

## CRCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 12noon

This was a virtual meeting.

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### Attendance

Jon Colman  
James Rupert  
Mark Walter  
Lisa Thomas  
Jason Bowsza  
Lori Spielman  
Matt Reed  
Raúl De Jesús  
Steve Stephanou  
Toni Moran  
David Porter  
Jonathan Altshul  
Brock Weber  
Marc Nelson  
Brian Foley  
Shari Cantor  
Rick Ledwith  
Fred Presley  
Nuchette Black-Burke  
Peter Souza

### Town/Organization

Bloomfield  
Bolton  
Columbia  
Coventry  
East Windsor  
Ellington  
Ellington  
Hartford  
Manchester  
Mansfield  
Marlborough  
Newington  
New Britain  
Simsbury  
Tolland  
West Hartford  
West Hartford  
Wethersfield  
Windsor  
Windsor

### Staff

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

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### Guests

Chris Smith

Rome Smith Kowalski

John Harkins

Rome Smith Kowalski

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Public Comment**

No public comment.

3. **Approval of Minutes from Minutes from May 8, 2024**

Lori Spielman asked to amend the minutes to include her in the attendance list. Jon Colman motioned to approve the minutes, as amended. Peter Souza seconded. Motion carried.

4. **Staff Reports**

Matt Hart introduced Jonathan Altshul, Newington's new Town Manager. Upcoming events and meeting were discussed.

5. **Business Items**

a. **Executive Session – (Begins at 31 minutes)**

Jon Colman made a motion to enter into Discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health or dismissal of a public officer or employee, provided that such individual may require that discussion be held at an open meeting, pursuant to C.G.S. Sec. 1-200(6)(A) (Executive Director's evaluation and goals) and inviting members of the Policy Board, Toni Moran of the Personnel Finance Committee and Matt Hart. Nuchette Black-Burke seconded the motion and the motion passed.

b. **Action Related to Executive Director's Evaluation and Goals – (Begins at 1:08)**

Toni Moran reported that the Executive Committee endorsed the executive director's evaluation and recommends reviewing compensation at the next Personal Finance meeting. The Executive Committee will be updated at the November Meeting.

c. **Letter of Support for Special Legislative Session re Electric Rate Increases –**

(Begins at 12 minutes into the meeting.) Matt Hart initiated a discussion on CRCOG addressing Electric Rate Increases. Lisa Thomas stated the issue arose at her town council meeting. She also suggested the CRCOG Legislative Committee lead the effort on addressing the issue. Peter Souza proposed the matter be viewed as a Policy Issue. Chris Smith noted that a special session is unlikely and recommended that the Legislative Committee focus efforts on solutions for rate

relief and the effect of rate increases on municipalities. Brian Foley, Jon Colman, Jason Bowsza, Steve Stephanou, Toni Moran supported the idea that CRCOG's Legislative Committee take the lead on this topic.

6. **Correspondence and Handouts**

No correspondence or handouts.

7. **Adjournment**

Jon Colman made a motion to adjourn, Marc Nelson seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:14 pm.