

Capitol Region Council of Governments
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Policy Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 17, 2021
12:00 pm

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

Audio may be found here: <https://crcog.org/event/policy-board-33>

Members and Alternates

Eric Anderson
Jon Colman
John Elsesser
Jim Hayden
Jessica Carrero
Connor Martin
Jason Bowsza
Lori L. Spielman
Larry Niland
Luke Bronin
Steve Stephanou
Erin Stewart
Brock Weber
David Nagel
John Mehr
Mark Sciota
Bonnie Therrien
Shari Cantor
Erika Wiczenski
Peter Souza
Chris Kervick

Town/Organization

Andover
Bloomfield
Coventry
East Granby
East Hartford
East Hartford
East Windsor
Ellington
Glastonbury
Hartford
Manchester
New Britain
New Britain
Newington
Rocky Hill
Southington
Wethersfield
West Hartford
Willington
Windsor
Windsor Locks

Staff

Cheryl Assis
Aaliyah Miller
Pramod Pandey
Laura Quintiliani
Lyle Wray
Pauline Yoder

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Guests

Courtney Hendricson
Grayson Wright
Chris Giglio
Mark Massaro
Martin Heft
Kathie Lutz

AdvanceCT
CTDOT
Capital Workforce Partners
Eversource
OPM
Rome Smith Lutz

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

First Vice Chairperson Mayor Erin Stewart called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

2. Public Comment:

No public comment was offered.

3. Approval of Minutes from October 27, 2021:

First Vice Chairperson Mayor Erin Stewart requested a motion to adopt the minutes of the October 27, 2021 meeting.

Due to a lack of quorum, Mayor Stewart jumped ahead to review the Correspondence and Handouts.

4. Correspondence/Handouts

a. MEMORANDUM: Three Grant Funding Opportunities

This memorandum outlined three separate grant opportunities that CRCOG members can take advantage of if they wish. The grants are as follows:

1. [Urban Forestry Climate Change Grants](#)
2. [America the Beautiful Grant Program](#)
3. [2022 CT DEEP Nonpoint Source 319 Grants](#)

b. Economic Impact of Hartford Springfield Boston Rail Service Webinar

CRCOG has been advocating for the Hartford-Springfield-Boston rail line and commissioned a study of economic impact that estimates the cost would be between \$6-8 billion, but the economic benefit would fall between \$60-80 billion over 30 years. The next step for this project is looking at the cost estimate of the project.

c. Fall 2021 PSELC Workshops

The PSELC Workshops are part of a partnership with the UConn MPA program in which programs are offered to CRCOG members. This is the lineup for the 2021 season.

d. Proposed 2022 Policy Board Schedule

Attached is the proposed Policy Board meeting schedule for 2022. This will come before the board for final approval at the December meeting.

At this time a quorum had been reached and Mayor Stewart returned to approval of minutes. John Colman made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2021 meeting. Chris Kervick seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

5. MONTHLY REPORTS:

a. Chair and [Executive Director](#)

b. [Municipal Services and Purchasing Council](#)

c. [Policy and Planning](#)

d. [Public Safety and Homeland Security](#)

e. [Transportation Committee](#)

f. MetroHartford Alliance (Tentative)

Becky Nolan provided a brief update on MetroHartford Alliance's partnership with AdvanceCT. Combined, the organizations are working on 155 active projects that will benefit CRCOG communities.

g. Capital Workforce Partners (Tentative)

No report was offered.

h. Ad Hoc Executive Director Search Committee

The consultant hired to assist in the search process for a new Executive Director is currently vetting the second round of candidates. The Search Committee plans on holding final interviews on 12/8 and aims to report back to the Policy Board with a recommendation at the upcoming December meeting.

6. PRESENTATION/UPDATES

a. Informational Presentation – Martin Heft, OPM

[To view the presentation, please click here.](#)

b. Infrastructure Bill Highlights – Christopher Giglio, Capital Edge

[To view Mr. Giglio's presentation, please click here.](#)

ACTION ITEMS:

7. Action: Nominating Committee Update (Tentative)

With significant turnover on the Policy Board following recent municipal elections, the Nominating Committee is working to put together a new recommended slate for officers as well as the Executive Committee. The proposed appointments will be presented at the December meeting.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

8. Action: TIP Amendments – (See Attached)

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

9. Resolution: East Windsor Route 5 Study Final Report

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the East Windsor Route 5 Study Final Report. 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

There was no other business.

12. Adjournment

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

Jon Colman moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:41. Lori Spielman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.