

# December 2021 Public Policy and Advocacy Committee Meeting

## Minutes

December 6, 2021



### 1. Opening

Mr. Enrique Escallon opened the meeting. No member presented an issue with being recorded. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

Members Present: Dr. Betsy Burgos, Mr. Enrique Escallon, Mr. Brian Nerland

Staff Present: Ms. Whitney Doyle

Members of the Public: Ms. Kristi Warren

### 2. Approval of Agenda

No members of the public commented. No modifications were made to the agenda. The agenda was approved without any objection.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

No members of the public commented. No modifications were made to the minutes. Without objection, Mr. Escallon approved the minutes as presented. The November 2021 Public Policy and Advocacy Meeting Minutes were approved without any objection.

### 4. Discuss and Update Strategy for 2022 Legislative Priorities | Whitney Doyle

Ms. Doyle stated that our House Bill 55 now has seven sponsors. In the House, Tant, Salzman, Alexander, Borrero, Geller, Gottlieb, & Morales. In the Senate, SB 418, three sponsors, Pizzo, Jones, Gruters, and Perry.

Our update to Florida Statue 413.407 and HB 2613 continues to move favorably through the legislative process.

Ms. Doyle will draft the December monthly legislative message to legislators. Once the committees return in January she will follow up as needed.

### 5. Action Items

Ms. Doyle gave an update on the strategic issue tracking for year 2. There hasn't been any progress yet as we are not through with this legislative session. In

response to Mr. Escallon's question, there is no plan currently have board members travel to Tallahassee for legislative session.

6. Closing

Next Meeting- Monday January 10, 2021, at 3:00 pm.

Dr. Burgos complimented Whitney Doyle and the FAAST team for their work at the Capitol. Under Whitney's leadership the team was "prepared confident and on target." Dr. Burgos was proud to be part of the team.

No other public comment. Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm

## **FAAST 2022 Legislative Priorities Strategy Ideas**

1. HB 55 & SB 418 Assistive Technology Advisory Council
  - a. SPONSORS
    - i. House: Tant and Salzman (CO-SPONSORS) Alexander; Borrero; Geller; Gottlieb; Morales
    - ii. Senate: Pizzo (CO-SPONSORS) Jones; Gruters; Perry
  - b. Update Florida Statute 413.407
  - c. Proposed language updates the membership of the ATAC, replaces the Co-Chairs with one Chair, limits ATAC membership to two terms, adds a statement on diversity, and removes committee language.
2. HB 2613 Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology
  - a. SPONSORS
    - i. House: Salzman (CO-SPONSORS) Borrero; Geller; Morales; Tant
    - ii. Senate: Pizzo
  - b. \$305,585 General Revenue funding request
  - c. Increases FAAST's state funding from \$444,415 to \$750,000
  - d. This funding will be used to expand/increase funding for the Regional ReUse Center and Regional Demonstration Center programs.

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### **Monthly Actions**

June 2021

- FY2022 Legislative Priorities sent to VR and ATAC - COMPLETED
- Met with David Hart, Executive Vice President of Government & Political Relations, Florida Chamber of Commerce - COMPLETED
- PPAC Members to identify local representatives/senators and send names to Whitney – ONGOING
- "Press Release" Message on Update Service Delivery Model sent to Florida Legislators - COMPLETED

- PPAC Members to forward message with personal note to legislative aids to request time on the legislators' agenda – COMPLETED
  - Only spoke to Renee about this for draft language
  - Whitney is reaching out to legislators

#### July 2021

- Draft Meeting Talking Points - COMPLETED
- First set of meetings with Legislators/PPAC Members for FY22 Priorities – ONGOING
- Monthly message to Legislators on priorities - COMPLETED
- Circle back with VR on Legislative Budget Request process (if not heard back in June) – COMPLETED
  - VR says we will have better chances of getting a budget request through if we do not go through their LBR process.

#### August 2021

- August 1, Deadline for filing Senate claim bills
- Work on follow ups from July meetings - ONGOING
- Monthly message to Legislators on priorities – NOT SENT

#### September 2021

- 9/20-24 Committee Week 1
- Monthly message to Legislators on priorities – NOT SENT

#### October 2021

- 10/11-15 Committee Week 2
- 10/18-22 Committee Week 3
- Monthly message to Legislators on priorities – NOT SENT
- Message was sent to all Legislators that I've held meeting with to provide an update on bill sponsorships

#### November 2021

- 11/1-5 Committee Week 4
- 11/15-19 Committee Week 5 – ATAC Meetings
- 11/29-12/3 Committee Week 6
- Monthly message to Legislators on priorities – COMPLETED

