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**BRIESE:** Next meeting-- we're-- we're ready? Call to order our next meeting is the Executive Board addressing two rule proposals or policy proposals. Yes, go ahead, Trevor, and want to explain those briefly.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** Yes. And, and I-- again, I apologize to members for kind of the, the late notice of, of this. So the first on the agenda, which is a proposed change of protocol policy, returning members of the Exec Board will remember that last December, the Executive Board voted on basically updating and modernizing a number of policies, that are part of the policy manual. One of the things that was done as part of that process was to move items that were in the policy manual but had not officially been adopted as Exec Board policy out of the policy manual. So those documents would be considered more guidelines than policies. Those guidelines still exist, but are now on the Uninet and on internal websites and not part of the policy manual. After the Clerk's Office was processing all of those changes and putting together the new policy manuals, they discovered that we had inadvertently taken a document, and that's the document that says Executive Board policy adopted January 6, 1994. We had inadvertently removed that Exec Board policy from the policy manual. It's still out there as a guideline, but it was taken out of the policy manual. And so the proposed Chamber protocol policy is just that same language that we would readopt and return to the policy manual under the tab that governs for policies and use of space and those kind of items.

**SLAMA:** I move to adopt that.

**VARGAS:** So moved.

**SLAMA:** Oh, thank you.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** You mean, you mean second.

**VARGAS:** Sorry, second, second.

**BRIESE:** Motion by Senator Slama. A second by Senator Vargas to move--

**VARGAS:** Someone thought I was Slama for a second so [INAUDIBLE].

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** About the Chamber of protocol policy.

**BRIESE:** The Chamber of protocol policy. Any discussion? Yes, Senator Arch-- Speaker Arch.

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**ARCH:** Question as to, as to what falls into this category of soliciting money. So would this, would this include, I am a fundraising event at Billy's at noon on Tuesday?

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** So the, the way it is written, I think it would be designed to include that if you were handing that out on the floor.

**ARCH:** Yes.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** But it does explicitly have language saying that it doesn't apply if you, if you take-- send that invitation to the [INAUDIBLE] office.

**ARCH:** Sure.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** The intent is-- says do not hand those things out on--

**ARCH:** This Chamber.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** That's within the Chamber. Correct.

**ARCH:** Within the Chamber. We don't, we don't do that.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** Correct.

**ARCH:** And any-- and I suppose any solicitation of dollars, there's a not for profit having a fundraiser next Tuesday, handing that around, right?

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** I believe that has the purpose of soliciting money and it's distributed on the floor, so it would be a violation of the policy. Again, this is a policy that was adopted in 1994. It's been on the books. We just accidentally took it out of the books.

**ARCH:** Yeah. Right. I get it.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** It's never actually not been applicable. It's still a guideline, but it's just not in the policy.

**BRIESE:** Did you have something, Brandon?

**BRANDON METZLER:** I, I do. If I could? Apologize--

**BRIESE:** Sure. No apologies.

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**BRANDON METZLER:** --Mr. Chairman. The big thing-- I mean, we have always allowed those, those fundraising type Billy's things. I would say to counsel, they probably do fall under this. There's, there's some truth to that, certainly. This is-- this mirrors language that's in the Capitol Commission guidelines. And theirs discusses soliciting money from, from senators' offices. They can't, you know, bring the Girl Scouts out and, and knock on all of your doors and, and request money for that or, you know, Boy Scouts popcorn as much as we would certainly love to, potentially. That's the idea, is that you can't go door to door and then you can't go desk to desk and say, you know, hey, my kid's got a fundraiser for, for Little League, would you kindly hand me a \$5 bill on the floor of the Legislature? That, that's the main purpose of this, I think. It certainly could be expanded and with the understanding of the Exec Board that to, to curb some of those fundraising activities, but this is more, more the direct distribution of money or transfer of money.

**ARCH:** Yeah, I-- I mean, I, I frankly think it should be. I-- that's, that's my personal opinion is that, is that we-- I don't think-- I don't think we should be handing out campaign fundraiser material on the floor. There's plenty of opportunity to speak privately or do it in the office or, you know, whatever. There's other ways to distribute that versus, versus on, on the Chamber floor. But that's my personal opinion.

