

Capitol Region Council of Governments

2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 2, 2021, 11:30 am

Meeting access was remote only, consistent with provisions specified in CT Governor Executive Order No. 7B. This meeting was recorded.

Audio may be found here: <https://crcog.org/event/crcog-annual-meeting-2021/>

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Marcia Leclerc, Policy Board President and Emcee of the Annual Meeting, called the meeting to order at 11:35 am.

2. “Rising to the Challenge: Response and Recovery” Video Presentation

CRCOG Staff created a video compilation celebrating the Capitol Region on how municipalities and business rose to the challenge throughout the last year and the COVID-19 pandemic. [The video can be viewed here.](#)

3. Presentation and Q&A Session with Keynote Speaker David Lehman:

David Lehman, Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, offered insight to the collaborative efforts from the state and local municipalities in response to the COVID-19 crisis. Commissioner Lehman also elaborated on how the pandemic has changed the state and shared some thoughts on the future of the state’s economic development, including the possibility of permanent hybrid work schedules, renewable energy and sustainability, workforce development, and more.

Commissioner Lehman’s full presentation can be found on our website by listening to the [audio recording of the Annual Meeting here.](#)

4. Remarks from Dr. Lyle Wray, Executive Director

Dr. Wray provided an update on highlights at the Capitol Region Council of Governments from the past year and upcoming initiatives for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, including important activities in our Planning, Public Safety, and Municipal Service departments.

5. Celebrating Staff Milestones:

Chairperson Mayor Marcia Leclerc recognized three staff members who are celebrating milestone anniversaries at CRCOG. Kathy Rubera, Junior Accountant, is celebrating 10 years with CRCOG. Tracey Malenfant, Principal Finance Officer, is celebrating 15 years with CRCOG, and Karen Stewartson, Program Assistant, celebrated her 20th anniversary with CRCOG last year during the height of the pandemic, and reached her 21st anniversary this year. Congratulations to Kathy, Tracey, and Karen, and thank you for your years of dedication to the Capitol Region!

6. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Mayor Marcia Leclerc, Chairperson of CRCOG’s Policy Board and emcee of the Annual Meeting, thanked everyone for attending, Commissioner Lehman for his presentation, and CRCOG staff for their hard work organizing the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm.