

Capitol Region Council of Governments
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Policy Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 27, 2021
12:00 pm

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CT Governor Executive Order No. 7B. This meeting was recorded.**

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Members and Alternates

Chris Edge
Jon Colman
Stanley Hawthorne
Sandra Pierog
Mark Walter
John Elsesser
Jim Hayden
Marcia Leclerc
Jason Bowsza
Lori L. Spielman
Chip Beckett
Andy Tierney
Steve Stephanou
Toni Moran
Robert E. Lee
John Mehr
Maria Capriola
Shari Cantor
Matt Hart
Erika Wiczenski
Peter Souza
Chris Kervick

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East Hartford
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Simsbury
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West Hartford
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Windsor
Windsor Locks

Staff

Rob Aloise
Cheryl Assis
Maureen Goulet
Tim Malone
Aaliyah Miller
Robyn Nichols
Laura Quintiliani
Karen Stewartson
Lyle Wray
Pauline Yoder

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Guests

Grayson Wright
Alex Johnson
Vicki Shotland

CTDOT
Capital Workforce Partners
GHTD

Matthew Pafford
Kathie Lutz
Two Guests

OPM
Rome Smith Lutz
Public

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Chairperson Mayor Marcia Leclerc called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm.

2. Public Comment:

No public comment was offered.

3. Approval of Minutes from September 22, 2021:

Chairperson Mayor Marcia Leclerc requested a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 22, 2021 meeting.

Lori Spielman made a motion to approve the Policy Board Meeting minutes from September 22, 2021. Jon Colman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Correspondence/Handouts

a. DWS Circular Letter # 2021-86

The DWS Circular Letter #2021-86 serves to inform towns of a new statutory requirement to provide electronic notification to the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) for project applications within drinking water watersheds or aquifer protection areas.

b. ARPA Funding for Regional Opportunities and Technical Assistance on ARPA

Pauline Yoder briefed the Policy Board on the attached ARPA memo and the discussion regarding same that took place during a recent Municipal Services Committee meeting.

Discussion followed. Several projects were outlined as potential regional projects. Ms. Yoder will be giving more definition and parameters to those projects and updating membership to see who would be interested in pursuing those projects using the ARPA funding.

5. MONTHLY REPORTS:

a. Chair and Executive Director

b. Opportunities and Resources

c. Municipal Services and Purchasing Council

d. Policy and Planning

e. Public Safety and Homeland Security

f. Transportation Committee

g. MetroHartford Alliance (Tentative)

No report was offered.

h. Capital Workforce Partners (Tentative)

Alex Johnson provided a brief report on the status of Capital Workforce Partners' involvement in the Build Back Better program.

i. Ad Hoc Executive Director Search Committee

The Ad-Hoc Search Committee has reviewed all application and felt that there weren't enough qualified candidates to interview. The consultant hired to assist with the search was asked to repost the job search in hopes of finding additional candidates. The consultant will have the job posting back online as of November 5, 2021 and the committee hopes to have a recommendation for the Policy Board by the December 15, 2021 meeting.

6. PRESENTATION/UPDATES

No presentation was offered.

ACTION ITEMS:

7. Action: Appointment of Nominating Committee

A Nominating Committee is needed to find the candidates to serve on the Executive Committee, including new Officer positions. The CRCOG Officer positions are Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. Jon Colman volunteered to serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee with Chip Beckett, John Elsesser, and Lori Spielman volunteering to serve as Committee members.

Peter Souza made a motion to approve the Appointment of the Nominating Committee. Andy Tierney seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8. Action: CRCOG Legislative Committee – Volunteer Selection

A Legislative Committee is required to prepare and review the 2022 Legislative Agenda for Board approval. Next year's legislative session begins in February.

The Committee will be led by Jason Bowsza with assistance from Dr. Wray. Toni Moran, Chris Kervick, Matt Hart, Lori Spielman, and Chip Beckett have volunteered to serve on this committee.

No action needed.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

9. Action: [TIP Amendments – \(See Attached\)](#)

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the TIP Amendments. Lori Spielman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INFORMATION/OPPORTUNITY/RESOURCES

10. Legislative Update

Kathie Lutz provided a brief Legislative Update.

11. Other Business

a. Farewell and Thank You to Mayor Leclerc

The CRCOG Policy Board and staff thanked Mayor Leclerc for her dedication to and work with CRCOG, the City of East Hartford, and the State of Connecticut. She has served with gumption through recessions, a global pandemic, and several environmental challenges such as snowstorms and Nor'easters. Her leadership has been very helpful, and it has been a pleasure working with her. Thank you, Mayor Leclerc!

12. Adjournment

With no further discussion items, Chairperson Mayor Marcia Leclerc requested a motion to adjourn.

Jon Colman moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:37. Dr. Chip Beckett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.