

## 10.5.23 Recycle Colorado Policy Committee Meeting

Introductions:

Randy  
Brandy  
Nicolas  
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1. Update on Board process with policy committee structure (I would like a board member or Liz to present this)
  - Randy's Update: Robust conversation from the Summit in May. Then we drafted a proposal and submitted it to the policy committee.
  - Brandy's Update: Policy Committee and Board had a robust meeting. There will be one more meeting to make some decisions. Sector representation is still desired. Utilizing technology to make communication more efficient is desired. Continuing the monthly meeting and improving the communications cadence is desired as well.
  - Randy: Have a weekly policy memo during the legislative session and communicate this through Slack or the current website.
  - Feedback:
    - Jonathan Wachtel: email is not a good way to communicate, if you have an easier platform that works better to communicate.
    - Rachel Zerowin: The weekly updates are key
    - Neil Noble: As an organization I still think sector reps need to do active outreach to each sector. When input is needed it is needed in short timelines so any tool circles or Slack where I can encourage my sector members to voice comments is great.
    - Rachel Setzke: Is this conversation around making decisions about whether or not to support bills or if we want to see changes to bills? I really appreciate the Google Forms approach we used last year to make amendments to bills. The form made it very easy for me to track and respond to different comments from folks.
    - Eliza Schultz: I use slack with another group. It's very helpful to have immediate feedback. However, they have a 30 day retention policy for documents so make sure you're not going to use it for documentation retention.
    - Jenifer Freeman: This is not the final decision for how we operate, but what we need is one easy data place to get feedback and to share with everyone. We need efficiency with all the data and feedback in one place.
2. Update on 2023 Legislative Priorities (also would be good to have a board member present this, as the board is in the process now of voting, I believe)

Randy: We need to prioritize and all the proposals have been well presented.  
Top Priority: EPR for paper and packaging  
Second Priority: RREO reauthorization  
3: Waste Tires  
4: EPR for Batteries

Brandy: Support the RREO reauthorization, Tires as the second priority,  
Randy: To Eliza what is the state of EPR implementation, RREO, Waste Tires?

Eliza:

EPR is a challenge there. There is confusion why the JBC is even involved. We are waiting to see what the needs assessment looks like

RREO: Needs improvement - allow for multi year contracting. Governors budget comes out and it is possible if RREO is apart of their budget

Tires: At least one bill is up and Recycle Colorado needs to be involved

Feedback:

Jonathan Wachtel: We need to keep solar panels on the radar

Scott DeFife: the JBC do not even know why they are involved? Is that right?

Eliza: The EPR education challenge is maybe due to staff turnover. There is no staff person yet.

Jonathan Wachtel: What do we need the JBC to do

Randy: Once the needs assessment is done they present it to the advisory board, public comment, then the CDPHE takes that and provides a recommendation to the JBC. Then the JBC votes it up or down. If they vote it down we have a plan b bill to present.

Eliza: If the JBC turns it down the program could go away.

Scott Defife: It's a small committee and the margins are tight. 4 dems and 2 republicans

Nick Wilso: What are the tire talks?

Eliza Schultz: There are people talking about renewing the tire bill

Jenifer Freeman: Senator Priola has pulled a bill title for this

Caroline: Who is behind the bill with Priola.

Eliza: Priola is doing this without help.

3. Next Steps on legislative priorities

4. Other legislation being discussed

5.

Randy: Tetone had a bill to restrict single use items from restaurants given out without request.

Hemmerick is looking to bring this back but for utensils

Alex Valdez wants to run a recycling bill without any information

Eliza: between the 16 interim committees there are no drafts at this point

6. Recap of JBC and Summit County Tours

7. Rural Working Group Report

Gail Garey: No updates