



The Government Relations Committee met on June 11, 2019 at 1:00PM EDT, 12:00PM CDT, 11:00AM MDT, 10:00AM MST & PDT.

ATTENDING

Committee Members

Dean Zajic (KS); Bernell Cook (LA); Pat Kaiser (MO); Jack O'Connor, Chair (MT); Kathryn Nichol (NH); Jeremy Marks (OH); Rebecca Donaldson (UT); Lynn Sodat (VA)

Association Management

Bob Harmon – CEO; Jeri Erickson – Members Services Director; Julia Martin – Brustein & Manasevit

Meeting Agenda:

1. Children's Budget Coalition [Sign-on Letter](#)

- NAESPA has signed-on to a letter authored by the Children's Budget Coalition (comprised of over 80 child-focused organizations who collectively advocate for children in federal budget decisions) to Congressional Leadership and the White House urging a deal on the FY 2020 and FY 21 Budget Caps.

2. Government Relations Update (Julia Martin - Brustein & Manasevit)

- I. Congressional updates
 - a. Appropriations
 - i. Moving through House – Labor HHS ED (and others) minibuss
 1. Amendments considered by rules committee week of 6/10
 - a. Project SERV boost
 - b. Studying guns in schools
 - c. Blocking Title IX draft regs
 2. Votes in House week of 6/17
 - ii. Agriculture appropriations timeline (and 6 other bills) TBD
 - b. Legislation in motion
 - i. Disaster relief passed 6/3, signed into law
 1. \$165m for education, to be allocated by Secretary
 - a. To cover a (growing) number of disasters
 - b. Focus on States which do not have unspent money?
 - ii. Child nutrition
 1. Senate committee markup/GAO report
 - a. Bill by August recess?
 2. House Education and Labor Committee hearing in June
 3. Trends
 - a. Preserving CEP eligibility
 - b. Focus on reducing/minimizing food waste
 - c. Reluctance to make big changes
 - iii. Higher Education Act?
 1. Sen. Alexander said he would publish a draft bill in May

2. Nibble around the edges vs. holistic reauthorization
 - iv. Oversight hearings?
 1. ED staffing of OIG office
 2. Dispute over scope of oversight
- II. Administration Updates
 - a. New disaster recovery unit
 - i. Director plus 4 staff
 - ii. Focused on disaster recovery programs:
 1. Guidance
 2. Monitoring
 3. Compliance
- III. Questions

3. Other

- Reviewed the dates and key elements of the Summer Meeting. Peter Zamora of CCSSO will join the Government Relations Committee dinner meeting.

Next meeting is an in-person opportunity during the July 24-26 Summer Meeting in Arlington, VA. Committee dinner meetings are scheduled for **Thursday, July 25 from 5:30-7:30PM EDT**. Visit the [Summer Meeting website](#) for details.