

**Regular MetroCOG Board Meeting
Thursday, January 27, 2022, 10:00 am
Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments
1000 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, CT 06604**

Name	Representing
Joseph Ganim, Mayor (Ken Flatto, Proxy)	Bridgeport
David Bindelglass, First Selectman	Easton
Brenda Kupchick, First Selectwoman (Jackie Bertolone, Proxy)	Fairfield
Kenneth Kellogg, First Selectman, Chairman	Monroe
Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman	Tumbull
Laura Hoydick, Mayor	Stratford
Matthew Fulda, Executive Director	MetroCOG
Patrick Carleton, Deputy Director	MetroCOG
Colleen Kelleher, Finance Director	MetroCOG
Meghan Sloan, Planning Director	MetroCOG
Devin Clarke, Transportation Planner	MetroCOG
Mark Boughton, Commission	CT DRS
Sara Radacsi	CTDOT
Chris Tymniak	Stratford

Minutes

I. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, First Selectman Kellogg at 10:15 am. Mr. Fulda performed a roll call; the following were present:

From the board:

Mayor Hoydick, Stratford

First Selectman Tesoro, Trumbull

First Selectman Bindelglass, Easton

First Selectman Kellogg, Monroe

Ms. Bertolone, Proxy for First Selectwoman Kupchick, Fairfield

Mr. Flatto, Proxy for Mayor Ganim, Bridgeport

From MetroCOG:

Mr. Fulda, Executive Director

Mr. Carleton, Deputy Director

Ms. Kelleher, Finance Director

Ms. Sloan, Planning Director

Mr. Clarke, Transportation Planner

II. **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

a. October 28, 2021

A motion to approve the minutes was made by First Selectman Bindelglass and seconded by Mayor Hoydick. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. **Presentation:** Bipartisan Infrastructure Act, DRS Commissioner Mark Boughton (Governor Lamont's Senior Advisor on Infrastructure)

Commissioner Boughton introduced himself as the Governor's designated point person to remove roadblocks and deploy IJA/BIA money through the COGs.

Commissioner Boughton presented an estimate of Connecticut's allocations and a deployment plan, as well as an update from Washington and new grant opportunities.

First Selectman Kellogg thanked the Commissioner for his presentation.

Mayor Hoydick mentioned that the State and local municipalities are grossly understaffed and inquired about shared services, especially at the local level. Mayor Hoydick noted that the municipalities offer local boots on the ground and extra support.

Commissioner Boughton concurred that the best way to access the money was to pool resources and hire people at the COGs as well.

Mayor Hoydick mentioned available committees and prioritization through the COGs.

There was a brief discussion on how the shared services process could work.

First Selectman Kellogg looked forward to continued conversations.

V. Action Items

a. Election of Officers

Mayor Hoydick noted that there were changes in the last legislative session regarding leadership and noted that the bylaws should be updated to reflect those changes.

Mr. Fulda explained that the statute limiting terms was repealed, removing the limit of terms for COG officers. He agreed that the bylaws should be amended and noted that the revision could not be done until the February meeting.

Mr. Fulda recommended tabling the vote until February and adding a bylaw revision.

A motion to table item a. Election of Officers was made by Mayor Hoydick and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to add item b. Bylaw Revision was made by First Selectman Bindelglass and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Bylaw Revision

Mr. Fulda introduced a bylaw revision to remove the no longer existing statute regarding term limits for COG leadership.

VI. Other Business

a. Household Hazardous Waste collection update

Mr. Fulda explained that an RFI was put out to firms and received no responses. The consensus was that since this was a request for information (and not actual purchasing), it was not worth the firm's time to respond.

Mr. Fulda offered two options to the board: 1 or 2 collections could be added every year or there could be a regionalized procurement of hazardous waste collection services. Mr. Fulda explained how the regionalization would work and noted that existing collections would not change but constituents would have more opportunities to utilize the services.

First Selectman Kellogg supported the opportunity to provide more avenues as long as existing opportunities remain.

First Selectman Tesoro is willing to discuss but expressed concern over longer wait times.

b. Financials

Ms. Kelleher explained that a 6-month review was done and operations remain at or under budget. Revenue was being collected. However, MetroCOG is still waiting for distribution of RSG Funding.

First Selectman Kellogg noted it was unusual to have no variances.

Ms. Kelleher explained that projections would be done in the next month or two to show the variances.

Mr. Fulda announced to the board that Mr. Giron (Regional Planner) had accepted a new position and would be leaving the agency in February. Staff was in the process of putting together a job description and would make that live soon.

- c. 2022 Calendar & Next Meeting Dates:
 - i. February 24th, 2022
 - ii. March 31st, 2022

VII. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by First Selectman Tesoro and seconded by Mayor Hoydick. The meeting adjourned at 11:14.

First Selectman Vicky Tesoro
MetroCOG Secretary