**BRIESE:** Senator Vargas.

**VARGAS:** I agree. And another instance, for example, is Senator Pansing Brooks was working on fundraising for some of the--

**ARCH:** The gardens.

**VARGAS:** --the gardens--

**ARCH:** Yeah.

**VARGAS:** --and was, was seeking out funding from other senators on the floor. And I think it was-- nobody was against it. Many people were supportive of it and-- but I think it's more appropriate that we just not have it at all. I think people will try to skirt even the senators' events and fundraisers by saying it's complimentary--

**ARCH:** Complimentary. That's right.

**VARGAS:** --so that they're not soliciting and saying it's just a free, a free thing. But, yeah, I know this, this is just putting it back in,

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but I would agree on that. And, you know, make sure my daughter, Ava, doesn't solicit Girl Scout cookies from everybody.

**LOWE:** That's OK, she can do it.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** On the floor.

**SLAMA:** Yeah.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** On the floor.

**SLAMA:** Text me.

**VARGAS:** I know, I know. I was just kidding.

**BRIESE:** Senator Lowe.

**LOWE:** Just, just for clarity. Let's say I'm having a fundraiser at noon today, which I'm late for. No, I'm not really, but I, I, I send a text out to everybody on the floor saying, hey, come over to Billy's for lunch, I'm having a fundraiser. Would that be included?

**ARCH:** I read it as no material.

**BRIESE:** Yeah, speaks to material.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** Yeah, material.

**LOWE:** OK.

**BRANDON METZLER:** And, and, and you can certainly look at, at changing this policy manual. And you have to remember this was adopted in '94. So texts for certainly, unlikely to have been considered at that time. You know, like I said, when we took this out and we didn't think of updating it. It was just old inadvertently. So it certainly may be in a need of a, a refresh then the Exec Board could [INAUDIBLE].

**LOWE:** I, I just don't want to make a mistake and say, hey.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** An d, and, and to, to the first point that I think the primary concern is that to not give the impression that in December by pulling it out of the policy manual, it was actually repealed. I don't think that was the intention of the Executive Board at the time. I think it still exists, but not as a policy in which the, the idea here is to reconfirm it as a policy.

**LOWE:** I'm OK. Yeah.

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**BRIESE:** So I think the question we have really is do we want to tweak this to specify the fliers and the invites to Billy's or wherever, or do we just express our interpretation that this includes those things and please don't do it on the floor? Senator.

**RIEPE:** I assume that that includes charitable things. I remember a few years ago a debate came up and Senator Chambers challenged everyone to give money to the Children's Hospital and he, he put me in charge of collecting the money. [LAUGHTER] And I didn't have to approach anyone but they were on the floor. There were \$100 bills and everything else. It passed and I think we raised \$1,200.

**SLAMA:** Senator Riepe, this is when you tell us after the meeting, not on the record.

**RIEPE:** What's that?

**SLAMA:** This is when you tell us not on the record.

**RIEPE:** Yeah.

**BRIESE:** But I guess I would support getting this policy back in place and we can express our interpretation of it to include the campaign fliers.

**ARCH:** So moved.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** There's actually-- there is already a motion pending. Senator Slama moved and Senator Vargas seconded--

**ARCH:** That was a long time ago.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** --to adopt the policy.

**BRIESE:** Senator Bostar.

**BOSTAR:** So just, so just to be clear, though, if, if we express that when someone gives these fliers to the page to distribute, is it understood that that will then be rejected? So like the Billy's lunch thing that's now, we're now saying that will not be distributed on the floor.

**BRIESE:** Right. I would say.

**BOSTAR:** So just also just to clarify, so if it's an invitation, for example, to an event that has no fundraising value, right, it isn't an event to a fundraiser, it's an event, let's say I'm saying, I want

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everybody to come over to my house because I'm going to have a barbecue.

**LOWE:** What time?

**SLAMA:** Really?

**BOSTAR:** Well, I'm just saying, is that, is that-- there's no, you know, it's, it's not like I'm saying you're comped, but it's an event that I'm going to try to solicit money from. It's purely just a [INAUDIBLE].

**BRIESE:** Yeah, for your birthday party.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** Does that have a purpose of soliciting money?

