

Regular MetroCOG Board Meeting
Thursday, December 14, 2023, 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
William Gerber, First Selectman, Remote	Fairfield
Laura Hoydick, Mayor	Stratford
Terry Rooney, First Selectman	Monroe
Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman	Trumbull
Matthew Fulda, Executive Director	MetroCOG
Patrick Carleton, Deputy Director	MetroCOG
Colleen Kelleher, Finance Director	MetroCOG
Meghan Sloan, Planning Director	MetroCOG
Jane Dunbar, Remote	CTDOT
Jennifer Pacacha, Remote	CTDOT
Sarah Charest, Remote	King, King & Associates

Minutes

I. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman, Mayor Hoydick at 10:02 am.

A motion to take the items out of order was made by First Selectman Tesoro and seconded by First Selectman Rooney.

II. **Action Items**

- a. **Audit – Presentation from Sarah Charest**
Ms. Charest explained to the board that not much had changed from the previous audit and noted the increase in net position and fund balance. She explained that the budget fluctuations were normal for COGs and there were no findings in the FY 2023 audit.

Mr. Flatto commented that the results were super and MetroCOG's fund balance was where it needed to be.

Mr. Fulda noted that the Revolving Loan Fund (EPA/brownfields) was program income from the city and was the main driver for the increase in net position.

The motion to approve the FY 2023 audit carried 5-0.

III. **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- a. September 28, 2023
- b. November 16, 2023

A motion to approve both meeting's minutes was made by First Selectman Bindelglass and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro. The motion carried unanimously.

V. **Action Items**

- a. **Election of Officers**
Mayor Hoydick explained the roles of the officers.

First Selectman Bindelglass moved to nominate First Selectman Tesoro Chair, the motion was seconded by First Selectman Rooney. First Selectman Bindelglass moved to close nominations. The nomination carried unanimously.

First Selectman Bindelglass moved to nominate Mayor Hoydick Vice Chair, the motion was seconded by First Selectman Rooney. First Selectman Bindelglass moved to close nominations. The nomination carried unanimously.

Mayor Hoydick moved to nominate First Selectman Bindelglass Secretary, the motion was seconded by First Selectman Rooney. First Selectman Bindelglass moved to close nominations. The nomination carried unanimously.

b. FY 2024 Meeting Calendar

Mr. Fulda commented that the GBVMPO Meetings would be held every other month immediately prior to the MetroCOG Board Meeting.

First Selectman Gerber joined the meeting remotely. Mr. Fulda explained that he would reach out to provide an audit update.

Mr. Flatto made a motion to approve the calendar dates. The motion was seconded by First Selectman Rooney and motion carried unanimously.

VI. **Other Business**

a. Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (EPA) Update

Mr. Fulda explained that MetroCOG was working with WestCOG on a climate action plan. He noted that a project needed to be included in the plan to be considered for implementation. He explained that no local match was needed for this program and explained how the funding worked.

There was a brief discussion regarding project opportunities.

Mr. Fulda commented that if the project was listed it would be eligible.

Mr. Fulda noted that he would be receiving a project list from the state and would provide it to the board.

b. Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

MetroCOG will be reaching out to municipal staff to set up meetings to update the 2019 project lists and to discuss additional content needs in the plan.

c. CTDOT Commissioner Eucalitto Future Meeting

Dates would be provided to the board for late January, early February dates.

d. Annual Dinner

A reminder that the annual dinner would be held at Gather in Bridgeport.

e. Next Meeting Dates:

i. January 25, 2024

ii. February 29, 2024

VII. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mayor Hoydick and seconded by First Selectman Bindelglass. The meeting was adjourned at 10:52.