

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 2025

Phelan Community Center
4128 Warbler Road, Phelan, CA 92371
& Remotely Via Zoom or Conference Call

Board Members Present: Deborah Philips, Chair/Vice President
Chuck Hays, Director

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jennifer Oakes, Executive Management Analyst
Aimee Williams, Asst. Board Clerk/Administrative Specialist

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

All committee members were present at Roll Call.

1) **Approval of Agenda**

Vice President Philips moved to approve the Agenda. Director Hays seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2) **Public Comment** – None

3) **Approval of Minutes**

Director Hays moved to approve the Minutes. Vice President Philips seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4) **Update from Representatives**

- **State Senate** – Miriam Munoz, District Representative for Senator Valladares, provided a legislative update. She also shared information about the senator's local office, which is located in the Adelanto City Hall building.

5) **Staff Report**

Nothing new to report.

6) **Committee Comments**

Vice President Philips reported that she attended Legislative Days and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to attend representative meetings with Rojas Public Affairs instead of with the CSDA groups.

Director Hays thanked the Directors that were able to Legislative Days and represent the District.

7) **Review of Action Items**

- a) **Prior Meeting** – None
- b) **Current Meeting** – None

8) **Set Agenda for Next Meeting** – September 9, 2025

9) **Adjournment**

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

Agenda materials can be viewed online at www.pphcsd.org



Legislative Update 6.6.25

Valladares Legislation

Now that the House of Origin deadline has wrapped up, here is an update on our bills that are still moving this year:

- **SB 296 Homes for Heroes Act** – This bill aims to entirely exempt the primary residences of 100% disabled veterans from property taxes. It also provides an unmarried surviving spouse the same exemption for the amount entitled to if the veteran were alive and meets the required conditions. **Status:** Senator Valladares is being added as a joint-author on SB 296 which is nearly identical to SB 23. The bill passed out of the Senate 38-0 and is awaiting a hearing in the Assembly.
- **SB 571 Looting and Impersonating First Responders During an Emergency** – This bill increases the penalties for looting or impersonating first responders during a state of emergency. **Status:** Passed out of the Senate 39-0 and is awaiting a hearing in the Assembly.
- **SB 376 Incomplete Gift Non-Grantor Trust** – This bill addresses a conflict between California's income tax law and a federal income tax law that California follows, concerning charitable remainder trusts (CRTs) and incomplete gift nongrantor trusts (INGs). The bill would clarify that CRTs are not considered ING trusts, ensuring that CRTs remain subject to federal tax law under Section 664, rather than California's Revenue and Taxation Code section 17082. **Status:** This bill passed out of the Senate 38-0 and is awaiting a hearing in the Assembly.
- **SB 402 Behavior Analysts** – This bill would move credentialing language for Behavior Analysts from the Health & Safety Code to the Business and Professions Code to create parity with all other qualified autism specialists to ensure proper vetting of bills regarding scope and regulation in the future. **Status:** Passed out of the Senate 39-0 and is awaiting a hearing in the Assembly.
- **SB 508 Telehealth** – Seeks to allow patients that at one point were diagnosed with an immediately life-threatening disease, has provided written consent, and has been denied participation in the clinical trial nearest to their home for the immediately life-threatening disease to continue to have telehealth visits with their out-of-state provider despite no longer meeting this criteria. **Status:** Passed out of the Senate 39-0 and is awaiting a hearing in the Assembly.
- **SB 563 Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Grant Program** – The bill would allow the few special districts who employ sworn personnel performing law enforcement activities (like Hesperia Parks & Rec) to apply for grants through the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation grant program. **Status:** This bill passed out of the Senate 38-0 and is awaiting a hearing in the Assembly.

- **SB 591 Electronic Funds Transfers** – Ensures that the penalties for certain violations of the California Revenue and Taxation Code are appropriately imposed and are not overly burdensome by setting the penalty at \$100 for an initial failure to make a payment via the Electronic Funds Transfer (“EFT”) system and \$500 for each subsequent failure unless it is shown that the failure to make payment as required via EFT was for reasonable cause and was not the result of willful neglect. **Status:** This bill passed out of the Senate 38-0 and is awaiting a hearing in the Assembly.
- **SCR 76 Food Allergy Awareness Month** – This resolution would declare May as Food Allergy Awareness Month and would encourage all Californians to increase their understanding of food allergies, support preventative practices, and learn how to respond in the event of a severe allergic reaction. **Status:** This bill passed out of the Senate 39-0 and is awaiting a vote in the Assembly.