**BOSTAR:** Yes, so would that then be acceptable?

**BRIESE:** Think you'd be all right.

**BOSTAR:** OK. Yeah.

**BRIESE:** And if somebody violates the policy, we'll just remind them.

**BOSTAR:** Well, then they're, they're expelled from the membership of the body. [LAUGHTER]

**VARGAS:** But I do think that, that this is something that we tell pages because these-- yeah, I, I, I think that's something, that's something that should be done right.

**BOSTAR:** I think that--

**BRIESE:** We have a motion and a second. Any other discussion?

**RIEPE:** Roll call.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** We should roll call it [INAUDIBLE].

**BRIESE:** Let's do a roll-- let's do a--

**SALLY SCHULTZ:** Start with Senator Slama.

**SLAMA:** Yes.

**SALLY SCHULTZ:** Vargas.

**VARGAS:** Yes.

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**SALLY SCHULTZ:** Briese.

**BRIESE:** Yes.

**SALLY SCHULTZ:** Senator Aguilar.

**AGUILAR:** Yes.

**SALLY SCHULTZ:** Senator Arch.

**ARCH:** Yes.

**SALLY SCHULTZ:** Senator Bostar.

**BOSTAR:** Yes.

**SALLY SCHULTZ:** Senator Geist is absent. Senator Lowe.

**LOWE:** Yes.

**SALLY SCHULTZ:** Senator Riepe.

**RIEPE:** Yes.

**SALLY SCHULTZ:** Motion carried.

**BRIESE:** OK. The next one is relative to the mother's room.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** And the members both have the original court request from Senator Cavanaugh that was included. Senator Cavanaugh has requested that the mother's room policy be amended so that-- under current policy, only senators and staff are allowed to use the mother's room. Her, her request was to add credentialed media and registered lobbyists. The draft does include that request with a couple of changes that were suggested by the Clerk's Office. First, it, it limits the, to permanently credentialed media-- members of the media, and I might let the Clerk address that because they're different tiers of credentialed media within the Clerk's Office, and it also provides that priority of use will be given to senators and staff in case there are a large number of people looking to use the room. And, finally, at the bottom, there's some language in the policy currently that refers to the doctor of days that they're utilizing the mother's room. That was during the phase in which the doctor of the day office was not available. Now that that office is available again, that we're kind of getting through phase three of the HVAC project, that language is no longer necessary in the policy.

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**SLAMA:** Make a motion. I'll move to adopt it.

**VARGAS:** Second.

**BRIESE:** Have a motion and a second. Any discussion? I have Senator Bostar.

**ARCH:** I'd like to hear from the Clerk, too, on this one.

**BOSTAR:** So, yes, sorry. So real quick, so that, that room is now-- the northwest quadrant is still the one that's under construction, isn't it?

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** Yes, but when the, when the cloakroom was recon-- reconfigured behind the Chamber, the, the, the space for the doctor of the day was remodeled.

**BOSTAR:** OK, so that, so that is available.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** That is the doctor of the day room, yeah.

**BOSTAR:** All right. Thank you.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** I don't know the history of that. The Clerk might know better than I do.

**BRIESE:** Speaker Arch.

**ARCH:** Yeah, I'd, I'd, I'd like to hear from the Clerk and, and I don't know the numbers here, credentialed and registered. What-- how many are we talking about and what does this open up? How many are-- how many are currently given access? And what does this do to the numbers?

**BRANDON METZLER:** Absolutely, Mr. Speaker. So the current numbers you're looking at, you've got, we'll, we'll say 300, which would be the, the legislative environment. That's senators, staff, division staff. That's the, the limit. When you start to include members of the media that are credentialed, you run into a problem where we have two avenues of credentialing. We've got the permanent credentials. Those are your Don Walton's, Paul Hammel's, those that have actual badges with an office within the building. And then you've got temporary credentials which come in the day before they want to get on the floor with a, a letter from their publishing editor that says, you know, this person's authorized to be on the floor. I think-- per the, the legal counsel of the Executive Board's revision, I think it's better when you, when you limit that to permanently credentialed. If you

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leave it to any credentials, that temporary credentialed is the ever expanding. You know, we have an ever expanding list. The other thing is the lobbyists. We have about 397 registered lobbyists. So if you combine the number of lobbyists with the number of credentialed media, you're looking at over 400 people. So you're going from about 300 individuals to 400. Granted, I understand it's probably a fraction that will actually use the mother's room. But you are significantly expanding the, the number of people that will use this room. And, and you had just asked about numbers, so I'll stop there.

