Capitol Region Council of Governments
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Policy Board Meeting
Wednesday March 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-37**

Members and Alternates	Town/Organization
Eric Anderson	Andover
Brandon Robertson	Avon
Chris Edge	Berlin
Jim Rupert	Bolton
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
Stanley Hawthorne	Bloomfield
Bob Bessel	Canton
John Elsesser	Coventry
Eden Wimpfheimer	East Granby
Jason Bowsza	East Windsor
Lori L. Spielman	Ellington
Robert Cressotti	Enfield
Larry Niland	Glastonbury
Luke Bronin	Hartford
Randal Davis	Hartford
Raul De Jesus Jr.	Hartford
Andrew Tierney	Hebron
Steve Stephanou	Manchester
Ryan Aylesworth	Mansfield
Toni Moran	Mansfield
Greg Lowrey	Marlborough
Erin Stewart	New Britain
David Nagel	Newington
John Mehr	Rocky Hill
Maria Capriola	Simsbury
Wendy Mackstutis	Simsbury
Mark Sciota	Southington
Sal Titus	Stafford Springs
Lisa Hancock	Tolland
Shari Cantor	West Hartford
Bonnie Therrien	Wethersfield
Erika Wiecenski	Willington

Staff

Rob Aloise	CRCOG
Cheryl Assis	CRCOG
Kim Bona	CRCOG
Mike Cipriano	CRCOG
Maureen Goulet	CRCOG

Matt Hart	CRCOG
Tracey Malenfant	CRCOG
Aaliyah Miller	CRCOG
Robyn Nichols	CRCOG
Laura Quintiliani	CRCOG
Cara Radzins	CRCOG
Erik Snowden	CRCOG
Pauline Yoder	CRCOG

Guests

Courtney Hendricson	AdvanceCT
Grayson Wright	CTDOT
Kelly Davila	DataHaven
Jonathan Ferrigno	Eversource
Mark Massaro	Eversource
Matthew Pafford	OPM
Andrea Gilberti	Office of Senator Murphy
Max Turgeon	City of New Britain
Kathie Lutz	Rome Smith Lutz
Christopher Smith	Rome Smith Lutz
Annettee Diaz	Way to Go CT

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:
Chairperson Mayor Erin Stewart called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

2. Public Comment:
No public comment was offered.

3. Approval of Minutes from February 23, 2022
Chairperson Mayor Erin Stewart requested a motion to adopt the minutes of the February 23, 2022 meeting.

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 23, 2022 Policy Board Meeting. Bob Bessel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Correspondence/Handouts
   a. **2022 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program Proposal**
      Ms. Yoder explained that this communication is notification of a neighborhood assistance program for 501(c)(3) and nonprofit organizations. Please be sure to distribute this to interested organizations in your towns

5. MONTHLY REPORTS:

   a. **Chair and Executive Director**
      Mr. Hart provided an overview of his report. He did not receive any questions

   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

Committees are beginning to return to a hybrid structure, with some members meeting in person at the Legislative Office Building and some attending virtually. Public hearings, however, will remain virtual until the end of the executive order.

Regarding the car tax item that has been of interest to the Policy Board, the Chair of the Appropriations Committee has expressed concern over funding and whether unforeseen fiscal problems might cause the monies to be withdrawn.

Lastly, while several ad-hoc meetings have taken place, a full budget meeting with OPM and the Governor's staff have not yet taken place.

7. PRESENTATION/UPDATES
a. DataHaven – Kelly Davila, Senior Research Associate

Kelly Davila, Senior Research Associate at DataHaven, reported on the results of a Community Wellbeing Survey conducted in the Greater Hartford area. The survey was conducted during 2021, specifically after the COVID-19 vaccines became available to adults 18+ in the state of Connecticut. Ms. Davila shared with the Policy Board several statistics related to community wellbeing, including pandemic related hardships, outlook on economic opportunities, safety, discrimination, health and healthcare, COVID-19 vaccination status, and more. For questions, concerns, and more information, please reach out to DataHaven at info@ctdatahaven.org.

The presentation can be viewed in its entirety here.

ACTION ITEMS:

8. FY 2022/23 Cost of Living Adjustment for Regular Staff
Mr. Hart provided a brief summary of this item and recommended the board's approval.

Toni Moran made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to award a 3% cost of living increase for CRCOG employees, effective July 1, 2022. Lori Spielman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9. Resolution: ALICE Action Plan Grant Application
Mr. Aloise provided a brief summary of this item.

Jon Colman made a motion to submit a grant application to the Economic Development Administration and commit to providing the required $20,000 match. Chris Edge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10. Resolution: Authorization for Administration and Planning Certifications for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant
Mr. Aloise provided a brief summary of this item.

Jon Colman made a motion to authorize the Administration and Planning of Certifications for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant. John Elsesser seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

11. Action: TIP Amendments (See Attached)
Mr. Colman presented this item to the Policy Board and made a motion to approve the TIP Amendments. Bob Bessel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INFORMATION/OPPORTUNITY/RESOURCES

12. Other Business
There was none.

13. 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 12:40 PM.