The VLCT Board of Directors created five legislative policy committees to develop recommendations for a legislative platform in each policy area in the ensuing session.

1. The **Finance, Administration and Intergovernmental Relations (FAIR) Policy Committee** is responsible for governance; taxation including education funding, open meeting and public records; clerk-treasurer issues; economic development.

2. The **Public Safety Committee** is responsible for fair and impartial policing including federal immigration law and Act 5; authority, information, and funding to combat drug-related crime; Department of Corrections’ policy; training and funding to support fire safety volunteers and professionals, emergency medical technicians, and law enforcement officials; dispatch; highway safety; marijuana legalization.

3. The **Quality of Life and Environment Committee** is responsible for land use planning, development, conservation, and regulation; housing; Act 250; economic development; waste management; telecommunications; energy, including renewable; health care; related quality of life matters.

4. The **Transportation Committee** is responsible for funding for municipal highway aid and water quality related to highways; communication among state, federal, and local officials on transportation issues; efficiency and effectiveness in transportation construction programs; trucks and oversized vehicles on municipal highways; policy related to rail.

5. The **Water Resources Policy Committee** is responsible for water quality and wastewater management matters; implementation of the federal and state Clean Water Acts; stormwater management; integrated planning for water quality; total maximum daily loads and basin planning.

Committee members meet with secretaries and commissioners of agencies from time to time to discuss strategy and the implementation of laws. VLCT Advocacy staff also relies upon committee members for advice and expertise on specific issues during the legislative session.

Each year, VLCT members help set VLCT’s municipal legislative priorities. Suggested policy amendments are made either in writing prior to the meeting or on the floor at the meeting, where they are debated and adopted.
Links