

Capital Careers: Navigating Policy & Government Affairs in the Post-Pandemic Landscape

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Identify and Develop Skills in Your Current Role That Will Equip You to Succeed in Future Roles

“If you decide to make the migration from the public to private sector, the ability to communicate well, manage issues, and to understand complex policy concepts is essential.”

Skills panelists found helpful:

- Communication
- Issue Management
- Policy Knowledge



28% of policymakers say communicating with impact is a top challenge they face in their role

Lean into Unexpected Opportunities

Advice from our panelists:

- Manage personal time strategically
- If you have a limited portfolio, be great at it
- Add value wherever you can

“Take opportunities that scare you. Sometimes the best opportunities come wrapped in packages that we aren’t expecting.”

30% of policymakers say managing personal time strategically is a top challenge they face in their role



Grow and Nurture Your Network

“Be very deliberate about nurturing the network. Write it down. Because ultimately, so much of your success will be based on your ability to move the ball.”

Advice from our panelists:

- Think in terms of the next two steps, not just the next step
- Foster relationships with mentors
- Nurture key relationships now so that they stay healthy in the future



30% of policymakers say building high-value professional networks is a top challenge they face in their role