

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, April 24, 2019
12:00 pm
DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED

Members and Alternates

Joe Higgins
Chris Edge
Jon Colman
Joyce Stille
Mark Walter
John Elsesser
Jim Hayden
Marcia Leclerc
Lori Spielman
Carl Sferrazza
Chip Beckett
Vas Srivastava
Paul Shapiro
Scott Shanley
Erin Stewart
Robert Lee
John Mehr
Rob Phillips
Steve Werbner
Matt Hart
Erika Wiecewski
Chris Kervick

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Staff

Rob Aloise
Winsome Barnaby
Kimberly Bona
Emily Hultquist
Tim Malone
Cara Radzins
Lyle Wray

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Guests

Mark Massaro
Pete Smith
Catherine Marx

Eversource
Rome Smith Lutz
US Census

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Marcia Leclerc called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

2. Public Comment: None.

While waiting for a quorum, Mayor Leclerc addressed agenda item 12. entitled, *Legislative Update*, at this time.

12. Legislative Update

Pete Smith provided a legislative and budget update that included the report that the Appropriations has reached an agreement on the Democratic budget and the Committee plans on reporting out their budget on Wednesday, the Finance Committee is planning to vote on the Democratic tax proposal on Tuesday. Also updated on the latest revenue reports that show Connecticut is headed for record surpluses at the end of this budget year and the challenges those numbers may create in collecting the votes for significant new taxes.

With a quorum present, Mayor Leclerc addressed the action items next at this time.

3. Approval of Minutes from April 3, 2019 Meeting:

Chairperson Marcia Leclerc requested a motion to adopt the minutes.

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the Policy Board Meeting minutes from April 3, 2019. John Elsesser seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

7. Appointment of CRCOG First Vice-Chair

Jon Colman indicated that the CRCOG Nominating Committee unanimously recommends the appointment of New Britain Mayor Erin Stewart as CRCOG's First Vice-Chair, replacing former First Vice-Chair, Leslee Hill of Canton.

Jon Colman made a motion to appoint Mayor Stewart as CRCOG's First Vice-Chair. Chip Beckett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Board welcomed and congratulated Mayor Stewart on her appointment.

8. Action: TIP Amendments

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the TIP amendments are presented. Joyce Stille seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9. Action: LOTCIP On-Call Lists and Resolutions

Jon Colman made a motion to adopt the LOTCIP On-Call Lists resolution as presented. Joyce Stille seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10. Action: Eastern Gateways Study Strategy and Implementation Plan

Jon Colman made a motion to adopt the Eastern Gateways Study Strategy and Implementation Plan resolution as presented. Paul Shapiro seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

11. Draft FY 2020-2021 Unified Planning Work Program

Jon Colman stated that this plan has been approved by the CRCOG Transportation Committee and will be seeking Policy Board approval at the May 22, 2019 meeting. The draft plan may be viewed [here](#).

4. Correspondence / Handouts

- [NEKC 2019 Spring Forum](#)
- [2019 BUILD NOFO and Informational Webinars](#)

Handout #1: [Letter to Dannell Malloy re: Urgent Need for Action of STF](#)

Handout #2: [Memo re: CRCOG 2019 Annual Meeting Speaker](#)

Dr. Wray stated Martin Guay, Vice President of Business Development at Stanley Black and Decker and David Fay, President of the Bushnell have both agreed to speak at the June 4, 2019 CRCOG Annual Meeting. He asked for input from the board who they would like as the keynote speaker. Discussion followed. Consensus of the board was to have Martin Guay as the CRCOG 2019 Annual Meeting speaker.

Dr. Wray stated CRCOG will be issuing a Regional Leadership Award at the June 4, 2019 Annual Meeting in addition to the Intertown Cooperation Award.

5. Monthly Reports:

a. Chair and Executive Director

Executive Director Dr. Lyle Wray provided his update to the Board. He asked if there were any questions regarding his monthly report. There were no questions.

Dr. Wray stated he has attained his 15th year as CRCOG's Executive Director and will be sending Robert Lee, Executive Committee Treasurer, his self-evaluation for Committee review.

b. Opportunities and Resources

Dr. Wray stated he will keep the Board apprised regarding Opportunity Zone progress.

c. Municipal Services and Purchasing Council

Maureen Goulet provided this update to the Board:

CRCOG continues to collect names for the interview panel database and HR document samples. Please contact Brian Luther on CRCOG staff with any questions.

CRCOG is re-bidding the Southeast region of ezIQC as the current vendor is not performing.

The CRPC Annual Meeting & 50th Anniversary Luncheon will be held at the Glastonbury Boathouse on June 11, 2019, meeting from 8:30-11:30, Luncheon starting at noon, visit the CRCOG website or contact Maureen Goulet to RSVP.

d. Policy and Planning

Emily Hultquist provided this update to the Board:

- The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy has gone to DECD and OPM for review before being sent on to EDA for final approval.
- Several CRCOG communities have adopted the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan at their Town Council or Board of Selectmen meetings. Should any communities have any questions ahead of adoption they can contact Lynne Pike DiSanto of CRCOG.
- On April 25th at Noon, the second meeting on Regional Bikeshare will take place. The main discussion at the meeting will center around a draft RFP which CRCOG staff has prepared.
- Catharine Marx, Partnership Specialist for Connecticut for the U.S. Census Bureau is in attendance today. She will give a brief presentation at the next Policy Board Meeting on Complete Count efforts in ways that the Census Bureau can support communities in this effort.

e. Public Safety and Homeland Security

Joyce Stille provided this update to the Board.

The annual Coalition Surge Test was held on Monday with the Hospital of Central CT-New Britain campus as the affected hospital. In the exercise scenario, due to a power outage and subsequent generator failure they had to evacuate all 181 beds and were successful. Representatives from DPH were present and pleased with the outcome.

Reminder that we are hosting a Whole Community Workshop on May 21st focused on individuals with disabilities and those with access and functional needs.

f. Transportation Committee

Jon Colman reported that at the TC meeting some municipalities voiced frustration related to recent CTDOT LOTCIP program issues and inefficiencies including extensive/conflicting comments, required scope increases, and inconsistency of requirements and procedures. Some of these issues may be the result of resent CTDOT oversight staffing changes. CRCOG staff plans to meet with CTDOT personnel to discuss ways to resolve these recent issues.

g. Capital Work Force Partners (tentative)

There was no update from CWP.

Mayor Leclerc turned the meeting over to Second Vice Chair Paul Shapiro and exited at 12:30 pm.

6. PRESENTATION / UPDATES

- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Presentation and Discussion, Tim Malone, CRCOG Principal Planner II
- CRCOG Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Tim Malone, CRCOG Principal Planner II

To view the presentation covering CEDS and the MTP, please click [here](#).

Information/Opportunity/Resource Items

12. 2019 Annual Meeting update

This was addressed earlier in the meeting.

13. Other Business

There was no further business.

14. Adjournment

With no further discussion items, Second Vice-Chair Paul Shapiro concluded the meeting at 1:02 pm.