

CRCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 12noon

This was a hybrid meeting.

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Attendance

James Rupert
Lori Spielman
Raúl De Jesús
Steve Stephanou
David Porter
Erin Stewart
Brock Weber
Wendy Mackstutis
Mark Sciota
Brian Foley
Shari Cantor
Rick Ledwith
Ken Lesser
Nuchette Black-Burke
Peter Souza

Town/Organization

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Ellington
Hartford
Manchester
Marlborough
New Britain
New Britain
Simsbury
Southington
Tolland
West Hartford
West Hartford
Wethersfield
Windsor
Windsor

Staff

Laura Frankowski
Matt Hart
Pauline Yoder
Tracey Malenfant
Elizabeth Sanderson

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1. Call to Order

Mayor Stewart called the meeting to order at 12:04PM.

2. Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

3. Approval of Minutes from Minutes from March 20, 2024

Lisa Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of March 20, 2024 as presented. Lori Spielman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. **Staff Reports**

Matt Hart thanked the board members for attending CRCOG's open house and reminded attendees of the annual board meeting and the May 22nd Policy Board meeting.

5. **Business Items**

a. **ACTION: Review and Approval of FY 2024-2025 Budget**

Matt Hart presented the CRCOG Annual Budget for approval to the executive committee, and Pauline Yoder provided a detailed explanation of specific dedicated funding. The Budget presentation can be found: [HERE](#). Peter Souza Made a motion to approve the proposed budget. Lori Spielman seconded the motion and the motion passed.

b. **Review of CRCOG Rules of Procedure Bylaws** – Matt Hart explained that the bylaws need further consideration, particularly regarding the potential reactivation of the Public Safety Council. He also included reviewing the best structure for the Economic Development District (EDD) and assessing the right framework for the Regional Planning Commission. Additionally, adding language for appointed officials as alternate members of the Policy Board and an update to the composition and voting rights of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Hart recommended that he collaborate with staff and CRCOG's attorney to address these points and report back to the Executive Committee this fall. Mayor Stewart, Steve Stephanou and Peter Souza agreed.

c. **CRCOG Foundation Update** – Matt Hart recommended a meeting to discuss the group's composition, expressing concern that the foundation should complement the Policy Board rather than compete with it. Lori Spielman liked the idea of a scholarship in Lyle Wray's name. Lisa Thomas cautioned against duplicative councils and recommended reviewing the unfilled positions on councils and commissions in the State.

6. **Correspondence and Handouts**

No correspondence or handouts.

7. **Adjournment**

Lori Spielman made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:41 pm.