

Action and Advocacy Committee Report March-2025

The committee received a detailed report from Mary Ellen about the school board meeting in which the Superintendent resigned without a public announcement until the press release. A/A is concerned that the action may have been an illegal breach of the open meetings act. Jody will consult with FOG. There is also the inconsistency of the victim having been put on leave after her accusation, although the superintendent was not.

Now that the new city manager has had some time in the position, Judy will set up a meeting. The committee is putting together a list of issues to raise with him.

Chris reported that although there have been proposed appropriations for repairs on the wastewater treatment plant, much information is not yet public. She will be going to an upcoming meeting to obtain clarity and report back to us.

The committee discussed the League's efforts at the legislature. It was suggested that it would be useful to inform the whole membership about the bills we are supporting or not so that they could call legislators about these issues. There was a suggestion, and general agreement, that the social media posts are great and that it would be helpful to send them as Constant Contact emails to the whole membership. Doing so would use the League as a clearing house for information on legislation.

There was agreement among the members that the survey reminded us that we are part of the state board and that it would be helpful if LWVSFC kept us apprised about state actions, work and priorities, and how we did with lobbying this year.

The committee then shared thoughts about the 2025-2026 matrix and member priorities for inclusion. Although we found the survey results interesting, the categories were too broad to include as goal-focused entries. The committee agreed that the following were most important: Housing, the water treatment plant, ethics in government, land use, and city/county coordination.