Bills constituents are engaging on

- **SB 712 (Grove)** – The intent of this bill is to reestablish a 35 year rolling exemption from SMOG check requirements for a small universe of classic, collector vehicles. **Status:** This bill passed out of the Senate 32-3 and is awaiting a vote in the Assembly. Senator Valladares is a co-author.
- **SB 630 (Allen)/AB 1138 (Zbur)** – These bills would extend and make modifications to the Film and Television Tax Credit Program 4.0, which will be in place from July 1, 2025 to July 1, 2030, and the soundstage tax credit in order to increase the competitiveness of the credit in relation to other states and countries. Increases the aggregate amount of Film and TV tax credits that may be allocated in a fiscal year to \$750 million. **Status:** SB 630 passed the Senate 34-1 and is awaiting a hearing in the Assembly. AB 1138 passed the Assembly 73-1 and is awaiting a hearing in the Senate. Senator Valladares is a co-author on both bills.
- **AB 84 (Muratsuchi)** – Enacts sweeping changes related to independent study, charter schools and specifically non-classroom based (NCB) charter schools that furthers the ongoing effort of re-regulating all charter schools and also amounts to the end of NCB charter schools. Reduces educational options for families - particularly those with less financial means - and decreases accountability for the rest of public schools, which continue to fail students with no consequences and very little recourse for kids or their parents. **Status:** Passed the Assembly 43-25 and is awaiting a hearing in the Senate.
- **AB 942 (Calderon)** – Requires new homebuyers who purchase a home with existing solar to take service under a 2022 Public Utilities Commission decision which pays the homeowner less than retail rates for excess energy sold back to the grid. Prohibits these new homeowners from receiving the California Climate Credit. Cancels existing

contracts that allow at-home solar generation to be sold back to utilities at retail rates. **Status:** Passed the Assembly 46-14 and is awaiting a hearing in the Senate.

- **AB 1333 (Zbur)** – Specifies certain circumstances in which homicide is not justifiable, including when a person was outside their home and did not retreat when they could have safely done so, when a person used more force than a reasonable person would to defend against a danger, and when the person was the initial aggressor. **Status:** The bill was not heard prior to the policy committee deadline and is therefore not eligible for a vote until January 2026.
- **AB 303 (Addis)** – This bill would rescind the California Energy Commission’s (CEC) ability to approve battery energy storage systems (BESS) projects through the opt-in certification process created by AB 205, thereby restoring local land use control over such projects. Further, AB 303 would establish siting restrictions by prohibiting BESS projects from locating on (1) environmentally sensitive sites or (2) a site within 3,200 feet of a sensitive receptor, as defined in the bill. **Status:** The bill was not heard prior to the policy committee deadline and is therefore not eligible for a vote until January 2026.

Affordability

Here’s an update on the Chamber’s “2025 Affordability Agenda.”

Legislation that reduces costs for businesses and consumers:

SB 540 (Becker) Independent Regional Energy Organization: Authorizes the California Independent System Operator and California Utilities to integrate into a broader regional energy market governed by an independent regional organization. Will reduce energy costs for Californians. **Status:** Passed the Senate 36-0 with Senator Valladares supporting.

SB 607 (Wiener) CEQA Reform for Infill projects: Exempts certain housing rezoning projects from CEQA and improves current CEQA exemptions to make them easier to use for housing projects. Increased housing stock will lead to a reduction in the cost to buy or rent a house. **Status:** Moved to the inactive file.

AB 231 (Ta) Work Opportunity Tax Credit: Provides a tax credit to businesses who hire previously incarcerated individuals who are re-entering the workforce, reducing costs on businesses and improving opportunities for workers. **Status:** Held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file.

AB 265 (Caloza) Small Business Recovery Act: Allows the Office of Small Business Advocate to provide grants to small businesses impacted by the Los Angeles fires to help them recover and rebuild. **Status:** Passed the Assembly 79-0.

AB 417 (Carrillo) Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts: Improves the ability for local governments to build critical infrastructure and provide financing for economic development in

targeted districts within their jurisdiction. It will allow economic development projects to receive additional financing, which incentivizes businesses to invest and create more jobs.

