

Capitol Region Council of Governments

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CRCOG Offices, 241 Main Street, 4th Floor, Hartford, CT
October 16, 2019
Noon
DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED

Attendance

Jon Colman
John Elsesser
Jim Hayden
Marcia Leclerc
Lori Spielman
Chip Beckett
Luke Bronin
Scott Shanley
Paul Shapiro
Robert Lee
Matt Hart

Town/Organization

Bloomfield
Coventry
East Granby
East Hartford
Ellington
Glastonbury
Hartford
Manchester
Mansfield
Plainville
West Hartford

Staff

Rob Aloise
Cheryl Assis
Winsome Barnaby
Kimberly Bona
Lyle Wray
Pauline Yoder

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Guests

Kathie Lutz

RSL

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Marcia Leclerc called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes from August 14, 2019

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the minutes of August 14, 2019 as presented. Matt Hart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Correspondence/Handouts

- **CTrail Update**

Dr. Wray stated there will be a rail station meeting on October 30th at 10:30am prior to Policy Board meeting. He met with MA State Senator Lesser regarding Boston Rail. CT DOT has a draft capital plan with CTrail track and station improvements. CRCOG plans to have the economic impact statement of Hartford Springfield Boston rail completed by March 2020. Dr. Wray spoke about the importance of finding ways to reduce rail station costs and stated the state bonding debt diet is an issue going forward for the rail program.

- **Letter to Lyle Wray from Secretary Merrill re: Appointment to Working Group to Study Quarries and Contractors re: Concrete Foundations**

Dr. Wray stated he has been appointed to this working group to study quality control at quarries to prevent future crumbling concrete issues.

5. Chair and Executive Director Remarks and Report

Dr. Wray stated there are now 50 towns and cities in the state utilizing the regional online permitting system. Discussion followed.

6. Metro Hartford Future CEDS Update

Dr. Wray stated the first Metro Hartford Future CEDS Advisory Committee meeting will be held tomorrow October 17, 2019 at 8:30am at the CRCOG Offices, 4th Floor Large Conference Room, Hartford.

7. Establish a Nominating Committee

Mayor Leclerc appointed Dr. Chip Beckett, Jon Colman and Robert Lee to the Nominating Committee to propose a slate of board officers for CRCOG at the January 2020 Board meeting.

8. ACTION: Approval of 2020 DRAFT Policy Board and Executive Committee Meeting Schedules

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the 2020 DRAFT Policy Board and Executive Committee Meeting Schedules as distributed. Dr. Chip Beckett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9. Memo and ACTION re: Assistance for Crumbling Foundations Leadership Transition – Recommendation to Retain Steve Werbner During Transition

Dr. Chip Beckett made a motion to adopt the resolution re: Assistance for Crumbling Foundations Leadership Transition – Recommendation to Retain Steve Werbner During Transition as presented. Jon Colman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10. ACTION: Amended Budget Approval

Pauline Yoder explained that the CRCOG budget has been amended due to additional funding received from the Regional Services Grant (RSG).

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the amended budget as presented. Dr. Chip Beckett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

11. Pre-Audit Financial Report FY 2018-19

Winsome Barnaby briefly reviewed the financial report with the committee.

12. Other Business

Mayor Luke Bronin requested committee discussion and assistance on the following issues:

- Future of MIRA – Mayor Bronin stated the future of MIRA and the proposed contractor Sacyr Rooney will be decided soon. A fuller discussion of the issue was requested for a future meeting.
- Homelessness situation in Hartford – Mayor Bronin stated the severity of this issue and explained that numerous non-residents are seeking shelter in Hartford in addition to city residents. This issue is related to the opioid crisis.

A lengthy discussion followed. These items will be addressed further at upcoming meetings.

Mayor Bronin also stated the City of Hartford is searching for a Budget Director and encouraged referrals.

Kathie Lutz had no legislative update.

13. Adjournment

Jon Colman made a motion to adjourn at 1:17pm. Chip Beckett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.