

Policy and Legislation Committee
12-10-2020 5:30 pm
Via Zoom

Attendees:

Committee members
Ann Sweeney, Chair
Liz Brown
Karen Harvey
Charles Stango

Central Office
Dr. Ruffin
Atty. Tara Shaw

Meeting called to order by Chair Ann Sweeney at 5:33 pm.

Item 1. Discussion: Title IX Update from CAFE and possible policy implications.

Changes to Title IX relative to sexual harassment. Atty Shaw explained that the changes are extensive and not easily understood. We do not have a standalone Title IX policy, but original Title IX language exists in several related policies. In addition, some current Title IX language is taken from city HR language, and some city hires work in education. Atty Shaw will continue to review the changes and request Corp Counsel also review for any conflicts with city policies. Atty Shaw will try to provide some draft language for the committees Jan meeting.

Item 2. Continued discussion: Revision of Bylaws
Atty. Shaw provided some draft bylaws for consideration:

Powers, Purposes and Duties
Resignation/Censure
Conflict of Interest/Code of Ethics
Suspension of Policies
Quorum/Parliamentary Procedure/Rules of Order
Electronic Mail Communications

Atty Shaw described the need for these bylaws. She noted that the city has an extensive code of Ethics in its Code of Ordinances and suggested ways to cross reference those. Atty Shaw agreed to look at our agenda format regarding old/new/other unfinished business and the proper use of those sections. Committee was encouraged to submit any ideas or sample bylaws they find of value. Discussion to continue at the Jan meeting.

Item 3. Scheduling of next Policy & Legislation Committee
The Jan 2021 meeting will be scheduled for Jan 28th at 5:30.

Motion to adjourn
Made by Charles Stango, second by Liz Brown
Yeas-4 Nays-0 Abstain-0

Adjourned at 6:08 pm

Minutes prepared by Ann Sweeney

