

CC 2.0 February Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2022

Attending: In person: Decoteau, Mulholland Murphy. Remotely: Deschaine, Ferrini

- January minutes approved unanimously
- Legislative update tracker discussed. House met in session this week and disposed of a number of bills, including HB 1680 which was sent to interim study and sought to address aspects of education funding. The bill has been referred to House Ways and Means and the committee will commence its interim study work sessions on the bill later this year. Discussion was had on coverage of this bill and participation in the study process.
- Discussion was had concerning education freedom accounts and the political prospects of repeals or limitations of those programs based on various bills filed for 2022 session. Given that Governor Sununu and legislative Republicans who control both House and Senate have been strongly in favor of this program, the group discussed likelihood that the programs would largely remain in place through this year.
- Discussion was had concerning HB 1033 which would prohibit recipients of state or local grants or appropriations from using such funds for lobbying. At the direction of CC 2.0 joint board, lobbyists signed in to oppose the bill. It was reported that within the House committee, discussion focused on targeting the NH Municipal Association, along with opposition/concern to scope of bill.
- Discussion was had concerning SB 344 relative to quorum requirements for public meetings. The Senate voted down the Judiciary Committee's recommendation of Interim Study, and Senator Daniels presented a floor amendment to modify the bill and earn support. The bill was special ordered to the March 24 Senate session. General discussion on the issues concerning virtual meetings and the potential impact of this bill.
- Discussion was had concerning HB 1598 that would legalize cannabis and make it a state run enterprise, particularly concerning a potential revenue stream for municipalities
- Discussion was had concerning Governor Sununu's announced \$100 million housing fund and possible municipal revenue streams.
- Discussion was had concerning Jim Merrill meeting with Reaching Higher Policy Director Christina Pretorius and potential areas of collaboration between RH and CC 2.0, particularly with their focus on objective data and research.
- Discussion was had concerning inviting Rep. David Luneau and other legislators to meet with joint board following legislative session.
- Discussion was had concerning legislative elections in 2022 and potential makeup of next legislature.
- Discussion was had concerning outreach to John Tobin at NH School Funding Fairness project and review/update of communications plan.
- Discussion was had concerning CC 2.0 budget and finances
- Meeting adjourned.