

Capitol Region Council of Governments
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Policy Board Special Meeting
CRCOG Offices, 241 Main Street, 3rd Floor Board Room, Hartford, CT 06106
Wednesday, November 20, 2019
12:00 pm
DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED

Members and Alternates

Eric Anderson
Chris Edge
Joshua Steele Kelly
Sandra Pierog
Jon Colman
Mark Walter
John Elsesser
Jim Hayden
Lori Spielman
Vicki Shotland
Chip Beckett
Scott Shanley
Paul Shapiro
Erin Stewart
Robert Lee
John Mehr
Maria Capriola
Rob Phillips
Melissa Mack
Michael Rosen
Matt Hart
Erika Wiczenski
Peter Souza
Chris Kervick

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Simsbury
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Suffield
Tolland
West Hartford
Willington
Windsor
Windsor Locks

Staff

Rob Aloise
Cheryl Assis
Kimberly Bona
Emily Hultquist
Tim Malone
Jessica Muirhead
Lyle Wray
Pauline Yoder

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Guests

Jodi Latina
Maureen Lawrence
Grayson Wright
Kathie Lutz
Brittany Foulds

City of New Britain
CTDOT
CTDOT
Rome Smith Lutz
Office of U.S. Senator Murphy

1. Call to Order: First Vice Chairperson Mayor Erin Stewart called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

2. Public Comment:

Kathryn Cannie spoke briefly to the board regarding Public Agent Retirement Services (PARS).

3. Approval of Minutes from October 30, 2019:

Chairperson Erin Stewart requested a motion to adopt the minutes.

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the Policy Board Meeting minutes from October 30, 2019. Dr. Chip Beckett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Correspondence/Handouts:

None.

5. MONTHLY REPORTS:

a. Chair and Executive Director

Dr. Wray provided a brief update on the importance of Boston rail service, and the major economic benefits this service would generate.

Dr. Wray stated a Rail Stations meeting was held last month at CRCOG and informed the board that the towns of Enfield and Windsor Locks are included in the Governor's budget for rail station improvements. He stated he will be attending a meeting today at the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA).

Dr. Wray asked the Board if there were any questions on the monthly report. There were none.

b. Opportunities and Resources

c. Municipal Services and Purchasing Council

Peter Souza provided the following update to the Board and reviewed the following meeting packet materials with the Board:

- [DRAFT of OPM Request](#): As requested by OPM: evaluations of PSAPs and Assessments in the region and regional services priority areas for CRCOG
- [Current RPI Grant Application Ideas](#): The second item is a list of potential Regional Performance Incentive Program grant application ideas. We are awaiting guidelines and priorities from OPM. If you would like to give feedback on specific ideas, please contact Pauline.

The Cybersecurity Task Force met on November 7th. Next meeting on January 23rd, 10am in the CRCOG board room.

The Cybersecurity Task Force was originally created as an outgrowth of the CRCOG cybersecurity model policies and programs. More recently, DEHMS has required a regional cybersecurity task force so we combined the two efforts. We are currently awaiting direction from DEHMS on what their expectations and tasks for the task force would be. In the interim, the task force would be looking to convene IT professional, Managers, elected officials and public safety on discussing municipal needs and providing resources where available.

Invitation to Bids for Gasoline and 4 other commodities have been released and will open on December 12, 2019.

d. Policy and Planning

Emily Hultquist provided this update to the board.

e. Public Safety and Homeland Security

Lori Spielman provided this update to the board and stated that towns should have received further information on the Governor's EPPI Exercise. This year it will be in table-top format and the scenario will focus on cybersecurity and management of power outages. For our region it will be December 3rd at the East Berlin Fire Station and December 5th at the Regional Coordination Center in Manchester. Towns are asked to choose one day to participate. We encourage you to do so.

Steve Huleatt is retiring as the Director of the West Hartford/Bloomfield Health District and will soon be working with CRCOG to assist with the management of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant.

f. Transportation Committee

Jon Colman and Rob Aloise provided the following update to the Board:

- State transportation funding issues including Lamont’s CT2030 plan and the party caucus plans from the legislature.
- Presentation on “Green Snow Pro”, regarding right-sizing the amount of salt used on roadways.

Discussion ensued regarding salt contamination of potable water, and potential municipal liabilities.

g. Metro Hartford Alliance

No update from Metro Hartford Alliance.

6. PRESENTATION / UPDATES:

- **CT2030 (invited)**

Dr. Wray explained that there is no update on CT2030 at this time.

- **Scenario Planning update**

Emily Hultquist and Rob Aloise presented a power point to the board on Scenario Planning.

ACTION ITEMS:

Metropolitan Planning Organization Items:

7. Action: TIP Amendments

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the TIP amendments as presented. Dr. Beckett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INFORMATION/OPPORTUNITY/RESOURCE ITEMS

8. Legislative update

Kathie Lutz provided a brief update to the Board. She stated there is no news yet on the hospital agreement (from last budget) that will entail a special session.

The Speaker is very upbeat about his plan for truck only tolls. He believes he has the vote in the House and has had several positive conversations with the Governor.

Short session in 2020 so anything proactive needs to get prepared early.

9. Nominating Committee appointed

Jon Colman stated that he hopes that the current officers choose to continue to serve and explained that he, Dr. Beckett and Robert Lee will provide recommendations to the Board at the December meeting in terms of electing new officers as needed.

10. Appointment of 2020 Legislative Committee

Dr. Wray stated he is seeking volunteers to serve on the 2020 CRCOG Legislative Committee. He asked anyone who is interested to please let Kim Bona know.

11. Other Business

None.

12. Adjournment

With no further discussion items, First Vice Chairperson Erin Stewart requested a motion to adjourn.

Jon Colman moved to adjourn the meeting. Lori Spielman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:04 pm.