

Capitol Region Council of Governments
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Policy Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 15, 2021
12:00 pm

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**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-34>**

Members and Alternates

Eric Anderson
Jon Colman
Jim Rupert
John Elsesser
Connor Martin
Mike Walsh
Jason Bowsza
Lori L. Spielman
Larry Niland
Raul De Jesus Jr.
Steve Stephanou
Erin Stewart
Brock Weber
David Nagel
Robert Lee
John Mehr
Maria Capriola
Mark Sciota
Representative Tammy Nuccio
Steve Jones
Shari Cantor
Matt Hart
Erika Wiecenski
Peter Souza

Town/Organization

Andover
Bloomfield
Bolton
Coventry
East Hartford
East Hartford
East Windsor
Ellington
Glastonbury
Hartford
Manchester
New Britain
New Britain
Newington
Plainville
Rocky Hill
Simsbury
Southington
Tolland
Tolland
West Hartford
West Hartford
Willington
Windsor

Staff

Rob Aloise
Cheryl Assis
Tracey Malenfant
Tim Malone
Aaliyah Miller
Robyn Nichols
Pramod Pandey
Laura Quintiliani
Lyle Wray
Pauline Yoder

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Guests

Courtney Hendricson
Grayson Wright
Mary-Jane Foster
Matthew Pafford
Kathie Lutz

AdvanceCT
CTDOT
Interval House CT
OPM
Rome Smith Lutz

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

First Vice Chairperson Mayor Erin Stewart called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

2. Public Comment:

Grayson Wright from CTDOT took a moment to read a copy of a letter addressed to Dr. Wray from the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, presented on the behalf of the entire Department. Mr. Wright noted that the entire DOT wished Dr. Wray well on his retirement and remarked on the valued service he brought the Capitol region and the state.

3. Approval of Minutes from November 17, 2021:

First Vice Chairperson Mayor Erin Stewart requested a motion to adopt the minutes of the November 17, 2021 meeting.

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 17, 2021 Policy Board meeting. Lori Spielman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Correspondence/Handouts

- a. County Equivalency Update
The state has supported recognizing COGs as County Equivalencies. This will take place at a data level to aggregate the census data at the COG level. This will benefit CRCOG as we finalize the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan as well as other planning/census related projects.
- b. Spring 2022 UConn PSELG Workshops
The Spring 2022 PSELG Workshops hosted by UConn are offered to CRCOG member towns. Member towns and/or employees are highly encouraged to attend these workshops as they have proven to be beneficial for municipalities in the past.
- c. CRCOG 2022 Holiday Schedule
Attached for informational purposes is the final CRCOG 2022 Holiday Schedule.

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.

h. Ad Hoc Executive Director Search Committee

The Ad Hoc Executive Director Search Committee has narrowed down the pool of candidates and unanimously selected a top candidate to fill the position. The Committee will be holding a brief Special Policy Board meeting on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 11:00 AM to present and vote for their recommendation for the next Executive Director of the Capitol Region Council of Governments.

6. PRESENTATION/UPDATES

a. Services for Domestic Violence in CT – Mary-Jane Foster, President & CEO, Interval House

Ms. Foster discussed services available for Domestic Violence victims in the state of Connecticut. For questions, concerns, and more information, Ms. Foster can be reached by email at mj.foster@intervalhousect.org. She also provided other resources, including the Safe Connect statewide hotline, 888-774-2900.

ACTION ITEMS:

7. Approval of the CRCOG Policy Board Officers and Executive Committee

It was proposed that the CRCOG Policy Board Officers be comprised of the following: Chairperson: Erin Stewart (New Britain); 1st Vice-Chair: Shari Cantor (West Hartford); 2nd Vice-Chair: Lori Spielman (Ellington); Secretary: Jason Bowsza (East Windsor); Treasurer: Michael Walsh (East Hartford).

The Executive Committee will include representatives from Bloomfield, Bolton, Columbia, Coventry, East Hartford, East Windsor, Ellington, Farmington, Hartford, Manchester, Marlborough, New Britain, Newington, Simsbury, Southington, Tolland, West Hartford, Wethersfield, and Windsor.

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the CRCOG Policy Board Officers and Executive Committee. Lori Spielman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8. Resolution Authorizing CRCOG to Submit a BRIC Grant Application

Lori Spielman made a motion to authorize CRCOG to Submit a BRIC Grant Application. Jon Colman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9. Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Sub-grant from the CT DECD

Jon Colman made a motion to authorize the acceptance of a sub-grant from the CT DECD. Mayor Erin Stewart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10. Resolution To Accept a Grant from The Department Of Public Health

Jon Colman made a motion to accept a grant from the Department of Public Health. Mayor Erin Stewart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

11. Approval of the 2022 Policy Board and Executive Committee Schedules

Jon Colman made a motion to approve 2022 Policy Board and Executive Committee Schedules. Mayor Erin Stewart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

12. Approval to Extend Lyle Wray's Consultant Contract to February or March of 2022

Jon Colman made a motion to Extend Lyle Wray's Consultant Contract to February or March of 2022. John Elsesser seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

13. Approval of CRCOG Letter to CCM Regarding Solid Waste

Peter Souza made a motion to approve the CRCOG letter to CCM regarding solid waste. Jon Colman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Brief discussion followed.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

14. Action: TIP Amendments – (See Attached)

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the TIP Amendments. Mayor Erin Stewart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

15. Resolution to Support Targets for CTDOT Safety Performance Measures

Jon Colman made a motion to Support Targets for CTDOT Safety Performance Measures. Bob Lee seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

16. Resolution Authorizing Route 20 Corridor Study Agreement

Jon Colman made a motion to Authorizing Route 20 Corridor Study Agreement. Peter Souza seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INFORMATION/OPPORTUNITY/RESOURCES

10. Legislative Update

Kathie Lutz provided a brief Legislative Update.

11. Other Business

Jon Colman encouraged the Policy Board to attend the special Policy Board meeting being held on Tuesday, December 21 at 11:00 AM.

12. Adjournment

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

Jon Colman moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:36 PM. Lori Spielman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.