

CRCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 12noon

This was a virtual meeting.

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Attendance

Danielle Wong
Jon Colman
James Rupert
Connor Martin
Jason Bowsza
Lori Spielman
Matt Reed
Jeff Auker
Jonathan Luiz
Brock Weber
Steve Stephanou
David Porter
Shari Cantori
Ken Lesser
Fred Presley
Nuchette Black-Burke
Peter Souza

Town/Organization

Bloomfield
Bloomfield
Bolton
East Hartford
East Windsor
Ellington
Ellington
Hartford
Glastonbury
New Britain
Manchester
Marlborough
West Hartford
Wethersfield
Wethersfield
Windsor
Windsor

Staff

Laura Frankowski	CRCOG
Matt Hart	CRCOG
Pauline Yoder	CRCOG
Rob Aloise	CRCOG

1. **Call to Order**

Shari Cantor called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM.

2. **Public Comment**

No public comment.

3. **Approval of Minutes from November 6, 2024**

Lori Spielman motioned to approve the minutes. Jason Bowsza seconded. Motion carried.

4. **Staff Reports**

Matt Hart provided updates on the current Legislative Session, highlighting a proposed bill for \$100 million allocated for crumbling foundations and another bill that proposes

increased funding for the Local Bridge Program. He noted continued advocacy for municipal housing initiatives, including the conversion of commercial properties into residential use. He noted that Jon Colman chairs a nominating committee for Policy Board officers, noting that Mayor Stewart will not continue as Chair of the Policy Board in the fall of 2025.

Lastly, Matt reminded the committee of upcoming events:

March 20 – TOD (Transit-Oriented Development) Event

April 10 – CT Policy Talks: Neighborhood Revitalization Zones after 30 Years

April 24 – CRCOG Legislative Breakfast

May 8 – Strategies to Address Antisemitism Workshop

May 22 – CT Policy Talks: Addressing Transportation Insecurity

5. **Business Items**

a. **Presentations to Policy Board**

Matt Hart reviewed upcoming Policy Board presentations and asked the committee for recommendations on future presentations for 2025.

March 2025 – Rob Aloise will present on the functions of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

April 2025 – David Kooris will speak about his role as Executive Director of the Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment Authority.

Shari Cantor requested that special education funding strategies for municipalities be discussed at a future meeting. The committee confirmed this topic will be addressed at the May 24 Policy Board meeting.

Shari Cantor asked that special education funding, strategies and resources for municipalities be brought up at a future Policy Board meeting. The group confirmed that a special education funding presentation will be brought up at the May 24th Policy Board meeting.

b. **Preparation of FY2025-26 Operating Budget**

Matt Hart reviewed the proposed FY2025–26 CRCOG Operating Budget, emphasizing the importance of contingency planning in light of potential fluctuations in federal revenue sources. He expressed optimism that Planning Funds will be allocated as in previous years. Pauline Yoder provided an overview of CRCOG’s use of federal funds, which currently comprise 60% of the organization's total funding. Pauline also discussed CRCOG’s reserve funds. Pauline’s presentation begins at 18:00 minutes and can be found [HERE](#).

6. **Correspondence and Handouts**

No correspondence or handouts.

7. **Adjournment**

Shari Cantor made a motion to adjourn, Jon Colman seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:31 pm.