

Regular MetroCOG Board Meeting
Thursday, February 27, 2025 10:00 am
Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments
1000 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, Connecticut 06604

Name

Representing

Joseph Ganim, Mayor, (Proxy, Ken Flatto)
William Gerber, First Selectman, Remote
Laura Hoydick, Mayor
Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman, Remote

Bridgeport
Fairfield
Stratford
Trumbull

Patrick Carleton, Deputy Director
Nick Dostal, Regional Planner
Matthew Fulda, Executive Director
Colleen Kelleher, Finance Director
Meghan Sloan, Planning Director
Jennifer Pacacha, Remote
Liz Esposito, Remote 10:22
Sarah Lopez, Remote
John Harkins, Remote
Mike Smith, Remote
Judy Proctor
Meg Haffner

MetroCOG
MetroCOG
MetroCOG
MetroCOG
MetroCOG
CTDOT
Avangrid
Senator Murphy
RSLK
RSLK
[The Kennedy Collective](#)

Minutes

I. Call to Order

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

Mr. Fulda performed the roll call.

A motion to nominate Mr. Flatto Secretary Pro Tem was made by First Selectman Gerber and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Public Participation

There was no public participation

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. January 30th, 2025
- b. February 20th, 2025

A motion to approve the January 30th and February 20th minutes was made by Mr. Flatto and seconded by First Selectman Gerber. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Legislative Update (John Harkins)

Mr. Harkins provided a brief update on what was happening during the legislation special session and explained the bills he was tracking for the COG.

Mr. Harkins noted that the COGs were called out by Commissioner Eucalitto regarding sending more work to the regions.

There was a discussion regarding the allocation of Special Education funding and education budgets.

There was motion to amend the agenda to add a DECD grant resolution, received the prior day, by Mr. Flatto and seconded by First Selectman Gerber. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to [take the agenda go](#) out of order was made by Mr. Flatto and seconded by First Selectman Gerber. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Action Items:

a. Plan of Conservation and Development

A motion to approve the POCD resolution was made by Mr. Flatto and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro.

Mr. Fulda explained that the resolution allows MetroCOG to enter into agreement with Colliers, who was awarded the project after a competitive process.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Legal Services

This item was skipped.

c. DECD

A motion to approve the DECD resolution was made by Mr. Flatto and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro.

Mr. Fulda explained that MetroCOG was assisting Bridgeport as an applicant for a Brownfield revitalization grant.
The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to enter executive session, to include the board, Mr. Fulda, Mr. Carleton and Mrs. Kelleher, was made by Mr. Flatto and seconded by First Selectman Gerber.
The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Executive Session – Contract Negotiations

VII. Adjourn

A motion to [end the Executive Session and](#) adjourn the meeting was made by First Selectman Tesoro and seconded by Mr. Flatto at 11:01am.

Kenneth Flatto, MetroCOG Secretary Pro Tem