**ARCH:** So you said about, you said 397 registered lobbyists.

**BRANDON METZLER:** Correct.

**ARCH:** Do you, do you have a number for permanently credentialed members?

**BRANDON METZLER:** Somewhere between 5 to 10 permanently credentialed within the, the Legislature.

**ARCH:** So that, that number is not large.

**BRANDON METZLER:** Correct.

**ARCH:** OK. But the 397 of registered lobbyists and currently we have about 300 that have access to the room.

**BRANDON METZLER:** Yes.

**AGUILAR:** We're just talking about free meals.

**ARCH:** Just logistically, it says: priority shall be given to senators and legislative staff. Nobody schedules that room, correct?

**BRANDON METZLER:** No, the way it's handled right now, there's a key that hangs inside of our office, right outside the Assistant Clerk in HR's Office, it's free use. There's a sign that says that this room is in use, so somebody can grab the key, grab the, the badge and use it. I will say in, in response to that, there's some concern from our office of those doors on either side of the mother's room as they currently stand, are unlocked at all times because we know who's going to use the mother's room. They usually stop in with us and grab the key. If you open it up to registered lobbyists, there's the concern right now from our office that we don't necessarily know the faces of every registered lobbyist. Somebody walks in and says, hey, I'm a registered lobbyist, I need to use the mother's room, somebody told me

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I can use it. We're not going to pass judgment. We're just going to hand over the key. So there is a little bit of a safety concern of they can run from the Chairperson of the Executive Board's Office all the way to the front of the Clerk's Office because those doors are all-- are unlocked at this time.

**BRIESE:** OK. Thank you for that. As far as the permanent-- permanently credentialed, do they all have offices here in the Capitol?

**BRANDON METZLER:** No, I'm sorry. They don't all have offices yet. The, the main ones that you know, the Don Walton's, the Paul Hammel's, Martha Stoddard's, they do. But there are some that have badges. I-- you're right, I did misspeak there, that there are some that have permanent credentialed badges that are not offices. I mean, they, they share offices with the World-Herald, the Lincoln Journal Star, you know, but they might not be actually stationed themselves within that office.

**ARCH:** Is there, is there an alternative for-- oh, I'm sorry, you had, you had your hand up. If nobody called on me, I just start talking.

**BRIESE:** Senator Bostar.

**BOSTAR:** Is the, is the mother's room intended to be used by multiple people at the same time? I just don't--

**BRANDON METZLER:** It's not currently set up that way. There had been discussion at the time of its inception that there could be dividers put up, you know, cubicle-type walls. Right now, it's, it's a, it's a small room. It's probably smaller than most of your offices. It's set up with three recliners. It's got a full refrigerator and a sink and a, a changing table in the corner. But it's not-- I mean, you could split the room in half to potentially to get, to get two recliners on either side. But it's mostly a, a one-time use at this current time.

**BOSTAR:** Well, OK. So I, I think that that's-- if we did open it up to media and lobbyists, I, I think it'd be best that it is a one, one-at-a-time room. I wouldn't want an environment where a senator was concerned about something being reportable by the press in the same room or it being used to potentially lobby or on legislation to a senator who's using. Anyway, thank you for the clarity.

**BRIESE:** Thank you, Senator Bostar. Senator Slama.

**SLAMA:** Brandon, what's, what's the usage rate been of the mothers room? I'm just thinking in terms of numbers, adding the additional

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numbers, what kind of impact that could have based on the current usage rate?

**BRANDON METZLER:** Yeah, absolutely. I will, I will tell you right now the usage is extremely low. I think we've had less than three uses total, but there's interest from others that fall outside of this. And, and that's one thing if I could just expand upon. I-- there's a question and there was even at the inception of the mother's room of who uses it, who can use it, how big do we, do we expand that? There have been people from other branches of government that have shown an interest in it. There have been constituents that have shown an interest in it. At this point, we have an Exec Board policy that has shut that down. But as for just legislative uses to directly answer your question, there's probably three to five uses within-- since it, since it started. Individuals, I shouldn't say more than, they used it multiple times, but it was--

**SLAMA:** Sure, yeah.

**BRANDON METZLER:** --three to five individuals that used it.

**BRIESE:** Thank you. Anyone else? Senator Lowe.

**LOWE:** Thank you. And, Brandon, there, there is another facility in the building that can be used for--

**BRANDON METZLER:** Correct. Yeah, the "manova" pod or "mamova" pod that, that Capitol Commission has set up that they say is for building wide usage.

