



# December 2022 Public Policy and Advocacy Committee

## Minutes

December 19th, 2022

2:00-3:00 p.m. ET

### 1. Opening

Mr. Enrique Escallon opened the meeting. No member presented an issue with being recorded. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm ET.

Members Present: Mr. Enrique Escallon, Ms. Sarah Goldman, Mr. Eddie Hall, Ms. Kristi Warren, Ms. Elizabeth Moya

Staff Present: Ms. Whitney Doyle

Members of the Public: None

### 2. Approval of Agenda

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

### 3. Approval of Minutes

No members of the public commented. No modifications were made to the minutes. The September 2022 Public Policy and Advocacy Meeting Minutes were approved as presented by acclamation without any objection.

### 4. Update on Strategies for 2023 Legislative Priorities | Whitney Doyle

Ms. Doyle gave an update on the 2023 the legislative priorities. Federally the Assistive Technology Act has passed. It will have a five-year authorization and will take effect July 1, 2023. The \$44 million requested in the President's budget is still in the House and Senate budget. They are trying to meet the December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. ATAP is trying to increase the funding for state programs, however larger states like Florida will not see as much of the increase as majority will go to smaller states.



## 5. Action Items

Ms. Doyle explained she is holding meetings with senators and representatives now that elections are over. She has had 19 meetings to date. She has updated the legislative strategies document to reflect the new committee assignments.

Ms. Doyle reviews the FY2020 Year 3 strategic plan. She will provide an in-depth review of the Medicaid AAC school concurrence topic at the next PPAC meeting.

## 6. Closing

Next Meeting- January 17<sup>th</sup> 2022 2:00-3:00 PM. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm ET.



## FAAST 2023 Legislative Priorities Strategy Ideas

### State – \$305,585 General Revenue funding request

- House: Rep Michelle Salzman; Senate: Sen Jason Pizzo (FY22 Sponsors)
  - House: Form #28 assigned to Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee
- Continues FY22 state funding request from \$444,415 to \$750,000
- This funding will be used to expand/increase funding for the assistive technology programs.

### Federal – Assistive Technology Act Reauthorization

- Passed December 15, 2022 through the National Defense Authorization Act.

### Federal – Fully Fund State AT Act Programs

- Passed in December 2022 for \$38 million (increase from \$36 million for FY22)

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## Monthly Actions

### June 2022

- FY2023 Legislative Priorities sent to VR and ATAC – COMPLETED

### July 2022

- Draft Meeting Talking Points – COMPLETED

### August 2022

- Continue working with Rep. Salzman to make FY23 request recurring dollars
  - Dollars will be to be requested through appropriations. If Salzman is reelected, she will run this bill for us in the House.



- Florida Primaries August 23, 2022

## September 2022

- Create list of legislators who ran unopposed – COMPLETED
- Schedule first set of meetings with Legislators for FY23 Priorities – COMPLETED

## October 2022

- Work on follow ups from September meetings – COMPLETED

## November 2022

- Continue meetings with legislators – COMPLETED

## December 2022

- Create list of all legislators – COMPLETED
- Continue meetings with legislators – COMPLETED
- Committee Week 1: December 12-16, 2022

## January 2023

- Continue meetings with legislators – IN PROGRESS
- Committee Week 2: January 3-6, 2023
- Committee Week 3: January 17-20, 2023
- Committee Week 4: January 23-27, 2023
- Appropriations filed in the House (Form #28)

## February 2023

- Committee Week 5: February 6-10, 2023
- Committee Week 6: February 13-17, 2023
- Committee Week 7: February 20-24, 2023

## March 2023

- Regular session begins March 7, 2023



April 2023

May 2023

- Last day of regular session May 5, 2023

June 2023

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## Meetings Held (34):

### House Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee (8)

- Representative Jason Shoaf
  - Chair
  - Appropriations Committee
- Representative Fred Hawkins
  - Vice Chair
  - Appropriations Committee
- Representative Adam Anderson
- Representative Jessica Baker
- Representative Mike Caruso
- Representative Lindsay Cross
- Representative Alina Garcia
- Representative Randy Maggard