Status: Passed the Assembly 62-0.

AB 609 (Wicks) CEQA Reform for Infill Projects: Will help to reduce the cost of housing, by reforming the permitting process for infill housing, which will allow for the state to build more housing and drive down prices. **Status:** Passed the Assembly 67-0.

AB 685 (Solache) Small Business Recovery Act: Authorizes the Office of Small Business Advocate to provide funding and technical assistance to small businesses impacted by the January 2025 fires in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. **Status:** Not taken up prior to the policy committee deadline.

AB 941 (Zbur) CEQA Reform for Electricity Infrastructure Projects: Reduces the time for electricity infrastructure projects to go through permitting, which will allow for projects to be built faster. Regulatory certainty will allow for a reduction in energy costs. **Status:** Held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file.

AB 1308 (Hoover) Expedites entitlement process for housing construction: Requires the building department to provide an applicant of a residential building permit with an estimated timeframe in which the inspection of the permitted work will be completed, upon receiving a notice of the completion of the permitted work, to reduce costs and ultimately housing prices. **Status:** Passed the Assembly 71-0.

Legislation that increases costs for businesses and consumers:

SB 7 (McNerney) Restricts Use of Automated Decision Systems in Employment: Imposes impractical requirements on employers of every size related to automated decision systems, which will discourage the use of such tools and subject employers to costly litigation and onerous new compliance procedures, thereby driving up costs and ultimately impacting consumer prices. **Status:** Passed the Senate 27-10 with Senator Valladares opposing.

SB 222 (Wiener) Climate-Related Disaster Liability: Sets a troubling precedent of singling out a small, targeted group of companies and makes them jointly, severally, and strictly liable for virtually all damages suffered as a result of climate-related disasters regardless of cause or fault. **Status:** Failed in Senate Judiciary Committee by a vote of 5-2.

SB 259 (Wahab) Online Pricing: Prohibits businesses from using any input data to create prices or discounts. Forces companies to overhaul their pricing models and strategies at significant cost, to the detriment of both the businesses themselves and their consumers. This threatens not only the profitability of businesses, but also potentially reduces the availability of discounts and personalized deals for consumers. **Status:** Passed the Senate 30-9 with Senator Valladares opposing.

SB 295 (Hurtado) Pricing Algorithms: Prohibits a person from using or distributing pricing algorithms that use, incorporate, or were trained on “nonpublic competitor data.” Exposes businesses to significant uncertainty and aggressive liability and creates a chilling effect on the use of this technology by imposing significant cost on all businesses using technological tools. **Status:** Passed the Senate 29-10 with Senator Valladares opposing.

SB 310 (Wiener) Expands Private Right of Action for Penalties: Creates a new private right of action for wage and hour penalties that will be manipulated by trial attorneys, undermining the 2024 PAGA Reform, which sought to reduce avenues for litigation abuse and overall costs on employers. **Status:** Moved to the Senate inactive file.

SB 384 (Wahab) Prohibition on Using Information to Set Competitive Pricing: Effectively banning the use of technology to help set prices or help manage supply levels. Will make it harder for businesses to offer discounts and competitive pricing to their customers. **Status:** Passed the Senate 28-10 with Senator Valladares opposing.

SB 464 (Smallwood-Cuevas) Publication of Pay Data: Encourages litigation against employers based on the publication of broad, unreliable data collected by the state, which will unnecessarily drive up costs. **Status:** Passed the Senate 27-9 with Senator Valladares opposing.

SB 573 (Smallwood-Cuevas) Corporate Tax Increase: More than doubles California’s corporate tax rate (to as much as 22.5%) for targeted employers, decreasing California’s business competitiveness and increasing employer costs. **Status:** Not taken up prior to the policy committee deadline.

SB 601 (Allen) Punitive and Onerous Water Quality Permitting Requirements: Creates duplicative permitting obligations and dramatic legal liability requirements for businesses, agriculture, and water and wastewater utilities by granting the water boards broad authority to impose permitting requirements without considering economic impacts or the critical need for housing and recycled water projects. **Status:** Passed the Senate 23-12 with Senator Valladares opposing.

