

**MINUTES**  
**CML Executive Board Meeting**  
**September 8, 2023 - Denver, Colorado**

**Board members present:** President Jessica Sandgren, Mayor Pro Tem, Thornton; Vice President Wynetta Massey, City Attorney, Colorado Springs; Secretary/Treasurer Seth Hoffman, City Manager, Lone Tree; Larry Atencio, Council Member, Pueblo; Barbara Bynum, Mayor, Montrose; Michelle Eddy, Town Manager/Clerk, Blue River; John Fogle, Council Member, Loveland; Carrie Hartwell, Town Clerk/Treasurer, Julesburg; Liz Hensley, Council Member, Alamosa; Jim Keehne, City Administrator, Burlington; Dave Kerber, Mayor Pro Tem, Greenwood Village; Shannon Lukeman-Hiromasa, Mayor Pro Tem, Northglenn; John Marriott, Council Member, Arvada; Carol Saade, Council Member, Breckenridge; Amanda Sawyer, Council Member, Denver; Dana Sherman, Mayor, Brush!; Katie Sickles, Town Manager, Bayfield; Anna Stout, Council President/Mayor, Grand Junction; Laura Weinberg, Mayor, Golden; Robert Widner, City Attorney, Centennial.

**Board members absent:** Immediate Past President Dale Hall, Council Member, Greeley.

**CML Staff members present:** Kevin Bommer, Executive Director; Rachel Bender, Associate Counsel; Meghan MacKillop, Legislative and Policy Advocate; Karen Rosen, Meetings and Events Planner; Robert Sheesley, General Counsel; Heather Stauffer, Legislative Advocacy Manager; Mollie Steinemann, Legislative and Policy Advocate; Mark Vanderbrook, Database Specialist; Denise White, Engagement and Communications Manager; Allison Wright, Finance and Administration Manager; Lara Larkin, Executive Assistant.

The meeting was called to order by President Jessica Sandgren at 10:02 a.m. Attendance was taken and a quorum was established.

Amanda Sawyer MOVED AND Carrie Hartwell SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE June 27, 2023 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director Kevin Bommer introduced Board Retreat facilitator, Mark Collins. Collins recapped the results of the work done during the July board retreat.

General Counsel Robert Sheesley, Associate Counsel Rachel Bender and Kevin Bommer provided a summary of CML's position recommendations for the upcoming ballot issues. Proposition HH: Reduce Property Taxes and Retain State Revenue was discussed at length.

Katie Sickles MOVED AND John Fogle SECONDED THE MOTION TO SUPPORT THE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS ON BALLOT ISSUES AS PRESENTED. The motion passed unanimously.

Bommer summarized the Keystone Charter Commission and their pending status as an official municipality. Bommer confirmed that the Town of Keystone will become officially incorporated once the new council is sworn in.

Anna Stout MOVED and Michelle Eddy SECONDED THE MOTION TO OFFER KEYSTONE, ONCE THE NEW COUNCIL IS SWORN IN, A COMPLIMENTARY MEMBERSHIP FOR 2024 AND WAIVE DUES CAPS FOR THREE YEARS. The motion passed unanimously with Robert Widner, City Attorney, Centennial abstaining from the vote.

Jessica Sandgren and Kevin Bommer reviewed the President's Civility initiative including the opportunity to reach people before they are elected. Intentional program training will be included in next year's conference in addition to training materials for newly elected officials.

Bommer provided housing and land use update and what he expects for 2024 legislative session. The role of the CML housing subcommittee was discussed at length.

At 12:03 p.m. the meeting paused for a short lunch break. President Sandgren resumed the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Bommer provided an update on current staff openings.

Sangren asked the board to review and approve the existing executive director evaluation questions. No objections were stated. The BAM Committee will meet prior to the next board meeting regarding the evaluation.

Denise White, Engagement and Communications Manager, presented how meeting announcements, board documents, and reminders will be sent in the future.

At 12:43 p.m. staff were excused from the meeting, with the Senior Team remaining.

President Sandgren adjourned the meeting at 1:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Hoffman  
Secretary/Treasurer