

# Our Process on Public Policy Issues

## Gathering Insights

Members, partners and staff bring public policy issues to our attention. We welcome perspectives to inform our existing work and new focus areas.

## Issue Monitoring

Our public policy team examines new topics in the context of our ongoing priorities and the external landscape. Next steps could include **tracking policy developments** or **raising awareness** about an issue through programming and sharing resources.

## Taking Positions

We may pursue a larger advocacy role on certain topics. If there is not already an aligned **policy position**, our public policy team presents an analysis and recommendation for a public policy committee discussion and vote. A recommendation may proceed to the board, which votes on adopting the policy position.

## Conducting Advocacy

We conduct a range of advocacy on our policy positions, including developing **policy programs** for the sector, submitting **public documents** like testimony or letters, **lobbying**, and **raising awareness** to keep our members informed.