SB 632 (Arreguín) Expands Costly Presumption of Injury: Significantly increases workers’ compensation costs for public and private hospitals by presuming certain diseases and injuries are caused by the workplace and establishes an extremely concerning precedent for expanding presumptions into the private sector. Has been tried nine times before and failed every time. **Status:** Passed the Senate 22-10 with Senator Valladares opposing.

SB 682 (Allen) De Facto PFAS Ban: Creates a de facto ban on the use of PFAS in all commercial and consumer products, unless DTSC is petitioned and makes an affirmative determination that the PFAS in a particular product is an unavoidable use. Because of the breadth and scope of PFAS use, including in aerospace, lithium-ion batteries, medical devices, automotive and semiconductors, to name a few, the regulatory program established is unworkable and ultimately will lead to a ban on critically important products or otherwise make certain

products less safe, and ultimately drive up prices for consumers. **Status:** Passed the Senate 28-7 with Senator Valladares opposing.

SB 684 (Menjivar) Climate Superfund: Imposes retroactive financial liability on companies for lawful greenhouse gas emissions dating back to 1990, sending the message that even strict adherence to the state's compliance programs is not enough to avoid retroactive penalties down the road. **Status:** Not taken up prior to the policy committee deadline.

SB 763 (Hurtado) Vast Expansion of State Antitrust Penalties: Raises penalties under California's antitrust law, the Cartwright Act, from \$1,000,000 to \$100,000,000, and individual penalties from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000, with no demonstrated need for reform or adjustment, thereby increasing liability and costs on businesses. **Status:** Passed the Senate 29-10 with Senator Valladares opposing.

SB 766 (Allen) Legal Liability for Car Dealers: Dramatically increases legal liability to car dealers leading to a flood of new lawsuits and increased costs for buying or leasing cars for consumers. **Status:** Passed the Senate 27-9 with Senator Valladares opposing.

AB 298 (Bonta) Prohibits Cost Sharing: Increases premiums for California's employers and employees by restricting insurers from imposing a deductible, coinsurance, or copayment for in-network health care services provided to an enrollee under 21 years of age. **Status:** Not taken up prior to the policy committee deadline.

AB 405 (Addis) New Climate Disclosure Requirements: Imposes costly, duplicative, and misaligned regulatory requirements on apparel companies that will increase clothing prices and worsen affordability for Californians. Dramatically expands existing disclosure rules under SB 253 (2023), for which rulemaking hasn't even begun yet. **Status:** Two-year bill.

AB 858 (Lee) Onerous Return to Work Mandate: Unnecessarily transforms prior, COVID-19 specific law that created an onerous and stringent process for specific employers to return employees to the workforce for specified industries into a new mandate that applies to any natural disaster. **Status:** Passed the Assembly 52-19.

AB 1018 (Bauer-Kahan) Impact Assessments of Automated Decision Systems: Limits use of automated decision systems (ADS), including by small businesses, which will lead to significant liability and increased costs that will ultimately be borne by consumers. It would also hinder many beneficial uses of ADS, including but not limited to: enabling faster approvals and expanded access to credit and enhancing real-time fraud detection. **Status:** Passed the Assembly 50-16.

AB 1221 (Bryan) Restricts Use of Data in Employment: Imposes impractical requirements on employers of every size relating to any worker data collected by a workplace surveillance tool, which is defined so broadly that it would impact everything from security footage to emails. These requirements will drive up costs and impact consumer prices. **Status:** Held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

AB 1234 (Ortega) Creates New Penalty and Revises Wage Claim Procedures: Imposes new, automatic thirty percent penalty on all orders issued by the Labor Commissioner, which penalizes employers that exercise their due process rights and also makes other burdensome changes to the existing claims process. **Status:** Passed the Assembly 50-14.

AB 1243 (Addis) Climate Superfund: Imposes retroactive financial liability on companies for lawful greenhouse gas emissions dating back to 1990, sending the message that even strict adherence to the state's compliance programs is not enough to avoid retroactive penalties down the road. **Status:** Not taken up prior to the policy committee deadline.

AB 1331 (Elhawary) Restricts Workplace Safety and Security Tools: Undermines workplace safety in every California workplace by effectively prohibiting the use of any surveillance technology in the workplace, including security cameras, cybersecurity systems, and anti-theft devices. **Status:** Assembly Floor Vote 55-15.