December 2021

- Monthly message to Legislators on priorities – NOT SENT

January 2022

- January 11 Session Begins (noon deadline for filing bills for introduction)
- Monthly message to Legislators on priorities – DRAFTED

February 2022

- February 26 All bills are immediately certified
- Monthly message to Legislators on priorities

March 2022

- March 1 Last Day for regularly scheduled committee meetings
- March 11 Last Day of Regular Session
- Monthly message to Legislators on priorities

April 2022

- Monthly message to Legislators on priorities

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### Meetings Held (58):

- HB55 1<sup>st</sup> Committee: Post-Secondary Education & Lifelong Learning Subcommittee
  - Representative Amber Mariano
    - Chair, Post-Secondary Education & Lifelong Learning Subcommittee
    - Education and Employment Committee
    - Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee
    - Sent HB2613 info
  - Representative Lauren Melo
    - Vice Chair, Post-Secondary Education & Lifelong Learning Subcommittee
    - Sent HB55/HB2613 info
  - Representative Robert “Alex” Andrade

- Republican Committee Whip, Education and Employment Committee
- Sent HB55/HB2613 info
- Representative Kristen Arrington
  - Education and Employment Committee
  - Sent HB55/2613 info
- Representative Ramon Alexander's Legislative Aide
  - Appropriation Committee
  - Sent HB55/2613 info
  - **HB55 CO SPONSOR**
- Representative Melony Bell's Legislative Aide
  - Sent HB55 info and asked to Co Sponsor
  - Sent HB2613 info
  - Education and Employment Committee
- Representative Adam Botana
  - Sent HB55/HB2613 info
- Representative Juan Fernandez-Barquin's Legislative Aide
  - Sent HB55 info and asked to Co Sponsor
  - Sent HB55/HB2613 info
- Representative Mike Gottlieb
  - **HB55 CO SPONSOR**
- Representative James Mooney
  - Sent HB55/HB2613 info
- Representative Daisy Morales
  - Sent HB55 info and asked to Co Sponsor
  - Education and Employment Committee
  - Sent HB2613 info
  - **HB55 CO SPONSOR**
  - **HB2613 SPONSOR**
- Representative Jenna Persons-Mulicka's Legislative Aide
  - Sent HB55 info and asked to Co Sponsor
  - Sent HB2613 info
- Representative Michelle Salzman
  - **HB55 CO SPONSOR**
  - **HB2613 SPONSOR**
- Representative Allison Tant
  - **HB55 SPONSOR**

- **HB2613 CO SPONSOR**
  - Representative Patricia Williams
    - Democratic Ranking Member, Education and Employment Committee
    - Sent HB2613 info
- HB55 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee: Government Operations Subcommittee
  - Representative Jason Fischer
    - Chair, Government Operations Subcommittee
    - Sent HB55/HB2613 info and asked to Co Sponsor
  - Representative David Borrero
    - Education and Employment Committee
    - **HB55 CO SPONSOR**
    - **HB2613 CO SPONSOR**
  - Representative Tom Fabrico
    - Sent HB55 info and asked to Co Sponsor
    - Sent HB2613 info
  - Representative Yvonne Hinson
    - Sent HB55 info and asked to Co Sponsor
    - Sent HB2613 info
  - Representative Jason Shoaf's Legislative Aide
    - Sent HB55 info and asked to Co Sponsor
    - Sent HB2613 info
  - Representative Evan Jenne
    - Sent HB55/2613 info
  - Representative Kelly Skidmore
    - Sent HB55/2613 info
  - Representative Carlos Guillermo Smith's Legislative Aide
    - Sent HB55/HB2613 info
  - Representative Ardian Zika
    - Sent HB55/HB2613 info
- HB55 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee: Education and Employment Committee
  - Representative Stan McClain
    - Vice Chair, Education & Employment Committee
    - Sent HB55 info and asked to Co Sponsor
    - Sent HB2613 info
  - Representative Randy Fine
    - Sent HB55 info and asked to Co Sponsor

- Sent HB2613 info
  - Representative Fred Hawkins
    - Sent HB55 info and asked to Co Sponsor
    - Sent HB2613 info
  - Representative Susan Valdes
    - Sent HB55 info and asked to Co Sponsor
    - Sent HB2613 info
- SB418 1<sup>st</sup> Committee: Education
  - Senator Joe Gruters
    - Chair, Education
    - Commerce and Tourism
    - Rules
    - Appropriations Subcommittee on Education
    - Sent SB418 and LFIR info
    - **SB418 CO SPONSOR**
  - Senator Shervin Jones' Legislative Aide
    - Vice Chair, Education
    - **SB418 CO SPONSOR**
  - Senator Lori Berman
    - Sent SB418 and LFIR info
  - Senator Doug Broxson's Legislative Aide
    - Sent SB418 info and asked to Co Sponsor
    - Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education
    - Appropriations
    - Sent LFIR info
  - Senator Manny Diaz's Legislative Aide
    - Sent SB418 info and asked to Co Sponsor
    - Send follow up once approps is filed
    - Commerce and Tourism
    - Rules
    - Vice Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education
    - Appropriations
    - Sent LFIR info
  - Senator Travis Hutson
    - Commerce and Tourism
    - Rules
    - Appropriations Subcommittee on Education



