

Policy Board Meeting
MIRA, 211 Murphy Road, Hartford, CT
Wednesday, October 18th, 2017
12:00 p.m.

**DRAFT UNITL
ENDORSED BY THE
COMMITTEE**

Members

Brandon Robertson
Jon Colman
Leslee Hill
Mark Walter
John Elsesser
Dave Kilbon
Marcia Leclerc
Lori Spielman
Scott Kaupin
Vicki Shotland
Dr. Chip Beckett (Chair)
John Ward
Alex Beaudoin
Luke Bronin
Scott Shanley
Paul Shapiro
Dave Nagel
Lisa Heavner
Garry Brumback
Melissa Mack
Steve Werbner
Shari Cantor
Jeff Bridges
Christina Mailhos
Peter Souza
Chris Kervick

Town/Organization

Avon
Bloomfield
Canton
Columbia
Coventry
East Granby
East Hartford
Ellington
Enfield
GHTD
Glastonbury
Granby
Hartford
Hartford
Manchester
Mansfield
Newington
Simsbury
Southington
Suffield
Tolland
West Hartford
Wethersfield
Willington
Windsor
Windsor Locks

Guests

Kathie Lutz
Grayson Wright
Ellen Graham
Betsey Wingfield
Rebecca Nolan

RSL
CTDOT
Sen. Blumenthal
CT Deep
Metro Hartford Alliance

Staff

Winsome Barnaby
Jennifer Carrier
Mary Ellen Kowalewski

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Dr. Lyle Wray
Erik Snowden
Karen Stewartson
Pauline Yoder

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Roll Call

1. **Call to Order:** With a quorum present, Dr. Beckett called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

2. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

3. Adoption of Minutes from September 27th, 2017 Meeting

Dr. Beckett requested a motion to adopt the minutes.

Jon Colman made a motion to adopt the meeting minutes of the September 27th, 2017 Policy Board meeting, seconded by Mayor Marcia Leclerc. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Monthly Reports

a. Chair and Executive Director Report- Dr. Wray gave a brief overview of the Knowledge Corridor meeting which took place earlier in the day. The meeting was well attended and the governor spoke about the need for Hartford/Springfield/Boston rail connection among other issues.

Dr. Wray also mentioned that Connecticut Councils of Governments (CTCOG) is looking to change the federal rules to recognize Councils of Governments as counties. Although not large, Connecticut loses out on funding that would go to counties in other states. This would fit with CRCOG's federal legislative package for next year.

Dr. Wray wondered if the members would be interested in a briefing regarding the Education Cost Sharing (ECS) formula. Members indicated interest and staff will try to put something together for the next board meeting.

b. Metro Hartford Alliance – Ms. Rebecca Nolan gave a brief update about the Amazon Headquarters. This has been a learning experience for everyone and a lot of quality information was pulled together. Her feeling is that the response should not have been site specific but that the response should have sold the region as a whole. The submission pulled together the great things the region as a whole has to offer and she would like to build on what was put together to be able to present it to other companies. The two sites submitted are in the Hartford/East Hartford area and Stamford. Ms. Leclerc said that the collection as a whole gives a broad base of the greater Hartford area and the quality of life and the region's high standards. Mr. Kervik mentioned some dissatisfaction in the lack of transparency in the process. Mr. Bronin

acknowledged that the process was frustrating for many and there was a lack of clarity but the towns had to defer to DECD. Ms. Nolan gave an overview of what the submission looked like: the initial portion selling the state, then the region and that there was a website that went with the pitch book.