### House Appropriations Committee (7)

- Representative Jim Mooney
  - Republican Committee Whip
- Representative Melony Bell
- Representative Christine Hunschofsky
- Representative Bobby Payne
- Representative Bob Rommel
- Representative Michelle Salzman



- Representative Josie Tomkow

#### House Other

- Representative Daryl Campbell
- Representative T. Patterson Maney
- Representative Stan McClain
- Representative Lauren Melo
- Representative Will Robinson
- Representative Tyler Sirois

#### Senate Appropriations Committee on Education (7)

- Senator Keith Perry
  - Chair
  - Appropriations Committee
- Senator Shevrin Jones
  - Vice Chair
- Senator Bryan Avila
  - Appropriations Committee
- Senator Lauren Book
  - Appropriations Committee
- Senator Jay Collins
- Senator Tracie Davis
  - Appropriations Committee
- Senator Geraldine Thompson

#### Senate Appropriations Committee (1)

- Senator Travis Hutson

#### Senate Other

- Senator Jim Boyd
- Senator Debbie Mayfield
- Senator Rosalind Osgood



- Senator Kathleen Passidomo
- Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez

## Meeting Scheduled (0):

House Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee

House Appropriations Committee

House Other

Senate Appropriations Committee on Education

Senate Appropriations Committee

Senate Other

## Meetings Needed (45):

### House (27)

Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee (7)

- Representative Christopher Benjamin
  - Appropriations Committee
- Representative Kevin Chambliss
- Representative Kimberly Daniels (update them once approps is filed then schedule meeting)
- Representative Gallop Franklin
- Representative Philip Griffitts
- Representative Juan Porras
- Representative Joel Rudman

Appropriations Committee (20)

- Representative Tom Leek
  - Chair
- Representative Lawrence McClure
  - Vice Chair



- Representative Thad Altman
- Representative Alex Andrade
- Representative Chuck Brannan
- Representative Demi Busatta Cabrera
- Representative Linda Chaney
- Representative Fentrice Driskell
- Representative Randy Fine
- Representative Sam Garrison
- Representative Mike Gottlieb
- Representative Michael Grant
- Representative Tommy Gregory
- Representative Dotie Joseph
- Representative Ralph Massullo
- Representative Daniel Perez
- Representative David Silvers
- Representative Kelly Skidmore
- Representative Cyndi Stevenson
- Representative Patricia Williams

## Senate (18)

### Appropriation Committee on Education (5)

- Senator Doug Broxson (must meet with Chair Perry first)
  - Chair, Appropriations Committee
- Senator Colleen Burton
- Senator Alexis Calatayud
- Senator Gayle Harrell
  - Appropriations Committee
- Senator Corey Simon

### Appropriations Committee (13)

- Senator Darryl Rouson





- Vice Chair
  - Senator Dennis Baxley
  - Senator Jennifer Bradley
  - Senator Jason Brodeur
  - Senator Danny Burgess
  - Senator Erin Grall
  - Senator Joe Gruters
  - Senator Ed Hooper
  - Senator Blaise Ingoglia
  - Senator Jonathan Martin
  - Senator Jason Pizzo
  - Senator Tina Polsky
  - Senator Bobby Powell



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Strategic Plan 2020 – Goal Tracking Year 3

Strategic Issue 2, Objective 6 - By September 30, 2021, September 30, 2022, and September 30, 2023, create annual legislative priorities to implement within the strategic plan.

Strategy 6-1: Legislative priorities drafted and approved by PPAC

- Due: By June 2023, FY 2024 Legislative Priorities will be approved by ATAC.
- Staff Assigned: Whitney Doyle

Actions:

- Determine appropriate legislative priorities for FY24.
- Send priorities to be reviewed by VR/DOE.
- Create plan to bring awareness to priorities.