

**Open Work Session**

**Letter of Support for House Bill 633 – Education-Accountability and Implementation Board**

**Membership**

**February 15, 2022**

Mr. Hastings said he thinks, as a whole, as the Council starts to undertake letters of support during the Legislative Session, he thinks they should have a policy for how they engage with these kinds of Bills, or which ones come before them. He said he knows there have been issues with gun sanctuaries, and today he saw there was a constitutional amendment to make sure abortion can happen in Maryland, so there are numerous Bills going on in the General Assembly, but the Council is not the General Assembly, the House Environment and Transportation Committee, or any other Committee. He said, in general, he thinks the Council should only be taking up Bills that affect their direct budget and immediate issues that Wicomico is facing, or which they are required to deliberate, and they should only be taking up Bills where Wicomico County is specifically named. He said he will email this statement to everyone, but maybe that is a policy they could consider going forward that will help them so they do not have to wade into a lot of issues that are not directly germane to the Council.

Ms. Acle said this Bill impacts the Eastern Shore as they are asking for representation on the Board. Mr. Davis clarified, that is correct, they need to have at least one person from the Eastern Shore on there.

Mr. Cannon asked if everyone is in favor of this letter, to which there was unanimous consensus.

There was no further discussion.

  
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