

Approach to 2009 Legislative Standing Committee Re-organization and General Charge to Committees

Role of Standing Committees

In general, [Legislative Standing Committees](#) are officially delegated to carry out the work of the full Legislature through the following activities:

- Dealing openly with emerging trends and issues of concern, which often provokes important public debate, and then developing strategies toward resolution;
- Developing specialized knowledge of the matters under the Committee's jurisdiction;
- Investigating, gathering and evaluating information, reporting out, recommending courses of action, and/or acting on a matter;
- Identifying policy problems or need for new policy and proposing solutions;
- Monitoring on-going governmental operations and identifying issues suitable for legislative review; and
- Providing an immediate and visible conduit between elected representatives and community.

Transitioning to 2009

The following are themes, emerging trends and issues of concern directly related to the appropriateness and responsiveness of our County programs, services, and operations that were identified and/or explored in 2008 and that warrant further legislative consideration in 2009:

1. Affordable housing
2. Energy conservation/sustainability
3. Economic security, economic development and telecommunications capacity
4. County workforce succession planning, employee development, and performance management
5. Property tax stabilization /mandate relief
6. Adult reentry/aftercare, ATI, and interventions for youth at-risk
7. Performance measurement and the capacity to demonstrate value and responsiveness to the taxpayer
8. Update County policies and procedures
9. Legislator accountability
10. Deepening community partnerships for common county-wide goals
11. Valuing diversity and inclusion throughout our organizational environments

2009 Committee Structure, Assignments and General Charge to Committees

| 2009 Legislative Standing and Special Committees | Assignments (See "Transitioning to 2009" list above) | 2009 General Charge (in addition to routine and customary committee responsibilities) |
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| Facilities & Infrastructure (F&I) | 2, 7, 8, 10, 11 | <p>The general charge to 2009 Legislative Standing Committees, in addition to routine and customary committee responsibilities, will be to examine the '09 "themes/issues/initiatives" relevant to the jurisdiction of that committee—in terms of existing programs and service delivery systems that are performing well or, with reasonable improvements, have the potential for demonstrating best value and effectiveness to the tax payer and the community at large.</p> <p>After such review & conclusions reached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Recommend courses of action for further development, enhancement, or change; (b) Identify straightforward, reasonable steps for demonstrating success, including establishing performance objectives/measures; (c) Propose policy changes, if needed; and (d) Suggest opportunities and approaches for communicating progress to the community. <p>By April 2009, routine standing committee reports to the full Legislature should include a brief summary of progress to date (based on a—d outlined above) and an explanation of actions or decisions required of the full Legislature.</p> |
| Government Performance and Workforce Relations <i>(Combines HR and GO)</i> | 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 | |
| Budget, Capital & Finance <i>(formerly Budget & Capital)</i> | 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11 | |
| Planning, Development and Environmental Quality (PDEQ) | 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11 | |
| Public Safety <i>(Note: includes both adult and juvenile justice matters, which may require routine reports from Youth Services and DSS.)</i> | 1, 7, 8, 10, 11 | |
| Health and Human Services (HHS) | 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11 | |
| <u>Special Committee:</u> Legislative Rules and Procedures | 7, 8, 9, 11 | |

| 2009 SPECIAL ISSUES: COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT COMPARISONS | Facilities & Infra- structure | Government Performance and Workforce Relations | Budget, Capital & Finance | Planning, Development & Environmental Quality | Public Safety | Health and Human Services | Legisl. Rules & Proce- dures |
|---|--|---|--|--|--------------------------|--|---|
| 1. Affordable housing | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 2. Energy conservation/sustainability | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | |
| 3. Economic security, economic development and telecommunications capacity | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| 4. County workforce succession planning, employee development, and performance management | | ✓ | | | | | |
| 5. Property tax stabilization/mandate relief | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 6. Adult reentry/aftercare, ATI, and interventions for youth at-risk | | | | | ✓ | | |
| 7. Performance measurement and the capacity to demonstrate value and responsiveness to the taxpayer | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 8. Update County policies and procedures | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 9. Legislator accountability. | | ✓ | | | | | ✓ |
| 10. Deepening community partnerships for common county-wide goals | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 11. Valuing diversity and inclusion throughout our organizational environments | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |