
Statement to President Biden

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Tue, Oct 5, 2021 at 8:06 PM

Hi Kristi,

I was wondering if the following Board policy was followed when the statement to President Biden was drafted or sent:

B-17 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: EMERGENCY POWERS

When it is not possible or feasible for the Board to meet, the Executive Committee shall have general authority to act for the Board on policy decisions or to make statements on public issues subject to the constraint that the decisions or statements are within the limits of and consistent with the NSBA Beliefs and Policies and Constitution and Bylaws and do not include any action reserved for the NSBA Board by the Illinois Not-for Profit Corporation Act. Such authority to act for the Board shall be taken only when the Executive Committee has declared an emergency and determined that it is not possible or feasible for the Board to meet as an assembled body, by telephone or by mail. To declare such an emergency requires the affirmative vote of all the elected officers and one of the other voting members of the Executive Committee. When the Executive Committee makes policy decisions or statements on public issues under such emergency conditions, action will be valid only when five members of the Executive Committee indicate agreement. The members of the Board shall be advised of any emergency action of the Executive Committee within 24 hours and shall confirm the Executive Committee action at the next regular meeting.

I am very concerned about the process by which the statement was made and the tone that essentially allowed the White House to direct the Attorney General to consider members of our community "domestic terrorists". I agree that we need to focus on civility, and we should be looking to our local law enforcement to protect board members and deal with threats of violence. I would have appreciated an opportunity to work with my fellow board members to give better direction on this very delicate topic.

Thanks,

Marnie

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Wed, Oct 6, 2021 at 8:02 AM

Hi Marnie

I would love to talk with you about the letter when we are all together this weekend.

At the time, no, I didn't think the letter fell under an emergency situation, it certainly was not characterized that way when Chip told the officers he was writing a letter to provide information to the White House, from a request by Secretary Cordona.

In hindsight, I do think our board needs to have a discussion about a screening process for communications which go out from NSBA, that is aligned with our mission, vision and purpose statement. If we (the board) can have a productive conversation to identify guardrails, it will begin to address the communication issues which plagues NSBA.

I am glad we will be together, lets find time to strategize for the upcoming board meeting.

Thanks....

Kristi

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