) Utilities

This subcommittee has typically attracted representatives from SMECO, Southern Maryland Oil, Verizon and similar.

C) Adding, Modifying, or Removing Subcommittees

Subcommittees are representative of businesses interests at the time of writing. In the event that a subcommittee needs to be removed or modified, consensus should be reached between the Chair or Co-Chairs, and Chamber staff. New subcommittees should be created in the same way. A new Chair and subcommittee members would need to be sought out.

III) Optional Midsession Legislative Breakfast or Legislative Wrap Up

A) Solicitation of Charles County Delegation Members

A legislative event may be put on for Chamber Members and the Charles County Delegation. Ideally, 3 members of the delegation would be present, though two would suffice. Delegation members should be asked to attend the event as soon as possible and venue should be secured.

B) Solicitation of Moderator

Chamber should seek to find a moderator for the event that has Chamber interests at heart.

C) Solicitation of Sponsors and Attendees

Contact interested parties for sponsorships and create event page so that members can sign up.

D) Selection of Questions

1) Questions Submitted at Time of Registration

This is a moderated event. Member Questions should be solicited before the event at time of registration. Questions should be sorted through and selected by Chamber Staff and provided to the delegation members to prepare responses.

2) Questions Submitted at the Breakfast

Optionally, additional questions may be submitted the morning of the breakfast, but they must be submitted with enough time for questions to be selected by a knowledgeable moderator or Chamber Staff. The moderator should ensure that any Member questions submitted at this late hour are questions that officials can answer easily and succinctly.

3) Notification of Questions

If additional member questions will be selected on the day of the event, this should be noted. Consider asking speakers about their areas of expertise to aid in the day of selection process.

E) Marketing

1) Event Promotion

Event promotion should take place as soon as possible once politicians and venue has been secured.

2) Tabletops

Marketing collateral such as the Legislative Wrap Up Document should be put on the tables for members to review. Other appropriate marketing materials may be left on the tables.

F) Run of Show

(Based on St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce Legislative Wrap Up)

1) Arrival

Guests arrive at 7:30 AM and collect name tags and begin networking.

2) Breakfast Announcement

At approximately 8:00 AM an announcement is made to get their buffet-style breakfast and settle in.

3) Opening Remarks

At approximately 8:30 AM the program begins, moderator thanks guests, sponsors, and delegation members for coming.

4) Moderator Q&A

Moderator asks estimated 4-5 questions and two members of the delegation take turns answering each question.

5) Closing Remarks

Moderator shares final thanks and closing remarks. At approximately 9:30 AM the Legislative Breakfast is over.

IV) Phil's Legislative Laws

- This committee, first and foremost, supports the interests of Charles County businesses. Legislative Committee Members should ask themselves “Is this good for business?” when determining whether to support or oppose a position.
- The State should not dictate terms of private contracts.
- We *do not*, generally, support constitutional amendments.
- We generally support bills that incentivize the creation of jobs.
- If a choice must be made, we tend to support members interests over other business interests, but, consider the factors and determine if a no position or FYI is appropriate.
- We are generally opposed to increasing punitive measures against business owners.
- We are generally opposed to anything that there's already good legislation for.
- We tend to be opposed to unfunded mandates, especially when the burden is placed on the county or municipality.
- We tend to support programs that support minority owned enterprises, veterans and other disadvantaged businesses.
- We are generally opposed to things that would cause an undue burden on a business owner in the short or long term. Types of burdens may be financial, administrative, reporting-related, etc.
- We are generally opposed to raising taxes or fines.
- We are opposed to any taxes, fines, or fees tied to the CPI.

Appendix

I) **Image of Legislative Alert 2024 Introductory Statement**

Legislative Alerts 2024

Dear Chamber Members,

The Maryland General Assembly reconvened on January 10, 2024. The Chamber's Legislative Committee is hard at work monitoring the proposed laws that would affect Charles County businesses, and advocating on your behalf.

We invite you to review our work so far and to contact us with any concerns you might have about legislation that may affect your business. View our [Legislative Advocacy Contact Sheet](#) to share your concerns with the delegation.

We are incredibly grateful to our sponsors who continue to support our advocacy efforts. We also would like to thank the entire delegation for hearing our concerns and acting in the best interest of Charles County, and Maryland at large.