**LOWE:** And it's, it's being used now?

**BRANDON METZLER:** Yes. Yes, we do have-- I, I, I know for certain that there are members of the, the courts that are using the pod and individuals that fall even into some of these categories. The members of the media that, that have used the pod, constituents that have used the pod.

**BRIESE:** Thank you.

**BOSTAR:** Can I-- I had one more thing.

**BRIESE:** Yes, Senator Bostar.

**BOSTAR:** It, it feels-- it, it feels strange to me to give a privilege to someone because they're a registered lobbyist over someone who's a

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member of the public. I don't, I don't inherently have any objection to them using it, but it's, it's just-- I, I think that sends an odd signal that I am wondering if others share.

**BRIESE:** OK. Thank you. Senator Slama.

**SLAMA:** It-- given the interest from other branches of government as well, I think that's a great point. And the more I think about this, like when it was originally presented to me, it's like, OK, fine. There's registered lobbyists, credentialed media, and as I think about it more it's why are we giving priority to two groups of people when actual government officials are showing interest in the mother's room? And we're, we're keeping it on the legislative side, which we act-- absolutely have the purview to do. So I'm-- actually, I think I made the motion to advance and given my change in consideration of this bill, I think I'm going to withdraw that motion.

**BRIESE:** Any other comments? Senator Vargas.

**VARGAS:** I, I can't remember what the conversation was like when we first had this. Obviously, there was a conversation about, like, the pod versus the room. I. I agree with both of you that we can probably talk to state, you know, the other branches of government and figure out something. I just don't want us to, if there is an interest from different parties to utilize it, I don't want us to not move forward on something if that just allows them to. I less-- I saw it less as like there's a, a tiered system of somehow they got the OK. The reason why the public isn't utilizing it is because we're just one branch of government and the credential media are, are more likely to be in our spaces, in our areas, more so. So that was-- that made sense to me. But I'm happy to do-- I know you moved the motion. I'm happy to still move forward with it if we can do something or not, but it's clear we're not going to make a decision right now on doing something with the rest of state government.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** And if I could, Senator, Senator Cavanaugh's request was with a specific individual in mind who would-- who does not meet the qualifications under the current policy but would be eligible to utilize the room if under the proposed amendment. I just want to make sure the members knew that.

**BOSTAR:** Would that be on the, on the media side or the lobby side?

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** The media side.

**BOSTAR:** So that's--

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**SLAMA:** That has access to the pod.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** Yes.

**BOSTAR:** Also, I have less concern about the media side than the lobby side, truthfully.

**BRIESE:** And, and--

**BOSTAR:** As, as the optics of what we do.

**VARGAS:** I'm fine with just making it registered media. Sorry, yeah, credentialed registered media if that's the case and there's moving something forward and doing more, more work to try to work with all the different state, state levels of government to do something in the future.

**BRIESE:** Thank you. And Brandon, you are skeptical of the lobby side because of the security concerns and how you're going to monitor people and--

**BRANDON METZLER:** I, I, I am, Senator, only because-- I, I mean, I think that those are well-founded concerns, Senator, that, you know, you're giving the lobby a, a benefit. I, I will say that per our harassment policy, we have problems reaching out and, and, you know, handling the lobby, how do we punish them? How do we go after them? So misuse by the lobby, I think, is another issue. If you have somebody from the lobby that goes in there, how do we go out after them? You know, I, I, I do from a lobby perspective, in that it's a large number and it's an unknown number in the sense of we don't know who in the lobby could use it, and we don't know everybody who is, who-- in the lobby facewise. So they walk in, grab the key, and we wouldn't know. We would just go off their word that they're registered lobbyists. My, my concern is very much lessened if it's just credential-- credentialed press, because they've got badges and we've seen them, you know, in our front office.

**BOSTAR:** I would make a motion to strike "and registered lobbyists" from this proposal.

**VARGAS:** Second.

**BRIESE:** We have a-- Senator Lowe.

**LOWE:** I'm, I'm probably going to be a no on this just because of the proximity to the Clerk's Office and the security problem that this

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could be even with registered media, even though they're all great people, I, I just have a problem with this.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** Senator Bostar, if I could clarify. I, I assume you intend to strike "and registered lobbyist" and also add an "and" between staff and permanently, the line above?

