

Capitol Region Council of Governments

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Policy Board Meeting

Wednesday January 25, 2023

This meeting was Virtual

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Members and Alternates

Eric Anderson
Chris Edge
Jon Colman
Jim Rupert
Bob Bessel
John Elsesser
Lori L. Spielman
Ellen Zoppo-Sassu
Larry Niland
Erica Robertson
Raul de Jesus
Andrew Tierney
Stephan Stephanou
Erin Stewart
Mike Paulhus
Raymond Carpentino
Wendy Makstutis
Colin Moll
Steve Jones
Brian Foley
Erika Wiczenski
Fred Pressley
Peter Souza

Staff

Rob Aloise
Cheryl Assis
Maureen Goulet
Matt Hart
Roger Krahn
Tracey Malenfant
Robyn Nichols
Cara Radzins
Laura Rosenbluth
Elizabeth Sanderson

Town/Organization

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Berlin
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Bolton
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Coventry
Ellington
Enfield
Glastonbury
Granby
Hartford
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Manchester
New Britain
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Karen Stewartson
Pauline Yoder

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Guests

Grayson Wright
Gary Schless
Jonathan Ferrigno
Mark Massaro
Brock Weber
Kathie Lutz
Jessica LeClair

CTDOT
CRBE
Eversource
Eversource
New Britain
Rome, Smith and Lutz
Sustainable CT

1. Call to Order:

Chair Erin Stewart called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm

2. Public Comment:

No public comment was offered.

3. Approval of Minutes from October 26, 2022

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 21, 2022, Policy Board Meeting. Lori Spielman seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

4. MONTHLY REPORTS:

- a. **Chair and Executive Director** - Mr. Hart provided an overview of his report. Mr. Hart's full report can be found [HERE](#)
- b. BIL/IIJA Update
- c. Municipal Services and Purchasing Council
- d. Planning - Community Development
- e. Planning - Transportation
- f. Public Safety Homeland Security

5. Legislative Update

Ms. Kathie Lutz provided a brief Legislative update to the Committee. Currently we are 3 weeks into the session, and there are up to 2500 bills in the system. Public Hearings are being held in person and virtually. There will be special elections on February 28, 2023 to fill recent vacancies. Cannabis Regulations and budget work are the big items on the table. Peter Souza announced that [Bill 5034](#) is worth watching because it is about changing the methodology on collecting car and property taxes.

6. Sustainable CT:

Jessica LeClair provided a brief introduction to Sustainable CT, which is a statewide municipal certification program. She also reviewed the latest Sustainable CT updates

and the free Technical Support offered to towns. There were no questions. Jessica's contact info is jessical@sustainablect.org.

7. Executive Session: - Bob Bessel made a motion, to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the selection of a site or the lease, sale or purchase of real estate by the state or a political subdivision of the state when publicity regarding such site, lease, sale, purchase or construction would adversely impact the price of such site, lease, sale, purchase or construction until such time as all of the property has been acquired or all proceedings or transactions concerning same have been terminated or abandoned, pursuant to C.G.S. Sec. 1-200(6)(D), and to invite Matt Hart, Pauline Yoder, and Gary Schless to attend the meeting. Wendy Makstutis seconded. The motion passed unanimously. At 12:53 pm the Policy Board came out of Executive Session and resumed the regular meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

8. Approval of CRCOG Lease

Upon resuming the Policy Board meeting, Mayor Stewart declared the next item on the agenda was to take action on the CRCOG lease discussed in Executive Session. **Jon Colman made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to enter negotiations for a lease at the Metro Center, and then to bring the lease back to the Executive Committee for review and its action. Lori Spielman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

9. Resolution Authorizing Agreement With Yale Health New Haven Health Services Corporation

Cheryl Assis said the Capitol Region Medical Reserve Corps applied for funding through the State of Connecticut Health Care Coalition for the purpose of supporting the CR-MRC training unit and program whereby a training curriculum will be developed, and engaging training experiences will be provided for CR-MRC medical and non-medical volunteers at monthly meetings and new member orientation sessions. **Jon Coleman made a motion to approve the resolution, Bob Bessel seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.**

10. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Contract Between The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) and Grossman Solutions, LLC for CRCOG's Strategic Visioning Exercise

Matt Hart explained that he had formed a project selection committee to select a firm to help CRCOG clearly define its mission, vision, and organizational values, and to set strategic priorities for the next 3-5 years. Mr. Hart is seeking approval from the board to enter a such contract with Grossman Solutions, the firm chosen by the project section committee, staffed by Elizabeth Sanderson with Jon Colman as a representative

of the Policy Board. Grossman Solutions is a local firm from Hartford and their proposed fee aligns with the CRCOG budget.

Jon Coleman made a motion to approve the resolution, Bob Bessel seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

11. Action: TIP Amendments:

No TIP Amendments

12. Action: 2023 Annual CTDOT Safety Performance Targets Annual CTDOT Safety Performance Targets

Jon Colman stated the performance targets have not changed from last year. The fatalities unfortunately exceed last year's target. The Transportation Committee reviewed and endorsed the targets.

Jon Coleman made a motion to endorse the targets. Eric Anderson seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

14. Correspondence/ Handouts

Matt Hart informed the Policy Board that CRCOG happily endorsed the Hop River Trail Alliance's grant application to the Connecticut Recreational Trails Program.

15. Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

16. Adjournment

Mayor Stewart called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:01.

Jon Colman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lori Spielman seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.