



**Agenda**  
**PCC Member Strategy Call**  
**Wednesday, December 14, 2022**  
**12:00 pm ET**

*Steering Committee:* ICE (Denise Roosendaal), ASAE (Jeff Evans)

*Legal Counsel:* Jerry Jacobs, Craig Saperstein, Nicole Steinberg, Lori Panosyan (Pillsbury)

**1. Welcome**

- a. The PCC wishes all our members a safe and happy holiday season. As always, we are thankful for your time, energy, participation, and support. We couldn't do this work without you!
- b. For those who pay their dues in two installments, the second payment request will go out in January. We appreciate your prompt payment so that we may have our resources in place for the busy legislative session that is arriving.

**2. Refresher on PCC Resources**

- a. With the arrival of several new PCC member organizations, as well as individuals who are new to representing current member organizations in PCC activities, we thought it may be helpful to provide a refresher on the resources available to you on the PCC's website, [profcertcoalition.org](http://profcertcoalition.org).
- b. Under the **"Resources" Tab** on the **public** portion of the website you will find:
  - i. Summaries of our accomplishments over the past four fiscal years the areas where work is planned for the future.
  - ii. White papers and statements of principles that outline the PCC's position on major issues.
  - iii. We add these resources to the public portion of the website so that you can freely share them – we want the public to be aware of our accomplishments and public positions.
- c. On the **"For Members"** portion of the website, under "State and Federal Legislation" you will find our updated legislative "watchlists" and a monitoring bill list.
  - i. **Note:** As this contains attorney-client privileged information, please do not distribute it outside of your respective organizations.
- d. On the **"For Members"** portion of the website, under **"Position Papers and Letters"** you will find all the letters to legislators and other policymakers we have sent on legislation we are tracking.
  - i. Feel free to use these letters as you see fit for your organization's advocacy communications.
- e. On the **"For Members"** portion of the website, under **"Member Call Archive"** you will find notes from our member strategy calls.

**3. State Legislation**

- a. Updated watchlists and the monitoring bill list can be found in the "For Members" portion of the website, under "State and Federal Legislation."
- b. We are continuing to track legislation in the very few states that are in session right now and are also tracking pre-filed bills. New watchlists will be posted in 2023.

c. **State post-election update**

- i. **Michigan Legislature** – flipped from Republican to Democrat in both chambers and Gretchen Whitmer was reelected as governor, giving Democrats a “trifecta” (i.e., unified control of policymaking power in the state by controlling the House, Senate, and Governor’s office).
- ii. **Pennsylvania House** – in the process of flipping from Republican to Democrat, once special elections are complete. Pennsylvania also has a Democratic governor, so Democrats will have a lot more influence over policymaking than before.
- iii. **Minnesota Senate** – flipped from Republican to Democrat, giving Democrats a “trifecta” in that state.
- iv. **Maryland and Massachusetts** – elected Democratic governors, giving Democrats a trifecta in those states.
- v. **North Carolina** – Republicans now hold a supermajority in the Senate, but fell short of one in the House, giving them little ability to override the veto of the Democratic governor, Roy Cooper.
- vi. **Nevada** – the Governor flipped from Democrat to Republican, even as both chambers of the legislature remained under Democratic control.

d. **Member Question:** Are there certain types of bills that are more likely to be introduced or looked at more favorably with one majority or the other?

- i. **Answer:** We would expect bipartisan support for more “clean slate” and ex-offender reentry bills. Although clean slate bills typically have bipartisan support, Democratic leaders are often the ones that are offering them, so we anticipate seeing more of them introduced.

e. **Ohio legislation**

- i. Ohio remains in session until the end of the year, and we are continuing to monitor two companion reciprocity bills, HB 203 and SB 131. Both have passed one chamber and were referred to committee on November 15, 2022.
- ii. SB 131 was considered in the House State and Local Government Committee and unfortunately, the committee did not consider our proposed amendments.
- iii. As a refresher, SB 131 would make Ohio a “race to the bottom” state. It permits a private certification to substitute for other substantive evidence of skills or competency and does not require that qualifications meet or exceed those required for licensure in Ohio.
- iv. In addition to sending letters to legislators, we have kept an open line of communication with Missy Anthony, the Ohio regulator who joined a previous member strategy call. She provided some great advice on the key legislators to contact.
- v. We’ve reached out to the relevant committee chairs, vice chairs, and bill sponsors and they’re all well aware of our position on the bill. We have also talked to several of you, our members, who have local chapters in Ohio and who have been active on this bill.
- vi. We understand that the current version of this very comprehensive bill is a careful compromise and we anticipate that it will be enacted into law. If it is, we’ll look for a trailer bill to perhaps make some corrections in the next session.
- vii. SB 131 is a very large bill that makes changes to statutes that target professions specifically and, thankfully, our concern is only with a very small portion of the bill.

