

Regular MetroCOG Board Meeting
Thursday March 26, 2026 at 10:00 AM
Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments
1000 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, Connecticut 06604

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Representing

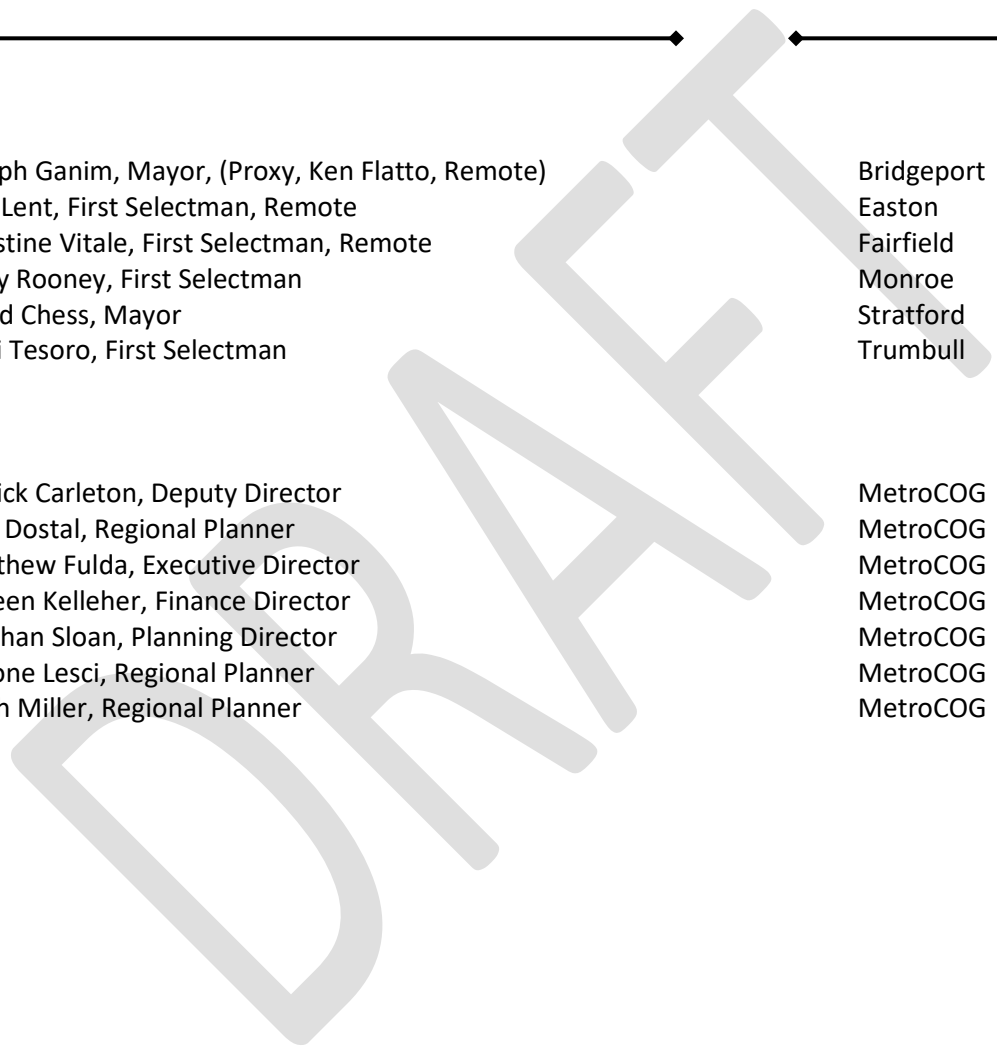


Joseph Ganim, Mayor, (Proxy, Ken Flatto, Remote)
Dan Lent, First Selectman, Remote
Christine Vitale, First Selectman, Remote
Terry Rooney, First Selectman
David Chess, Mayor
Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman

Bridgeport
Easton
Fairfield
Monroe
Stratford
Trumbull

Patrick Carleton, Deputy Director
Nick Dostal, Regional Planner
Matthew Fulda, Executive Director
Colleen Kelleher, Finance Director
Meghan Sloan, Planning Director
Simone Lesci, Regional Planner
Noah Miller, Regional Planner

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Minutes

I. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, First Selectman Tesoro at 10:32am. Mr. Fulda performed the roll call.

II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. **Public Participation**

No public comments.

IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

a. **January 29, 2026 (Attachment A)**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from January by First Selectmen Rooney and was seconded by Ken Flatto. No further discussion. The motion was carried unanimously.

V. **Presentation – Alfredo Herrera (CT Geographic Information Officer)**

Ashley Benitez and Sarah Hurley from OPM presented information on the Connecticut GIS Office, including its roles, responsibilities, and current and future projects. First Selectman Rooney asked a question about LiDAR and its connection to flooding, which Alfredo Herrera and Mr. Fulda addressed. Dan Lent asked about compliance in the region; Mr. Fulda responded that MetroCOG is in compliance. No further discussion.

VI. **Discussion Items**

a. **Regional POCD**

Mr. Fulda provided an update on the Regional POCD. No further discussion.

b. **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update**

Mr. Fulda provided an update on the CEDS and the creation of a strategy committee for the development of the CEDS. No further discussion.

c. **PURA/Aquarion**

Mr. Fulda provided an update on the PURA/Aquarion decision, noting that he and other stakeholders are exploring options for an additional appeal in response to PURA's decision. First Selectwoman Tesoro reiterated Mr. Fulda's call to reach out to local legislators and asked about Attorney General Tong and the case hearing, to which Mr. Fulda responded. First Selectman Rooney made a statement regarding the removal of "public benefits" from Eversource. Dan Lent also provided a statement regarding Aquarion and the RWA. No further discussion.

d. **Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Update**

Mr. Fulda provided an update on SS4A. A consultant has been selected. The major role of this grant is "planning and demonstration grant" on state roads, which have significant safety and crash issues. No further discussion.

e. Office Remodel

Mr. Fulda provided an update on the office remodel, noting that a certificate of occupancy must be issued prior to move-in. The project remains on schedule for completion in April. No further discussion.

f. Housing Bill – Zoning Update

Mr. Fulda provided an update on the Zoning Consultant RFP in relation to Public Act 25-1. One response was received by March 19; however, the deadline will be extended to allow for additional proposals before making a final determination. Zoning revisions are currently due by July 1, though discussions with OPM are ongoing to potentially extend the deadline to January 1, 2027. Dan Lent asked about the requirements associated with the July 1 zoning changes, and Mr. Fulda provided clarification. Dan Lent also shared details from a Zoning Enforcement Officers meeting. First Selectwoman Tesoro expressed appreciation for MetroCOG's effort to hire a consultant to assist with the zoning updates. No further discussion.

g. CPRG Update

Mr. Fulda provided an update on CPRG. No further discussion.

VII. Other Business

a. Next Meeting Dates:

- i. April 30, 2026
- ii. May 28, 2026

VIII. Adjourn

Ken Flatto made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 a.m. and was seconded by Mayor Chess at 11:38 a.m.

Christine Vitale, MetroCOG Secretary