

**Capitol Region Council of Governments**  
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**Policy Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday February 23, 2022**  
**12:00 pm**

**DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED**

**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/policy-board-36>**

**Members and Alternates**

Brandon Robertson  
Chris Edge  
Jon Colman  
Bob Bessel  
Mark Walter  
John Elsesser  
Lisa Thomas  
Connor Martin  
Jason Bowsza  
Lori L. Spielman  
C.J. Thomas  
Larry Niland  
Erica Robertson  
Raul De Jesus Jr.  
Andrew Tierney  
Steve Stephanou  
Toni Moran  
Erin Stewart  
Brock Weber  
David Nagel  
Bob Lee  
John Mehr  
Maria Capriola  
Wendy Mackstutis  
Mark Sciota  
Lisa Hancock  
Steve Jones  
Shari Cantor  
Rick Ledwith  
Michael Rell  
Erika Wiczenski

**Town/Organization**

Avon  
Berlin  
Bloomfield  
Canton  
Columbia  
Coventry  
Coventry  
East Hartford  
East Windsor  
Ellington  
Farmington  
Glastonbury  
Granby  
Hartford  
Hebron  
Manchester  
Mansfield  
New Britain  
New Britain  
Newington  
Plainville  
Rocky Hill  
Simsbury  
Simsbury  
Southington  
Tolland  
Tolland  
West Hartford  
West Hartford  
Wethersfield  
Willington

**Staff**

Rob Aloise  
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Tim Malone	CRCOG
Aaliyah Miller	CRCOG
Robyn Nichols	CRCOG
Caitlin Palmer	CRCOG
Laura Quintiliani	CRCOG
Cara Radzins	CRCOG
Pauline Yoder	CRCOG

**Guests**

Francesco Ricigliano	AdvanceCT
Stanley Hawthorne	Town of Bloomfield
TJ Magnoli	Eversource
Mark Massaro	Eversource
Gene Goddard	MetroHartford Alliance
Mallory Deprey	City of New Britain
Kathie Lutz	Rome Smith Lutz
Christopher Smith	Rome Smith Lutz

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call:**

Chairperson Mayor Erin Stewart called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm.

**2. Public Comment:**

No public comment was offered.

**3. Approval of Minutes from December 21, 2021 Special Meeting and January 26, 2022**

Chairperson Mayor Erin Stewart requested a motion to adopt the minutes of the December 21, 2021 Special Meeting and January 26, 2022 meeting.

**Jon Colman made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 21, 2021 Special Meeting and January 26, 2022 Policy Board Meeting. Lisa Hancock seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

**4. Correspondence/Handouts**

**a. Federal Certification Review Findings**

Every three years the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) completes a review of the transportation planning process for the Hartford Transportation Management Area (TMA). During their review, they found CRCOG to be in compliance and able to proceed with current transportation planning and project implementation for the next three years.

**b. 2022 Nonprofit Security Grant Program Technical Assistance Webinar Series**

This is an informational handout for our municipalities to distribute to town leaders in nonprofits, churches, synagogues, etc. on how best to protect their communities.

**c. CRCOG Legislative Priorities**

Dr. Wray and Matt Hart met with Senator Steve Cassano last week regarding CRCOG's legislative priorities and followed up with this letter to Senator Cassano and Representative Cristin McCarthy Vahey. The letter stressed the importance of the Hartford-Boston Rail Service as a priority for CRCOG and the CTDOT.

## **5. MONTHLY REPORTS:**

- a. Chair and [Executive Director](#)
- b. [Municipal Services and Purchasing Council](#)
- c. [Community Development](#)
- d. [Public Safety and Homeland Security](#)
- e. [Transportation Committee](#)
- f. **MetroHartford Alliance (Tentative)**  
No report was offered.
- g. **Capital Workforce Partners (Tentative)**  
No report was offered.

## **6. Legislative Update**

Kathie Lutz provided a brief Legislative Update

## **7. PRESENTATION/UPDATES**

- a. [New Britain Recovers – Mallory Deprey](#)

Mallory Deprey, Community Services Liaison for the town of New Britain, presented to the Policy Board on New Britain Recovers. New Britain Recovers has been a successful effort within the city to promote recovery from substance misuse. Through community level interactions, New Britain Recovers connects individuals in a stigma-free manner to resources with care, concern, and compassion.

[The presentation can be viewed in its entirety here.](#)

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

**8. Resolution: Authorizing Newly Appointed Executive Director, Matthew Hart, With the Same Authority Previously Given to Lyle Wray as Executive Director**

**Jon Colman made a motion to Authorize Newly Appointed Executive Director, Matthew Hart, With the Same Authority Previously Given to Lyle Wray as Executive Director. Lori Spielman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

**9. Resolution: Authorizing Execution of Intergovernmental Support Agreement (IGSA) Between CRCOG And the Naval Submarine Base New London**

**Jon Colman made a motion to Authorize Execution of Intergovernmental Support Agreement (IGSA) Between CRCOG And the Naval Submarine Base New London. Lisa Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

**10. Resolution: Authorizing Execution of Contract for Diversity, Equity, And Inclusion (DEI) Training Services**

**Jon Colman made a motion to authorize the Execution of Contract for Diversity, Equity, And Inclusion (DEI) Training Services. Bob Bessel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**11. Action: TIP Amendments (See Attached)**

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

**12. Authorizing Resolution: East Coast Greenway Gap Closure Study**

**Jon Colman made a motion to authorize the East Coast Greenway Gap Closure Study. Lisa Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

**13. Two Resolutions of Support: CTDOT Highway Safety Legislative Proposal**

**Jon Colman made a motion to authorize the CTDOT Highway Safety Legislative Proposal. Steve Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

**INFORMATION/OPPORTUNITY/RESOURCES**

**14. Other Business**

Please RSVP directly to Laura Quintiliani so that we may secure a quorum. Acceptances of Outlook Invitations do not constitute as an RSVP. Laura can be reached by phone at 860-724-4283 or email at [lquintiliani@crcog.org](mailto:lquintiliani@crcog.org).

**15. Adjournment**

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

**Jon Colman made a motion to adjourn. Lori Spielman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Policy Board Meeting adjourned at 12:37 PM.**