- Appropriations
    - Sent SB418 and LFIR info
  - Senator Kathleen Passidomo's Legislative Aide
    - Sent SB418 info
    - Chair, Rules
    - Appropriations Subcommittee on Education
    - Appropriations
    - Sent LFIR info
  - Senator Tina Polsky
    - Appropriations Subcommittee on Education
    - Sent LFIR info
- SB418 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee: Commerce and Tourism
  - Senator Ed Hooper
    - Chair, Commerce and Tourism
    - Sent SB418 info and asked to Co Sponsor
    - Appropriations
    - Send approps info
  - Senator Jason Pizzo
    - **SB418 SPONSOR**
    - **APPROPS SPONSOR**
    - Appropriations
  - Senator Victor Torres, Jr.
  - Senator Tom Wright
    - Sent SB418 info
- SB418 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee: Rules
  - Senator Aaron Bean's Legislative Aide
    - Send follow up once approps is filed
    - Vice Chair, Appropriations
    - Send approps info
  - Senator Lauren Book's Legislative Aide
    - Sent SB418 info
    - Appropriations
    - Send approps info
  - Senator Kelli Stargel's Legislative Aide
    - Send follow up once approps is filed
    - Chair, Appropriations
    - Send approps info

- HB2613 1<sup>st</sup> Committee: Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee
  - Representative Randall Maggard's Legislative Aide
    - Sent HB55/HB2613 info
  - Representative Geraldine Thompson
    - Sent HB55/HB2613 info
- HB2613 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee: Appropriations
  - Representative Nicholas Duran
    - Sent HB2613 info
  - Representative Colleen Burton's Legislative Aide
    - Sent HB2613 info
  - Representative Ben Diamond's Legislative Aide
    - Sent HB55 info and asked to Co Sponsor
    - Sent HB2613 info
  - Representative Joe Geller
    - HB55 CO SPONSOR
    - HB2613 CO SPONSOR
    - Sent HB2613 info
  - Representative Tom Leek
    - Sent HB55 info and asked to Co Sponsor
    - Sent HB2613 info
  - Representative Scott Plakon's Legislative Aide
    - Sent HB55 info and asked to Co Sponsor
    - Sent HB2613 info
  - Representative Josie Tomkow's Legislative Aide
    - Sent HB2613 info
- Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education
  - Senator Janet Cruz
    - Sent SB418 info
    - Appropriations Subcommittee on Education
    - Send approps info
- Other Legislators
  - Representative Chuck Brannan's Legislative Aide
    - Sent HB55/HB2613 info
  - Representative Dotie Joseph
    - Sent HB55/HB2613 info
  - Senator Lorraine Ausley

- Sent SB418 info
- Senator Keith Perry's Legislative Aide
  - Sent SB418 info and asked to Co Sponsor
  - Appropriations
  - **SB418 CO SPONSOR**
  - Send approps info
- Senator Ray Rodrigues
  - Sent SB418 and LFIR info

## Meetings Scheduled (0):

- HB55 1<sup>st</sup> Committee: Post-Secondary Education & Lifelong Learning Subcommittee
- HB55 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee: Government Operations Subcommittee
- HB55 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee: Education and Employment Committee
- SB418 1<sup>st</sup> Committee: Education
- SB418 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee: Commerce and Tourism
- SB418 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee: Rules
- HB2613 1<sup>st</sup> Committee: Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee
- HB2613 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee: Appropriations
- Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education
- Senate Appropriations