Ms. Nolan also mentioned that a firm had been hired in the search for a new President for the Metro Hartford Alliance.

c. Opportunities and Resources- Dr. Wray mentioned that the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy RFP had received fourteen responses and requested that anyone interested in being part of the selection process of the consultant should let him or Tim Malone on CRCOG staff know.

d. Capital Workforce Partners- There were no updates from the Capital Workforce Partners

e. Municipal Services and Purchasing Council- Peter Souza provided this update to the Board. Mr. Souza told the Committee of the upcoming CRPC Annual Meeting to be held at the Glastonbury Boat House on Tuesday October 24th 2017. Mr. Souza also requested that towns complete the salary survey, which is due at the end of the month. Finally, Mr. Souza also mentioned that Purchasing Council is currently soliciting for Gasoline and Traffic Guidelines which are due on November 13th.

f. Policy and Planning- Ms. Mary Ellen Kowalewski provided information on the Brownsfield project. She stated they were two resolutions that would be endorsed later on in the meeting. Ms. Kowalewski also mentioned that the projects would wrap up in December.

g. Public Safety and Homeland Security- Dr. Lyle Wray reported that Table Top Exercise held at the Farmington Police Department went very well. The scenario involved a complex coordinated attack at West Farms mall. Over 100 responders from two dozen agencies participated. We will send you the After Action once complete.

The State has changed the format of the Governor's Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative (EPPI). It will be done as a Tabletop Exercise with a CyberSecurity focus during the annual meeting that DEMHS holds with all Emergency Managers in each region. More details including a date to follow.

h. Transportation Committee- Mr. Jon Colman mentioned that due to the fact Policy Board met before the Transportation Committee he had no updates. Mr. Colman mentioned that the LOTCIP Program was doing well and updates would be given at the next Committee meeting. Mr Colman also mentioned that MPO items would be acted on differently. He welcomed Ms. Vicki Shotland to the MPO board and stated that they were waiting on a representation from CTDOT which is pending.

5. Presentation/Updates-Ms. Betsey Winfield, Bureau Chief of the Water Protection & Land Reuse Bureau at the CT Dept. of Energy and environmental

Protection- Ms. Betsey Winfield gave a brief update on the Connecticut State Water Plan. Ms. Winfield focused on five key highlights of the plan which were:

- Platform for consistent informed decision making
- Maintain highest quality drinking water
- Balance in stream and out of stream needs
- Water conservation
- Maintain scientific data

Ms. Winfield mentioned if anyone wanted to provide feedback on the Draft CT Water Plan please go to www.ct.gov/water. Comment period is open until Monday November 20th, 2017.

ACTION ITEMS:

6. Action: Approval of By Law changes to meet FHWA Requirements-

<http://crcog.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Bylaws-track-changes-2017-07-24.pdf>

Dr. Beckett requested a motion for the approval of By Law changes to meet FHWA Requirements. A motion was made by Jon Colman, and seconded by Dave Kilbon. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Action: Resolution Authorizing Application to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for Brownsfield Grant Plan

Dr. Beckett requested a motion Authorizing Application to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for Brownsfield Grant Plan. A motion was made by Gary Brumback, seconded by Dave Kilbon. Motion was carried unanimously.

8. Action: Resolution Authorizing Financial Management Services Contract for MetroHartford Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Program

Dr. Beckett requested a motion for Authorizing application to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for Brownsfield Grant. A motion was made Jon Colman, seconded by Dave Kilbon. Motion was carried unanimously.

9. Action: Resolution Authorizing Contract Amendment with Telepartner International, To include Maintenance and Support on the CT Chief Police Records Management System and HeartBeat Computer Assisted Dispatch Projects

Dr. Beckett requested a motion for Authorizing Contract Amendment with Telepartner International To Maintenance and Support on the CT Chief Police Records Management System and HeartBeat Computer Assisted Dispatch Projects. A motion was made by Jon Colman, seconded by David Kilbon. Motion was carried unanimously.

10. Metropolitan Planning Organization Items: There was nothing to report at this meeting.

11. Legislative Update - Ms. Kathie Lutz told the Committee that they were waiting for a 2:30 press conference from the Governor in regards to the budget.

12. Other Business – Mayor Luke Bronin mentioned that there was going to be a Press Conference on Amazon HQ2 on Thursday October 19th 2017 11:00 am at the State Capitol. He encouraged everyone to attend. Mayor Bronin also mentioned that there would a Forum on Bankruptcy on What it Means and What it Does Not Mean at the Hartford High School starting at 5:30 pm. The speakers are from Detroit and Central Falls, RI.

13. Adjournment- Mr. Jon Colman made a motion, seconded by Dave Kilbon for the meeting to be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm. Motion carried unanimously.