

**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)  
David Bindelglass, First Selectman  
Kenneth Kellogg, First Selectman, Chairman  
Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman  
Laura Hoydick, Mayor arrived at 10:08

Bridgeport  
Easton  
Monroe  
Trumbull  
Stratford

Matthew Fulda, Executive Director  
Patrick Carleton, Deputy Director  
Colleen Kelleher, Finance Director  
Meghan Sloan, Planning Director  
Devin Clarke, Transportation Planner

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Alvin Bingham  
Jim Murray  
Sara Radacsi

CHRO  
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CTDOT

## Minutes

### I. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, First Selectman Kellogg at 10:02 am. Mr. Fulda performed a roll call; the following were present:

From the board:

First Selectman Tesoro, Trumbull

First Selectman Bindelglass, Easton

First Selectman Kellogg, Monroe

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

Sara Radacsi, CTDOT

Jim Murray, CHRO

Alvin Bingham, CHRO

### II. **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

### I. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

#### a. January 27, 2022

A motion to approve the January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes was made by First Selectman Tesoro and seconded by First Selectman Bindelglass. The motion carried unanimously.

### II. **Presentation:** Alvin Bingham, Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) Contract Compliance Unit

Mr. Fulda introduced Mr. Bingham from CHRO.

Mr. Bingham provided a brief presentation regarding CHRO's requirements for state-funded public works projects. Mr. Bingham noted that he was reaching out to COGs to make them aware of the process.

### III. **Action Items**

#### a. Amendment to bylaws

Mr. Fulda explained that MetroCOG was proposing an amendment to article 6, section 2 of the MetroCOG bylaws, removing term limits for officers. The change was discussed at the January meeting and is necessary for the bylaws to be in accordance with recently changed state statute.

A motion to approve the amendment as presented was made by Mayor Hoydick and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro.

Mr. Flatto commented that the board may want to consider adding a 4-term limit, noting it was healthy to have change.

Mayor Hoydick responded that terms of elected officials are determined by municipal elections, which should be taken into consideration.

The motion carried unanimously.

b. Election of Officers

A motion to nominate First Selectman Kellogg Chairman was made by Mayor Hoydick and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to nominate Mayor Hoydick Vice Chair was made by First Selectman Tesoro and seconded by First Selectman Bindelglass. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to nominate First Selectman Tesoro Secretary was made by First Selectman Kellogg and seconded by Mayor Hoydick. The motion carried unanimously.

c. Fairfield Avenue (Bridgeport) Planning and Engineering Study

A motion to approve the resolution authorizing Mr. Fulda to execute the agreement for the Fairfield Avenue planning study was made by Mr. Flatto and seconded by Mayor Hoydick.

Mr. Fulda explained that this was one of two studies submitted and CTDOT could only award one solicitation. This resolution allows MetroCOG to enter into agreements to further the study and to procure a consultant.

Mr. Flatto noted that other projects in the Black Rock neighborhood were in progress, and he hoped the Lordship study would move forward next.

The motion carried unanimously.

d. Monroe GIS Services – NexGen Data Support

First Selectman Kellogg announced he would be abstaining from voting on this project.

A motion to approve the resolution authorizing the professional services agreement with Monroe was made by Mayor Hoydick and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro.

Mr. Fulda explained that the professional services contract allowed MetroCOG to update Monroe's NextGen data and ensure correct addresses and locations for emergency services.

First Selectman Bindelglass inquired if the actual database was being updated.

Mr. Fulda explained that the back-end data was being updated to confirm accuracy, especially when it came to commercial and multi-unit residential buildings.

First Selectman Bindelglass noted that Easton was looking into new software to reduce address search times.

A role call vote was taken:

First Selectman Bindelglass – yes

First Selectman Tesoro – yes

Mayor Hoydick – yes

Mr. Flatto – yes

First Selectman Kellogg – abstained

The motion carried with one abstention.

#### **IV. Other Business**

a. GBVMPO: USDOT Certification (every 4 years)

Mr. Fulda explained that the review is required every 4 years and wanted to make the board aware that it would be occurring the 1<sup>st</sup> week of April. It was not necessary for the board members to attend but MetroCOG would do its best to accommodate those who would like to attend.

b. Household Hazardous Waste – Regional Solicitation

Mr. Fulda provided the board with an update and noted that MetroCOG was working with Public Works Directors and decided on 2 options, regionalizing hazardous waste, or adding additional collections. Option 1 was more favorable. Mr. Fulda wanted to determine the board's interest in going out for a non-binding solicitation.

The board members liked the idea of a non-binding solicitation.

c. 2022 Calendar & Next Meeting Dates:

i. March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

ii. April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022

#### **V. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Hoydick and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

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First Selectman Vicki Tesoro  
MetroCOG Secretary