

CRCOG POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 25, 2026 12:00 NOON This was a virtual meeting.
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Attendance

Mr. Peck
Mr. Robertson
Mr. Curley
Mr. Harrington
Mr. Fournier
Mr. Rupert
Mr. Walter
Ms. Thomas
Mr. Martin
Mr. Bowsza
Ms. Burstein
Mr. Connolly
Mr. Walsh
Mr. Auker
Mr. Tierney
Mr. Porter
Mr. Sanchez
Mr. Altshul
Ms. Mackstutis
Mr. Ricciardone
Mr. Morrison
Mr. Kleinhans
Mr. Ledwith
Mr. Lesser
Mr. Souza
Ms. Black-Burke
Mr. Savino

Town/Organization

Avon
Avon
Berlin
Bloomfield
Bolton
Bolton
Columbia
Coventry
East Hartford
East Windsor
Ellington
Farmington
Granby
Hartford
Hebron
Marlborough
New Britain
Newington
Simsbury
Southington
Stafford
Vernon
West Hartford
Wethersfield
Windsor
Windsor
Windsor Locks

CRCOG Staff

Caitlin Palmer
Jill Swenson
Cheryl Assis
Erik Snowden
Cara Radzins

Tracey Malenfant
Mike Cipriano
Elizabeth Sanderson
Sonya Carrizales
Doreen Hemme

Rob Aloise
Matt Hart
Pauline Yoder

Aaliyah Miller
Kyle Shiel

Guests

Michael Maglaras
Donna Hamzy Carroccia
Chris Giglio
Matt Reich
Mark Massaro
Michael Salter
Jen Pacacha
Member of the Public
Craig (Unknown Last Name)

CFSIC
Kozak & Salina
Capital Edge
Office of Rep. J. Courtney
Eversource
CTDOT
CTDOT
CIRCA

1. **Call to Order**

Jason Bowsza called the meeting to order at 12:02.

2. **Public Comment**

No public comment was offered.

3. **Approval of Minutes from January 27, 2026**

Ms. Mackstutis made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Thomas seconded. Motion passed.

4. **Presentation: CT Foundation Solutions Indemnity Company (CFSIC)**

Michael Maglaras presented an update on Connecticut Foundation Solutions Indemnity Company (CFSIC), highlighting that 89% of their applications and 91% of paid claims come from CROG towns. He shared that, CFSIC had processed 2,579 applications and helped 1,229 families with their foundations, with 78% of applications being severity coded 3 (the most severe). Mr. Maglaras announced that CFSIC will sunset on June 30, 2030, after which they will stop accepting new applications, though they expect to help the remaining families in the pipeline for about 2-2.5 years after that date. He expressed optimism that the crisis would affect fewer than 4,000 families in total and praised CROG's role in vetting contractors and managing a \$2 million HUD fund to help families in need. He noted that current data suggests the actual number of affected homes is between 3,700 and 4,000 homes.

Mr. Maglaras explained that crumbling foundations are primarily a problem for

residential properties, not commercial buildings, schools, or bridges. He emphasized that the organization has enough funding, including a \$12 surcharge generating about \$11 million annually, to address up to 4,000 homes by 2045, though some homes may still be left behind.

He also presented a proposed website that would provide tailored information for affected towns, including a seven-and-a-half-minute video showcasing a day in the life of a homeowner with foundation issues. The website would be hosted by CROG and CFSIC, with no cost to the towns, and would include features such as an application for assistance, frequently asked questions, and contact information for relevant organizations.

The group discussed the importance of reaching out to homeowners and real estate agents with accurate information about the crisis and available resources. Mr. Bowsza shared his personal experience with the issue and emphasized the need to connect homeowners facing challenges with those who have successfully navigated the process.

5. **Staff Reports**

Executive Director Matt Hart provided an overview of his report. Mr. Hart's full report can be found [HERE](#)

- a. General Announcements
- b. Project Updates
- c. Committee Updates
- d. Meetings & Events

6. **Legislative Update**

The meeting covered several key updates and discussions. Chris provided an overview of the FY26 federal budget, noting that most agencies are funded through September 30th, except for the Department of Homeland Security, where disagreements over ICE and Border Patrol activities remain. Congress rejected the President's proposed deep cuts to programs important to local governments, maintaining funding at current levels. Donna highlighted ongoing legislative activities in Connecticut, including public hearings and testimony on various bills, and raised concerns about an omnibus bill in the Senate that includes provisions affecting municipalities, urging communication with Senate delegation members. Matt mentioned letters of support and a reminder for board members to complete conflict of interest forms, while also promoting the upcoming legislative breakfast.

The conversation ended with no further business and a plan to reconvene next Thursday at the LOB.

7. **ACTION: Resolution Endorsing the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP)**

Kyle presented updates to the CCAP, focusing on changes to solar energy generation and waste management strategies. The team revised the plan to prioritize rooftop and parking lot solar installations over utility-scale projects, introduced a fair share threshold for megawatt capacity in municipalities, and added clauses granting municipalities discretion over plan implementation and non-binding nature of endorsements. Jason expressed support for the updated plan while acknowledging concerns from his constituency about grid-scale solar projects in East Windsor, while other participants shared similar concerns from their municipalities.

Mr. Souza made a motion to approve; Mr. Sanchez seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Bowsza voted in opposition.

8. **ACTION: RPIP Grant for Shared Tyler Regional Animal Care Shelter Manager**

They approved an RPIP grant for a part-time manager at the Tyler Regional Animal Control Shelter, which will be funded by the three towns involved.

Ms. Thomas made a motion to approve; Ms. Black-Burke seconded. Motion carried.

9. **ACTION: TIP Amendments**

Six TIP amendments were presented, including bridge projects in Hartford, a trail project in Plainville, and funding for Section 5310 programs.

Mr. Connolly motioned to approve the resolution. Ms. Mackstutis seconded. Motion passed.

The board also received an informational update on their recent FHWA and FTA certification review, which resulted in three commendations and two corrective actions that need to be addressed by September.

10. **Correspondence / Handouts**

a. [Letters of Support](#)

b. [Conflict of Interest Form](#)

i. You may complete this form online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/CRCOGEthics>

- c. [March 5, 2026 Legislative Breakfast](#)
- d. [The CRCOG Connection Newsletter](#)
- e. [The Funding Newsletter](#)

11. **Other Business**

There was no other business

12. **Adjournment**

Mr. Bowsza called for a motion to adjourn at 1:22PM. Mr. Walter made the motion, seconded by Ms. Burstein. Motion carried.