

CRCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 12noon

This was a virtual meeting.

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Attendance

Jon Colman
James Rupert
Mark Walter
Lisa Thomas
Lori Spielman
Joe Capodiferro
Raúl De Jesús
Steve Stephanou
David Porter
Marc Nelson
Mark Sciota
Fred Presley
Ken Lesser
Nuchette Black-Burke
Peter Souza

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Caitlin Palmer
Cheryl Assis
Elizabeth Sanderson
Laura Frankowski
Matt Hart
Pauline Yoder
Rob Aloise

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1. Call to Order

Lori Spielman called the meeting to order at 12:04PM.

2. Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

3. **Approval of Minutes from October 11, 2023 and January 10, 2024**

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the minutes of October 11, 2023 and January 10, 2024 as presented. Steve Stephanou seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. **Staff Reports**

Matt Hart reported that CRCOG staff have successfully moved to their new office location at 350 Church Street in Hartford. Hart thanked the board and Pauline Yoder for their support. Hart proceeds to discuss the open positions available at CRCOG.

5. **Business Items** – Begins at 7:00 minutes in.

a. Legislative Update – Hart discusses bills that align with CRCOG’s Legislative Agenda. The bills are:

- Shared services (HB 5056)
- Local match for federal funding opportunities
- Motor vehicle property tax
- Pequot & Mohegan Funds Grant (SB 375)
- Ambulance reimbursement (5048)
- Transit-oriented development & housing (HB 5278, 5390, 5391)
- Siting of large solar facilities (HB 6361, SB 198)

b. Review of CRCOG Bylaws – Hart addresses the need to update the bylaws, with the mission statement to be revised for consistency with the Strategic Playbook. The MPO needs to be updated to follow federal guidelines. The Public Safety Committee should be revised to reflect the Capitol Region Emergency Planning Council (CREPC). The Economic Development Committee needs to be updated to reflect the Economic Development District. Regarding the quorum, which is currently set at 20. The Executive Committee advises keeping the quorum 20.

c. CRCOG Foundation Update/Scholarship in Name of Lyle Wray – Matt Hart addressed the need to ensure the CRCOG Foundation's mission and focus are consistent with the Policy Board's mission, without competing with it. Hart proposed that the foundation could work in areas such as scholarships in the name of Lyle Wray, serving as a grant recipient for private funds to assist with CRCOG initiatives like community development and workforce development, and sponsoring policy conversations and guest speaker events.

6. **Correspondence and Handouts**

Pauline Yoder addressed the New CRCOG Office Location Memo.

7. **Adjournment**

Lisa Thomas made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:42 pm.

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