**High Priority Bills**

State	Bill Number	Category	Priority
Ohio (OH)	HB 203/SB 131	Universal Licensure/Reciprocity	High

\* Indicates activity after our last member strategy call

#### 4. Federal Legislation

##### a. Federal post-election update

- i. The “red wave” that most were expecting did not materialize. While Republicans did take control of the House, they now have the same slim majority that Democrats held during the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress, so they will not have much room to spare on any close votes.
- ii. The biggest implication of the resulting divided government is oversight activity. Republicans will control the gavels of congressional committees and have plans to scrutinize President Biden and individual industries and businesses that have fallen out of favor with Republican interests.
- iii. We don’t anticipate this having a noticeable impact on PCC activity, but we’ll be monitoring for any actions relevant to our interests.
- iv. Any piece of legislation we’ve supported at the federal level has earned bipartisan support, so the new political dynamic in Congress could be beneficial.
- v. If we obtained a Republican lead bill sponsor in the House and a Democratic lead sponsor in the Senate, this would establish a strong platform for our bill to move through both chambers.
- vi. Rep. Spanberger, author of *the Freedom to Invest in Tomorrow’s Workforce Act*, won reelection and we are happy to have the opportunity to continue to work with her
- vii. In the Senate, Democrats gained a net seat: John Fetterman in Pennsylvania. This doesn’t change much from a legislative perspective, as Democrats still need 60 votes to do just about anything, but they can process executive and judicial appointments faster with one-seat majorities on Senate committees now.
- viii. The environment is sure to be hyper-political. We will generally target our activity to legislators on both sides who yearn to work together and get something accomplished – that’s where we thrive.

##### b. *Freedom to Invest in Tomorrow’s Workforce Act* update

- i. Congress has either largely not been in session or has been solely focused on passing the NDAA and government funding bills since the election, so unfortunately, we have no tangible progress to report.
- ii. We are going to press for reintroduction during the next session of Congress, and we will talk to Rep. Spanberger’s staff about the best way to build support for the bill.
- iii. We are considering whether the best course of action is for Rep. Spanberger to stay on as the lead sponsor or whether we should seek out a Republican lead sponsor.

##### c. *REBUILD Skills Act* update

- i. We continue to remain in negotiation with Rep. Kilmer and Sen. Klobuchar, but it appears the Act will not be introduced formally before the end of this session of Congress.
- ii. This is admittedly frustrating, but legislative drafting has continued, and our hope and expectation is that it will be introduced in the next session.
- iii. Rep. Kilmer has a prominent position in the Democratic caucus and Rep. Spanberger is now formally part of Democratic leadership, in a new position for members who represent competitive districts. Both primary bill sponsors are moving up in the world, which will be helpful to us

#### 5. Stakeholder Outreach

##### a. Women in Government – Leadership and Innovation Summit (November - Orlando, FL)

- i. The PCC was pleased to attend last month and reported that this was a really great event.
- ii. The event included about 50 female legislators from all around the country as well as interest groups and advocacy organizations.
- iii. The PCC had the opportunity to present at the “round robin” sessions where four different

groups of state legislators went around a large ballroom and heard from four different stakeholder groups on distinct policy issues.

- iv. We spoke to back-to-back groups of 10-12 state legislators and presented a general pitch for the PCC and an outline of our issues and positions.
- v. This was a good, intimate way to interact with state legislators and we received a lot of good feedback. We traded business cards and engaged in substantively dialogue with state legislators who want to understand best practices on these issues.
- vi. This is an example of a great networking opportunity and a good use of PCC resources.

**6. PCC In-Person Meeting – March 7 and 8, Please Save the Date!**

- a. Those who have been with us since our inception may recall that we held an annual in-person meeting where we talk through what the PCC has been up to on a more detailed basis and strategize with our members about what our priorities should be going forward.
- b. COVID-19 precluded hosting this in 2021 and 2022, but we are tentatively planning on resuming this event next year.
- c. We have tentatively selected March 7 -8 and will send out more details via email over the coming days.
- d. We are contemplating expanding our programming and adding an advocacy component by treating the event as a “fly-in” visit to congressional offices to advocate for the PCC’s priority legislation, in addition to the broad review and brainstorming sessions.
- e. This is a natural evolution for our activities and an opportunity for us to be more consistently in front of federal legislators.
- f. We’ll be here to not only educate you on the issues, but to help train and coach you on conducting meetings if you haven’t done that in the past. You can look to us as a resource.
- g. We hope you will join us, stay tuned!