

## Capitol Region Council of Governments

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**2023 Legislative Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, February 2, 2023**

**DRAFT Until approved**

**This meeting was Virtual.**

### Members and Alternates

Eric Anderson  
Chris Edge  
Jon Colman  
Ellen Zappo- Sassu  
Mike Walsh  
Jason Bowsa  
Larry Niland  
Raul de Jesus  
Steven Stephanou  
Erin Stewart  
Mark Sciota

### Town/Organization

Andover  
Berlin  
Bloomfield  
Enfield  
East Hartford  
East Windsor  
Glastonbury  
Hartford  
Manchester  
New Britain  
Southington

### Staff

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### Guests

Rep. Jill Barry  
Rep. Dr. Jaime S. Foster  
Rep. Amy Morin Bello  
Rep. Matt Ritter  
Rep. Tami Zawistowski

31st District  
35<sup>th</sup> District  
28th District  
1st District  
61<sup>st</sup> District

Sen. Jeff Gordon  
Sen. Gary Turco  
Hillary Desideraggio  
Ashley Foreman, ESQ.  
Austin Hyatt  
Chris Smith  
Awer Tsegai  
Brock Weber

35<sup>th</sup> District  
27<sup>th</sup> District  
Aide to Sen. Lopes  
Majority Leaders Office  
Constituent Eng. COORD  
Rome, Smith & Lutz  
Aide to Rep. Rojas  
Aide to Mayor

1. Welcome from CRCOG Policy Board Chair – Mayor Stewart  
Mayor Stewart began the meeting at 12:03 by thanking the delegation and all in attendance. She asked Jason Bowsza to present CRCOG’s 2023 Legislative Agenda.
2. Remarks from Speaker Ritter  
Speaker Ritter remarked that the agenda aligns with many of the legislature’s priorities. The cost sharing savings from regional initiatives are real and CRCOG’s agenda correctly notes that waste management and affordable housing are significant issues for the state.
3. Presentation of 2023 CRCOG Legislative Agenda  
Jason Bowsza, from East Windsor, and Matt Hart, Executive Director of CRCOG discussed the goals and challenges that CRCOG faces in their Legislative Agenda. For 2023, a major focus of CRCOG’s Legislative Agenda is to seek legislation to promote service sharing between municipalities that will allow our member towns to provide local government services and maintain infrastructure more efficiently and effectively. Through CRCOG’s initiatives, they hope to reduce costs while ensuring that communities are able to receive the highest level of service. The complete agenda can be found [HERE](#).
4. Discussion/Q&A  
There were no questions.
5. Adjournment  
Mayor Stewart adjourned the meeting at 12:42.