Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Legislative Committee – October 7, 2025
Conference Room 11

Board of Supervisors Members Present:

Jeffrey C. McKay, Chairman
Kathy L. Smith, Sully District (Vice Chairman)
Andres F. Jimenez, Mason District (Committee Chair)
Vacant, Braddock District
Walter L. Alcorn, Hunter Mill District
James Bierman, Dranesville District
Patrick S. Herrity, Springfield District
Rodney L. Lusk, Franconia District
Dalia A. Palchik, Providence District
Daniel G. Storck, Mount Vernon District

Agenda:
10.7.25 Legislative Committee Meeting Agenda

Draft Programs:
2026 Draft Legislative Program
Draft Recommended Strategies and Principles for the 119th Congress

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m.

Board of Supervisors 2026 Draft Legislative Program

On October 7, 2025, the Legislative Committee convened to discuss key priorities, initiatives, and federal dynamics affecting Fairfax County. The meeting opened with remarks emphasizing the interconnectedness of local actions with broader federal and state influences, particularly concerning housing, environment, and economic impacts to local communities. The committee stressed the importance of strategic efforts and clear communication with the County's General Assembly delegation.

The 2026 Draft Legislative Program was presented to the Board of Supervisors as a streamlined document and centered around expected policy items in the 2026 General Assembly Session. The Program outlined guiding principles, initiatives, and priorities for the Board's consideration. Board discussion emphasized the need to continue pursuing revisions to outdated K-12 funding formulas to better reflect local costs for education. Other highlighted topics included solid waste management, ensuring that localities' revenue sources remain whole, as well as economic and workforce impacts due to federal government changes. The committee also reviewed and commented on public safety issues (such as drone use and 911 funding), housing, and regional transportation needs.

Federal Discussion

Following discussion of the draft state program, The Ferguson Group joined the committee meeting to speak on the effects of the federal government's shutdown on Fairfax County, underscoring the unpredictability of funding due to the ongoing shutdown. Questions from the Board focused on changes to SNAP and Medicaid, upcoming changes in tax policies, and clean energy challenges tied to the Inflation Reduction Act. Concerns about rising healthcare costs from subsidy expirations were also raised, along with longstanding challenges regarding inequitable funding for federally-connected students.

The meeting concluded by acknowledging the interconnected roles of federal, state, and local policies. Supervisors stressed the importance of leveraging collective efforts to ensure County residents' needs are prioritized in legislative and funding discussions. Open communication and collaboration were underscored as vital tools in shaping impactful policies and outcomes.

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Votes Taken: None