

Regular MetroCOG Board Meeting
Thursday, January 30, 2025 10:00 am
Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments
1000 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, Connecticut 06604

Name	Representing
Joseph Ganim, Mayor, (Proxy, Ken Flatto) David Bindelglass, First Selectman, Remote William Gerber, First Selectman Laura Hoydick, Mayor, Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman, Remote Terry Rooney, First Selectman, Remote	Bridgeport Easton Fairfield Stratford Trumbull Monroe
Patrick Carleton, Deputy Director Nick Dostal, Regional Planner Matthew Fulda, Executive Director Colleen Kelleher, Finance Director Meghan Sloan, Planning Director Stephanie Ingraldi, GIS Analyst Devin Clarke, Senior Transportation Planner, Remote Lindsay Naughton, Regional Planner, Remote Richard Donovan Christopher King Sarah Charest Flavia Pereira, Remote, 10:53	MetroCOG MetroCOG MetroCOG MetroCOG MetroCOG MetroCOG MetroCOG MetroCOG MetroCOG NVCOG King, King & Associates King, King & Associates CTDOT

Minutes

I. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairwoman Vicki Tesoro at 10:34 am.

Mr. Fulda performed the roll call.

II. **Public Participation**

There was no public participation

III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- a. December 19th, 2024
- b. A motion to approve the December minutes was made by First Selectman Bindelglass and seconded by First Selectman Gerber. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. **Presentation**

- a. King, King & Associates

Mr. King began the presentation by noting there was not much to discuss and went through the Management discussion and analysis, the fund balance, noting a modest surplus due to grant activity and an increase in consultants.

There were no findings or questioned costs.

Mr. King noted that King, King & Associates implemented a new software to better address risks.

Mr. Flatto announced that he was thrilled with the financial position of the COG and saw it as an opportunity to reduce municipal dues.

Mr. Fulda responded that he was interested in having a discussion regarding dues, although it was with a schedule of increases, noting the COG has worked hard to increase its fund balance and has historically structured the dues in concert with the federal match. Currently, MetroCOG is well under its capacity to match the federal match requirement.

This discussion would be brought up at a future meeting.

V. **Action Items:**

- a. FY2024 Audit

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

VI. **Other Business**

- a. MetroCOG Regional Plan of Conservation & Development

Mr. Fulda announced that MetroCOG selected Colliers Engineering and is currently in contractual discussions. MetroCOG staff is reviewing municipal POCDs to align goals.

- b. LOTCIP Update

Ms. Sloan distributed the link to municipal staff.

- c. Next Meeting Dates:
 - i. February 27, 2025
 - ii. March 27, 2025

Mayor Hoydick requested to add the lobbyist update to the agenda and would like a monthly report from Rome, Smith, Lutz and Kowalski to ensure the board is on the same page.

First Selectman Tesoro concurred it would be helpful to get real-time updates.

A motion to enter executive session was made by Mayor Hoydick and seconded by Mr. Flatto.

VII. Adjourn

First Selectman Bindelglass, MetroCOG Secretary