

**CRCOG POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 26, 2025 12:00 NOON

This was a virtual meeting. For more information, email [info@crcog.org](mailto:info@crcog.org) or call 860-724-4283

**Attendance**

Eric Anderson  
Brandon Robertson  
Chris Edge  
Ryan Curley  
Jon Colman  
Mark Penney  
Mark Walter  
Lisa Thomas  
Jason Bowsza  
Matt Reed  
Johnathon Luiz  
Michael Walsh  
Randal Davis  
Raúl De Jesús Jr  
Steve Stephanou  
Ryan Aylesworth  
David Porter  
Jonathon Altshul  
Mike Paulhus  
Lisa Marotta  
Wendy Mackstutis  
William Morrison  
Brian Foley  
John Kleinhans  
Rick Ledwith  
Fred Presley  
Ken Lesser  
Peter Tanaka  
Nuchette Black-Burke  
Peter Souza  
Scott Storms

**Town/ Organizations**

Andover  
Avon  
Berlin  
Berlin  
Bloomfield  
Canton  
Columbia  
Coventry  
East Windsor  
Ellington  
Glastonbury  
Granby  
Hartford  
Hartford  
Manchester  
Mansfield  
Marlborough  
Newington  
Plainville  
Rocky Hill  
Simsbury  
Stafford  
Tolland  
Vernon  
West Hartford  
Wethersfield  
Wethersfield  
Willington  
Windsor  
Windsor  
Windsor Locks

**Staff**

Aaliyah Miller	CRCOG
Anaka Maher	CRCOG
Caitlin Palmer	CRCOG
Cara Radzins	CRCOG
Cheryl Assis	CRCOG
Elizabeth Sanderson	CRCOG
Erik Snowden	CRCOG
Heidi Samokar	CRCOG
Kim Bona	CRCOG
Kyle Shiel	CRCOG
Lily Schneider	CRCOG
Makahlia Harris	CRCOG
Matt Hart	CRCOG
Pauline Yoder	CRCOG
Rob Aloise	CRCOG
Robin Nicols	CRCOG
Tracey Malenfant	CRCOG

**Guests**

Donna Hamzy Carroccia	Kozak & Salina
Ellen Graham	Office of Senator Blumenthal
Grayson Wright	CTDOT
Jennine Lupo	Office of Representative Hayes
John Kelly	Office of Lt. Governor Bysiewicz
Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz	Lieutenant Governor of CT
Matt Reich	Office of Rep. Courtney

**1. Call to Order**

First Selectman Bowsza called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM.

**2. Public Comment**

No public comment was offered.

**3. Approval of Minutes from January 22,**

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the minutes of January 22, 2025, as presented. Eric Anderson seconded the motion. Randal Davis abstained. The motion passed.

**4. Monthly Reports**

Executive Director Matt Hart provided an overview of his report. Mr. Hart's full report

can be found [HERE](#)

- a) Meeting and Events
- b) Funding Opportunities
- c) Project & Departmental Updates
- d) Committee Updates

## **5. Legislative Update**

Matt Hart began by discussing the General Assembly and the process of preparing testimonials for the Planning and Development Committee (P&D). He has been encouraging legislators to focus on incentives and funding for infrastructure. He also addressed funding for crumbling foundations and Vision Zero initiatives.

Additionally, the motor vehicle assessment and the veteran's property tax exemption were discussed. Donna Hamzy Carroccia added that she is monitoring other bills on the floor related to the CRCOG region. Donna's legislative reports can be accessed here.

On the federal side, Matt discussed the nearly \$410 million in grant funding that remains unexecuted, which is a significant concern. Representatives from the offices of Senators Blumenthal and Murphy, as well as Representatives Hayes and Courtney, updated the board with their contact information, encouraging members to reach out regarding any projects not yet codified into law.

## **6. Presentation**

Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz invited board members to a ceremony honoring living WWII veterans at the State Armory in Hartford on May 19th. She discussed the governor's proposed budget, which emphasizes affordability and opportunity. This balanced budget includes a 4.5% growth in the general fund and a proposed middle-class tax credit through an increase in property tax credits.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted several key initiatives, including the proposed Early Childhood Endowment, investments in the LEAP Program, and support for children and families, as well as special education. Additionally, the governor aims to expand discount prescription cards and facilitate the importation of prescriptions from Canada.

She also addressed concerns regarding federal cuts to Medicaid and education, as well as issues related to special education funding, emergency services, and healthcare deserts.

## **Action Items**

### **7. Approval of Revisions to CRCOG Foundation Bylaws.**

Matt Hart presented the resolution to amend the bylaws for the following reasons:

- Pursuing grant opportunities to benefit CRCOG and its members
- Establishing a UConn Fellowship in the Name of Dr. Lyle Wray
- Sponsoring various workshops, seminars, and related activities.

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the legislative agenda as presented. Steve Stephanou seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **8. Tip Amendments**

Jon Colman presented the proposed TIP amendments to approve the following projects:  
The following projects are included:

1. Hartford – US 44 – GHMP: Improvements at Various Intersections
2. Southington – I-84 EB – Expansion of Parking Area
3. Statewide – US 6 / I-384 – Replace Highway Signs and Supports
4. Statewide – I-95/I-395 – Service Plaza Mainline Sign and Sign Support Replacement

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the TIP amendments as presented. Steve Stephanou seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **9. Correspondence / Handouts**

- [Letters of Support](#)
- [CRCOG CGA Testimony](#)
- [The CRCOG Connection Newsletter](#)
- [The Funding Newsletter](#)

## **10. Municipal Information Sharing**

None.

## **11. Other Business**

None.

## **12. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:11 PM.