

CRCOG Municipal Services Committee
Virtual Meeting
Tuesday, December 9, 2025
12 pm

Minutes

Members and Alternates

Peter Souza, Chairperson
Hiram Peck
Grace Tiezzi
Ryan Curley
Mark Walter
Jim Drumm
Paul Forrest
Lori Spielman
Jonathan Luiz
Kimberly Lord
Kasia Purciello
David Porter
Lauren Rhines
Andy Cirioli
Ray Carpentino
Tom Fitzgerald
George McGregor
Bill Morrison
Megan Massa
Dawn Maselek

Town/Organization

Windsor
Avon
Avon
Berlin
Columbia
Coventry
East Hartford
Ellington
Glastonbury
Manchester
Manchester
Marlborough
Newington
Plainville
Rocky Hill
Simsbury
Simsbury
Stafford
Tolland
Vernon

CRCOG Staff

Kim Bishop
Kim Bona
Matt Hart
Aaliyah Miller
Robyn Nichols
Caitlin Palmer
Erik Snowden
Pauline Yoder

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Guests

None.

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Chairperson, Mr. Peter Souza, called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes:

- **November 18, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Andy Cirioli made a MOTION to approve the minutes of November 18, as presented. Mr. Tom Fitzgerald SECONDED the MOTION, and it CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with Ms. Dawn Maselek abstaining.

3. Reports from the Chair and Staff

- **Committee Chair** – None.
- **Executive Director**

Mr. Matt Hart reported that the Policy Board will select new officers at their December 17th meeting, with a proposed slate including Jason Bowzsa as Chair, Sherry Cantor and Ken Lesser as Vice-Chairs, Rodney Fournier as Secretary, and Mayor Nuchette Black-Burke as Treasurer. Mr. Hart also stated that CRCOG will host orientations for 12 new chief elected officials in January, offering both in-person and virtual sessions. Mr. Hart informed the committee that a working group is reviewing Housing Bill HB8002 to provide informational sessions in collaboration with CCM and COST after the holidays.

- **Chief Operating Officer-** None.
- **Other**

Ms. Kim Bona stated the gasoline bid will close on Thursday, December 11. Bid results will be posted by close of business, Friday.

Ms. Robyn Nichols provided the committee with an update on solid waste. She stated that DEEP awarded a grant in the amount of \$440,300 to CRCOG and CCSWA for a regional food waste collection program and mentioned another grant of \$570,000 for expanding regional waste authority membership. Discussion followed.

4. Business Items

- **CRCOG Legislative Agenda update**

Mr. Hart reviewed the 2026 Legislative Agenda with members. [Click here to view the CRCOG 2026 Legislative Agenda.](#)

- **Municipal Economic Development Staffing/RPIP**

Mr. Hart explained that CRCOG will be seeking input from members regarding needs for Economic Development staff assistance. Ms. Kim Bishop will be sending a survey to towns to gauge interest in dedicated economic development staff for smaller towns. The survey will likely follow the holidays. Discussion followed.

5. Municipal Information Sharing

Ms. Grace Tiezzi expressed concern with the lack of specificity regarding municipal match requirements for STEAP grants. Discussion followed.

Mr. Andy Cirioli shared updates on upcoming CTCMA events and initiatives. The next meeting will be on December 18 at noon, at Filomena's in Manchester, CT.

6. Future Agenda Items

- **2026 MSC Meeting Schedule**

Chairperson Souza stated that the committee will be approving its 2026 meeting schedule at a special meeting in January. He explained that the options include continuing to meet monthly or shifting to a bimonthly format, with a mix of in-person and virtual meetings to encourage more robust discussion. Mr. Souza asked committee members to consider these options in advance of the January meeting when the schedule will be voted on.

- **Regional Stormwater Authority Study**
- **Regional Economic Development Initiatives**
- **Other?**

7. Adjournment

With no further business, Chairperson Souza entertained a motion to adjourn at 12:52 pm.

The next CRCOG Municipal Services meeting will be VIRTUAL on January 13, 2026. This will be a special meeting.