**BOSTAR:** Yes.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** OK. Just want to make sure it's grammatically correct whatever we adopt.

**BRIESE:** A motion to amend it or two motions?

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** Probably the amendment, the first amendment.

**SLAMA:** I-- I'm going to be with Senator Lowe as a no on this one as well, just because I, I understand the breadth of the lobby and the concerns there. I also have concerns about giving special privileges to media over members of the public in use of this room. And I think that the Executive Board purposefully set forth a very narrow intention for usage of that room and for really good reason. And given my discomfort with giving the media special privileges that the public doesn't have, I'm, I'm going to be a no on the amendment and a no on the overall motion to adopt.

**BRIESE:** Thank you, Senator Slama. Senator Vargas.

**VARGAS:** And it's not in, in a disagreement with Senator Slama, it, it really is not. It's-- I want to-- wish we could actually just provide the public the ability to utilize this room. Lobbyists are not allowed on the floor. Credentialed media are given access to the floor and are, are there, and so that was-- there, there's more hoops that they have to jump through to meet the, just have the ability to be there in the same room with us. That's the only reason why I, I think it's a reasonable step in the right direction. And we're not going to be done with this policy and probably have to do more, so.

**BRIESE:** Thank you, Senator Vargas. I guess I agree we're going to be revisiting this policy periodically and perhaps expanding the use of this room to others. I don't have any problem with expanding it to the-- for the use of permanently credentialed media this time with the idea that, yes, if we're going to do that, maybe we need to look into something else as well, but anyway. Anyone else? Let's do a roll call vote on the amendment.

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**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** To be clear, the motion from, the motion from Senator Bostar is to strike "and registered lobbyists" and then to insert the word "and" between staff and permanently.

**BRIESE:** This will just be on amending the proposal at this point. Then we'll vote on the proposal as amended or not amended. Roll call vote, please.

**SALLY SCHULTZ:** Starting with Senator Bostar.

**BOSTAR:** Yes.

**SALLY SCHULTZ:** Senator Geist, absent. Senator Lowe.

**LOWE:** No.

**SALLY SCHULTZ:** Senator Riepe.

**RIEPE:** I'm going to be a no.

**SALLY SCHULTZ:** Senator Slama.

**SLAMA:** No.

**SALLY SCHULTZ:** Senator Vargas.

**VARGAS:** Yes.

**SALLY SCHULTZ:** Senator Briese.

**BRIESE:** Yes.

**SALLY SCHULTZ:** Senator Aguilar.

**AGUILAR:** Yes.

**SALLY SCHULTZ:** Speaker Arch.

**ARCH:** Yes.

**SALLY SCHULTZ:** Motion carried.

**BOSTAR:** I move-- I don't know what we're calling this, [INAUDIBLE].

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** The adoption of the amended policy as amended.

**BOSTAR:** Yes.

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**VARGAS:** So moved.

**BOSTAR:** That's exactly what I said.

**BRIESE:** We got a motion by Senator Bostar and a second by Senator Vargas, I believe, to move-- adopt the policy as amended. Any discussion? Roll call vote, please.

**SALLY SCHULTZ:** Starting with Senator Bostar.

**BOSTAR:** Yes.

**SALLY SCHULTZ:** Senator Geist, absent. Senator Lowe.

**LOWE:** No.

**SALLY SCHULTZ:** Senator Riepe.

**RIEPE:** No.

**SALLY SCHULTZ:** Senator Slama.

**SLAMA:** No.

**SALLY SCHULTZ:** Senator Vargas.

**VARGAS:** Yes.

**SALLY SCHULTZ:** Senator Briese.

**BRIESE:** Yes.

**SALLY SCHULTZ:** Senator Aguilar.

**AGUILAR:** Yes.

**SALLY SCHULTZ:** Speaker Arch.

**ARCH:** Yes.

**SALLY SCHULTZ:** Motion carried.

**BRIESE:** I think that's everything, right?

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** Yeah.

**BRIESE:** Yeah. Next time we have an informal rereferencing request, I'll, I'll touch bases with the people coming in and kind of explain

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the ground rules a little bit, a very quick presentation by them. And anyway, meeting adjourned.