## Meetings Needed (51):

- HB55 1<sup>st</sup> Committee: Post-Secondary Education & Lifelong Learning Subcommittee
  - Representative Mike Caruso
  - Representative Joe Harding
    - Education and Employment Committee
  - Representative Rene Plasencia
    - Chair, Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee
    - Appropriations Committee
- HB55 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee: Government Operations Subcommittee
  - Representative Anthony Rodriquez
    - Vice Chair, Government Operations Subcommittee
    - Higher Educations Appropriations Subcommittee
  - Representative Elizabeth Anne Fetterhoff
  - Representative Lawrence McClure
    - Vice Chair, Appropriations Committee
  - Representative Alex Rizo
    - Higher Educations Appropriations Subcommittee
  - Representative Rick Roth
    - Appropriations Committee
  - Representative Anthony Sabatini
- HB55 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee: Education and Employment Committee
  - Representative Chris Latvala
    - Chair, Education & Employment Committee
    - Appropriations Committee
  - Representative Vance Aloupis
  - Representative James Bush III
    - Appropriations Committee
  - Representative Christine Hunschofsky
  - Representative Chip LaMarca
  - Representative Pat Maney
    - Vice Chair, Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee
  - Representative Dana Trabulsy
  - Representative Kaylee Tuck
    - Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee

- SB418 1<sup>st</sup> Committee: Education (passed Committee)
  - Senator Jennifer Bradley
    - Sent SB418 and LFIR info
  - Senator Perry Thurston, Jr.
    - Rules
    - Sent SB418 and LFIR info
- SB418 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee: Commerce and Tourism
  - Senator Ileana Garcia
    - Vice Chair, Rules
  - Senator Annette Taddeo
  - Senator Bobby Powell
    - Rules
    - Appropriations
- SB418 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee: Rules
  - Senator Ben Albritton
    - Appropriations
  - Senator Dennis Baxley
    - Appropriations
  - Senator Jim Boyd
  - Senator Randolph Bracy
    - Appropriations
  - Senator Jeff Brandes
  - Senator Gary Farmer
  - Senator Audrey Gibson
    - Appropriations Subcommittee on Education
    - Appropriations
  - Senator Debbie Mayfield
    - Appropriations
- HB2613 1<sup>st</sup> Committee: Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee
  - Representative Joseph Casello
  - Representative Michael Grieco
  - Representative Angie Nixon
- HB2613 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee: Appropriations
  - Representative Jay Trumbull
    - Chair
  - Representative Bryan Avila

- Representative Kamia Brown
- Representative Brad Drake
- Representative Fentrice Driskell
- Representative Erin Grall
- Representative Michael Grant
- Representative Blaise Ingoglia
- Representative Ralph Massullo
- Representative Anika Tene Omphroy
- Representative Daniel Perez
- Representative Paul Renner
- Representative Cyndi Stevenson
- Representative Matt Willhite
- Representative Jayer Williamson
- Senate Appropriations
  - Senator George Gainer
  - Senator Darryl Ervin Rouson
  - Senator Linda Stewart

**Not Scheduling Meeting (1):**

- Representative Sam Killebrew

**Requested for a Meeting Once Bill is in Their Committee (1):**

- Representative Kevin Chambliss
  - Government Operations Subcommittee

**Requested Materials and Will Request Meeting if Needed (1):**

- Representative "Tray" McCurdy
  - Education and Employment Committee
  - Higher Appropriations Subcommittee
    - Send approps info

*To be sent through email*

Did You Know? FFAST saves taxpayer dollars!

FAAST has a current request before the Florida Legislature for \$305,585 in nonrecurring funds (HB2618/LFIR1191).

Why is this important?

In 2020, FFAST assistive technology device loans, demonstrations, and reutilization activities **saved Floridians an estimated \$1.54 million.**

FAAST projects the increase in funding will result in an estimated **\$2.32 million in savings** for Floridians. Therefore, a \$305,585 increase will yield \$1,229,620 in more savings for Floridians with disabilities. That's a **113% increase in savings** to Floridians!

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Public Policy and Advocacy Committee  
 2020 Strategic Planning Tracking - Year 2

Key

Not Started      In Progress      Completed

| Strategic Issue         | TASK   | DUE   | STAFF            | ACTIONS   |   |   |
|-------------------------|--|---|------------------|---|---|---|
| Issue 2,<br>Objective 6 | <b>By September 30, 2021, September 30, 2022, and September 30, 2023, create annual legislative priorities to implement within the strategic plan.</b> |   |                  |   |   |   |
|                         | Strategy 6-1: Legislative priorities drafted and approved by PPAC  | By June 2022, FY 2023<br>Legislative Priorities will be approved by ATAC. | Whitney          | Determine appropriate legislative priorities for FY22.      | Send priorities to be reviewed by VR/DOE.             | Create plan to bring awareness to priorities. |
| Issue 2,<br>Objective 9 | <b>By September 30, 2022, FAAST will research and establish an updated service delivery model for Regional Reuse Centers.</b>                          |   |                  |   |   |   |
|                         | Report findings from service delivery model research to FL legislators to develop or support legislative priorities.                                   | 9/30/2022   | Whitney & Hannah | Service Delivery Committee results to be presented to PPAC. | Incorporate results into monthly legislator messaging |   |