

**Regular MetroCOG Board Meeting
Thursday, November 17, 2022, 10:00 am
Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments
1000 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, CT 06604**

Name	Representing
Joseph Ganim, Mayor (Ken Flatto, Proxy), Remote, David Bindelglass, First Selectman, Remote Kenneth Kellogg, First Selectman, Chairman, Remote Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman, Remote	Bridgeport Easton Monroe Trumbull
Matthew Fulda, Executive Director Patrick Carleton, Deputy Director Colleen Kelleher, Finance Director Meghan Sloan, Planning Director	MetroCOG MetroCOG MetroCOG MetroCOG
Sara Radacsi, Remote	CTDOT
Christopher King Sarah Charest	King & King Associates King & King Associates
Teri Brown	Fairfield
Antonietta Cotton	UI

Minutes

I. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, First Selectman Kellogg at 10:03 am. Mr. Fulda performed a roll call; the following board members were present:

Ken Flatto, Proxy, Bridgeport
 First Selectman Bindelglass, Easton
 First Selectman Kellogg, Monroe
 First Selectman Tesoro, Trumbull

I. **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

II. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

a. August 25, 2022

A motion to approve the minutes from August was made by First Selectman Bindelglass and seconded by Mr. Flatto. The motion carried unanimously.

III. **Presentation**

a. Chris King (King & King Associates) – MetroCOG Draft FY2022 Audit of Financial Statements

Mr. King presented the State and Federal single audits to the board. There was nothing of concern and no required actions.

Mr. King noted that there was a change in accounting, new standards for leases. He commented that it would have an insignificant impact on Town audits but as the office is the largest expense for a COG there is some impact on capital assets but nothing of concern.

The COGs overall fund balance increased and there was no cash owed or to be received.

Mr. Flatto noted that there was concern about a low fund balance several years ago and inquired about the current fund balance status and how comfortable the board should be with it.

Mr. King responded that that was subjective, but MetroCOG is close to a comfortable spot.

First Selectman Kellogg commented that several years ago there were some concerns but is calculating that the fund balance would cover 20% of budgeted expenditures.

Mr. Fulda noted that it helps that MetroCOG received the full RSG payment and there is no concern of payments being held back.

IV. **Action Items**

a. MetroCOG FY2022 Audit of Financial Statements

A motion to adopt the resolution for the Audit was made by First Selectman Tesoro and seconded by First Selectman Bindelglass.

Mr. King commented that the audit was not the final draft,

Ms. Kelleher responded that there was a line in the resolution pending any final revisions.

First Selectman Bindelglass credited staff for completing the audit.

Mr. Fulda gave credit to Ms. Kelleher and commented that we were in a good position financially.

The motion carried unanimously.

V. Other Business

a. MetroCOG FY2023 Legislative Agenda

Mr. Fulda explained that he wanted to put the Legislative Agenda on everyone's radar and would like 2-3 priorities for each region. Mr. Fulda would provide a draft in a week or so and noted that this item would be included on the next meeting agenda.

b. IJJA/BIL Discretionary Grants – Regional Meeting

Mr. Fulda noted that MetroCOG was keeping an eye on potential funding. There will be a meeting in early January with the board and staff to discuss potential projects at the Municipal level, Ms. Kelleher would reach out to assistants in the next few weeks. Mr. Fulda remarked that every town has its own needs, but a meeting would help to get more ideas.

Mr. Fulda commented that the goal is to bring as much money back to Connecticut as possible.

c. 2022 Calendar & Next Meeting Dates:

- i. December 15, 2022
- ii. January 26, 2023

VI. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by First Selectman Tesoro and seconded by Mr. Flatto. The meeting adjourned at 10:37 AM.