



## **FSBA Legislative Committee Report 2018-2019 Annual Report**

**Chair:** Jane Goodwin

**Vice Chair:** Chris Cowart

**Members:** (See Committee membership list at <https://fsba.org/membership/fsba-committees/>)

### **Dates of meetings and activities:**

June 19, 2018 – Beginning of FSBA Platform development process

August 9, 2018 – Platform Priority Workgroup Meeting (via GoToMeeting)

September 7, 2018 – Question & Answer Session on Proposed FSBA Platforms (via GoToMeeting)

September 20, 2018 – FSBA 2019 Legislative and Federal Platform Adoption Meeting

November 16, 2018 – FSBA Legislative Committee Meeting (via GoToMeeting)

January 11, 2019 – Discuss Legislative Interim Committee Meeting Week 2 (via GoToMeeting)

January 25, 2019 – Discuss Legislative Interim Committee Meeting Week 3 (via GoToMeeting)

February 4, 2019 – Discuss Legislative Interim Committee Meeting Week 4 (via GoToMeeting)

February 15, 2019 – Discuss Legislative Interim Committee Meeting Week 5 (via GoToMeeting)

February 22, 2019 – Discuss Legislative Interim Committee Meeting Week 6 (via GoToMeeting)

March 8, 2019 – Discuss Week 1 of 2019 Legislative Session (via GoToMeeting)

March 15, 2019 – Discuss Week 2 of 2019 Legislative Session (via GoToMeeting)

March 22, 2019 – Discuss Week 3 of 2019 Legislative Session (via GoToMeeting)

March 29, 2019 – Discuss Week 4 of 2019 Legislative Session (via GoToMeeting)

April 3-5, 2019 – FSBA Day in the Legislature Conference

April 12, 2019 – Discuss Week 6 of 2019 Legislative Session (via GoToMeeting)

April 26, 2019 – Discuss Week 8 of 2019 Legislative Session (via GoToMeeting)

May 3, 2019 – Discuss Week 9 of 2019 Legislative Session (via GoToMeeting)

### **Main actions taken/accomplishments this year:**

In accordance with the revised schedule and procedures for the development of the FSBA Platforms, the Legislative Committee began the process for developing the FSBA 2018 Legislative and Federal Platforms in June, rather than July. As another innovation, FSBA members were sent a list of ideas to stimulate discussion of possible new proposals for the 2019 Legislative Platforms. Platform proposals were due on July 27, 2018.

In August, the Platform Priority Workgroup met via GoToMeeting to review the proposals that had been submitted for inclusion in the FSBA 2019 Legislative and Federal Platforms to determine whether each proposal meet required criteria. In addition, the Workgroup recommended items as possible priorities for the 2019 Platforms. FSBA staff drafted a PROPOSED FSBA 2019 Legislative and Federal Platforms which were distributed to all school board members. The Committee held an online Question & Answer Session for board members to ask any questions about the Proposed Platforms or about the platform adoption process.

On September 20, 2018, the Committee met in Kissimmee to debate and adopt the Final 2019 Platforms. The adopted Platforms were distributed to school board members on September 27. School Board members were encouraged to review the Platforms and to seek opportunities to discuss them with the members of their legislative and congressional delegations.

On November 16, 2018, the Committee met via GoToMeeting to discuss the outcome of the 2018 elections, to set a schedule for regular Committee meetings before and during the 2019 Legislative Session, and to move forward with proposing the addition of an item relating to Workforce Education to the FSBA Legislative Platform. The addition of the platform items was approved during the Annual Joint Conference.

Throughout the 2018 election cycle, the Committee closely monitored elections of the governor and cabinet, legislature, and congress as well as the outcome of proposed local referenda and proposed constitutional amendments. Reports were posted on the FSBA website after the qualifying period, Primary Election, and General Election.

During December through early May, the Committee met regularly to discuss the activities of the Legislature during Interim Committee Meeting Weeks and during the 2019 Legislative Session. The Committee also closely monitored the meetings of the State Board of Education, the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Public Safety Commission, and other relevant entities.

The Committee developed a modified format for the Legislative Briefing during the Day in the Legislature Conference to provide two break-out sessions – one focusing on budget issues and the other focusing on bill issues. This modified format appeared to be well received by the membership.

**Unfinished Business and Recommendations:**

- The Committee should provide specific training to the members of Committee on the legislative process, key issues, and expectations for their involvement in the Committee.
- The Committee should continue the practice of holding regular teleconference meetings at least monthly during Interim Legislative Committee meetings and weekly during the Legislative Session.
- The Committee should consider possible restructuring the relationship among the Legislative, Advocacy, and Federal Relations Committees/Subcommittees in an effort to strengthen and elevate statewide advocacy efforts and streamlines FSBA's intergovernmental relations.

Respectfully submitted,

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