

CRCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 12noon

This was a virtual meeting.

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Name

Jon Colman
Tony Harrington
Jim Rupert
Rodney Fournier
Mark Walter
Jim Drumm
Lisa Thomas
Connor Martin
Jason Bowsza
Brian Connolly
Jeff Auker
Raúl De Jesús Jr.
Ryan Ayelsworth
Toni Moran
David Porter
Bobbie Sanchez
Jessica Gerratana
Jonathan Altshul
Wendy Mackstutis
Shari Cantor
Fred Presley
Ken Lesser
Nuchette Black-Burke
Peter Souza

Town/Organization

Bloomfield
Bloomfield
Bolton
Bolton
Columbia
Coventry
Coventry
East Hartford
East Windsor
Farmington
Hartford
Hartford
Mansfield
Mansfield
Marlborough
New Britain
New Britain
Newington
Simsbury
West Hartford
Wethersfield
Wethersfield
Windsor
Windsor

CRCOG Staff

Caitlin Palmer
Cheryl Assis
Lily Schneider
Laura Frankowski
Matt Hart
Pauline Yoder
Rob Aloise
Tracey Malenfant
Nick Lanza

Doreen Hemme

1. **Call to Order**

Mr. Bowsza called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM.

2. **Public Comment**

No public comment was given.

3. **Approval of Minutes from December 17, 2025**

Mr. Colman motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Black-Burke seconded. Ms. Moran abstained.

4. **Staff Reports**

Mr. Hart opened the staff reports highlighting CRCOG's activities, including orientation sessions for new chief elected officials, a social media workshop featuring Sam Toles, and an upcoming legislative breakfast on March 5th. He also announced his appointment to the board of Sustainable CT and as incoming chair of the state's Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

5. **Business Items**

a. **ACTION: Disbursement Check Signature Policy**

Ms. Yoder presented an updated Check Signature Policy to ensure that CRCOG can issue disbursement checks in a timely and efficiently, CRCOG management requested Executive Committee approval of an updated proposed Disbursements and Check Signature Policy. Mr. Colman motioned to approve. Mr. Auker seconded. Motion carried.

b. **ACTION: Regional Fund for Economic Development**

Mr. Hart and Ms. Yoder presented a proposal to use \$70,000 annually from the regional fund to support economic development initiatives, which the committee endorsed for further discussion at the policy board meeting. Mr. Colman motioned to approve. Ms. Mackstutis seconded. Motion carried.

c. **ACTION: Appointment of Legislative Committee Chair and Vice Chair**

Mr. Colman motioned and Mr. Lesser seconded approval of Ms. Thomas as chair and Mr. Martin as vice-chair of CRCOG's Legislative Committee for the duration of the 2025-2027 municipal term. Motion passed unanimously.

d. **Discussion: Strategic Vision & Priorities**

Mr. Hart discussed with the Executive Committee the possibility of conducting an in-person strategic visioning with the Policy Board. The Committee was interested in this and recommended a doodle poll to determine the best times.

6. **Correspondence and Handouts**

Ms. Yoder reviewed the Finance Report. Mr. Bowsza requested that the Finance Report be sent out prior to the meeting. Ms. Yoder stated the report would be in the future and will be re-sent after the meeting as a follow-up.

7. **Adjournment**

Mr. Colman made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Harrington seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:48 pm.