Sincerely,

Your Legislative Committee

View [Dates of Interest](#) for the Maryland 2024 Legislative Session

II) [Legislative Advocacy Contact Sheet](#)



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Appendix

III) [Link to Committee List](#)



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2023 Legislative Committee**

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IV) [Link to Legislative Committee Agenda](#)


**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

**February 14, 2024
3:00 P.M.**

Call to Order Phil McDonagh

Announcements: Southern Maryland Reception, Feb 29th.
<https://tccsmd.org/event/southern-maryland-reception-february-29-2024/>

Bills for Review: House Bills 901-1031, Senate Bills 801-1050.

Bills Held Over: See respective Sub-Committees.

Update on Legislative Breakfast: Kathy Guseman-Russell

New Bills:

Education: New: SB828/HB1014, SB937/HB1157, SB980, SB1043/HB1175.

Enviro./Bus. Regs.: New: HB913, HB1008, HB1028/SB951, SB1023/HB1279.

Health Care/Health Ins.: New: HB1006/SB874, SB999/HB1125, SB1006, SB1020/HB1194.

Ins./Unemploy./Workers Comp.: New: SB844/HB1145.

Military/Veteran/Public Safety: New: HB952, HB1005/SB972, HB0126/SB707, SB887, SB897/HB1064, SB1012.

Miscellaneous: New: SB884, SB954.

Real Estate/Finance/Landlord-Tenant: New: HB1000, SB946/HB1117, SB962/HB1196, SB992/HB1114.

Tax: New: HB919, HB925, HB955, HB1014/SB928, SB622, SB841/HB1025, SB923/HB1282.

Trans./Econ. Dev.: New: HB914/SB746, HB924, HB490, HB950, HB992/SB835, HB1018, SB906.

Utilities: New: SB861, SB920, SB959/HB1256, SB1025/HB1046.

Other Discussion: Phil McDonagh/Committee

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FOR THE
NEXT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, February 21 - 3:00 P.M.

Agenda and Homework Assignments Will Be Emailed Prior to the Meeting!

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V) Legislative Report Card Sample

LEGISLATIVE ALERTS 2024


2024 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION RECAP:

During the 2024 General Assembly session, a total of 2,714 bills were introduced. Of these bills, 1,526 originated in the House and 1,188 in the Senate. On behalf of the Chamber, the Legislative Committee reviewed all bills by title and identified those that appeared to have some relationship to or impact on business. Of those, 271 were reviewed by bill synopsis and assigned to subject sub-committees for full reading and analysis with discussion and recommendation to the full committee. Sub-committee bill recommendations were discussed and support or oppose motions were voted on during weekly meetings. The Committee took positions of support or opposition on 195 bills. Bills opposed were determined to have a detrimental impact or cost on business. Bills supported were determined to have a positive or beneficial effect on business. Bills that were determined to narrowly affect a specific business or type of business, positive or negative, but did not rise to the level of the committee taking a position, were referred to affected members flagged in the Alert as FYI. The Committee determined there was no need to take a position on 76 bills. These results mirror historical norms. Below is a breakdown of the Committee's results.

	Total	Passed	Died	Effectiveness Rating
Bills Supported	68	22	46	32%
Bills Opposed	76	29	47	62%
Bills Referred FYI	51	15	36	N/A
No Position	76	N/A	N/A	N/A

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VI) Legislative Wrap Up Sample



2024 LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP

INTRODUCTION

Dear Chamber Members, the 2024 General Assembly has finished. Our Legislative Committee has been on the job, meeting weekly to review proposed bills in both houses to assure that our members' interests are well served, and our businesses are protected.

The Legislative Committee works diligently and intensely on your behalf during the session and throughout the year. Legislative Alerts are posted on the website throughout the session to keep you updated on what is going on in government that affects your business and your family.

This wrap up document shows the different bills that the Chamber supported, opposed, or shared with specific industries on your behalf.

SESSION RECAP

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	Total	Passed	Died	Effectiveness rate
Bills Supported	68	28	40	42%
Bills Opposed	77	20	57	74%
FYI	51	19	32	n/a
No Position	76	n/a	n/a	n/a

CHARLES COUNTY DELEGATION

Senator Arthur Ellis
Senator Michael A. Jackson
Delegate Debra Davis
Delegate Edith Patterson
Delegate Susie Proctor
Delegate C.T. Wilson

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