

MINUTES
CML Executive Board Meeting
JANUARY 26, 2024 - Denver, Colorado

Board members present: President Jessica Sandgren, Councilwoman, Thornton; Vice President Wynetta Massey, City Attorney, Colorado Springs; Secretary/Treasurer Seth Hoffman, City Manager, Lone Tree; Immediate Past President Dale Hall, Council Member, Greeley; Barbara Bynum, Mayor, Montrose; Michelle Eddy, Town Manager/Clerk, Blue River; Carrie Hartwell, Town Clerk/Treasurer, Julesburg; Jim Keehne, City Administrator, Burlington; Dave Kerber, Mayor Pro Tem, Greenwood Village; Shannon Lukeman-Hiromasa, Mayor Pro Tem, Northglenn; John Marriott, Council Member, Arvada; James Marsh-Holschen, Council Member, Broomfield; Joshua Rivero, Councilmember, Parker; 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: Liz Hensley, Council Member, Alamosa.

CML Staff members present: Kevin Bommer, Executive Director; Rachel Bender, Associate Counsel; Elizabeth Haskell, Legislative & Policy Advocate; Kharyl Jackson, Marketing & Communications Specialist; Karen Rosen, Meetings and Events Planner; Jeremy Schupbach, Legislative & Policy Advocate; Robert Sheesley, General Counsel; Bev Stables, Legislative & Policy Advocate; Heather Stauffer, Legislative Advocacy Manager; Mark Vanderbrook, Database Specialist; Denise White, Engagement and Communications Manager; Rachel Woolworth, Municipal Research Analyst; 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.

John Marriott MOVED AND Amanda Sawyer SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 15, 2023 MEETING. The motion passed with Barbara Bynum abstaining from the vote.

Executive Director Kevin Bommer, and President Sandgren were pleased to announce the Executive Officers were able to interview and recommend two strong candidates to fill the large category vacancies on the board. James Marsh-Holschen, Council Member from Broomfield and Joshua Rivero, Councilmember from Parker each took the opportunity to address the board and briefly introduce themselves.

Bommer and Allison Wright, Finance and Administration Manager, congratulated Karen Rosen, Meetings and Events Planner, on receiving her Certified Meeting Planner accreditation. Rosen thanked CML for their support.

Wright provided the Municipal Dues Update. 85% of members have paid to date.

Rachel Woolworth, Municipal Research Analyst, provided the 2024 State of Our Cities and Towns report. Staff provided insight into the timely and relevant data. Information will be shared with members throughout the year.

General Counsel Sheesley provided the Amicus update. The City of Aurora's Urban Renewal Authority lost their appeal with the Supreme Court last week in which CML participated as Amicus. Secondly, the Amicus committee recommends participating as Amicus in The Sentinel Colorado v. Rodriguez (City of Aurora) with regard to access to Executive Session recordings.

Dave Kerber MOVED AND Joshua Rivero SECONDED THE MOTION TO SUPPORT THE CML AMICUS RECOMMENDATION. The motion passed unanimously.

Heather Stauffer, Legislative Advocacy Manager and Karen Rosen, Meetings and Events Planner, gave a brief update on the upcoming Legislative workshop to be held at History Colorado on February 15, 2024.

The meeting paused for a brief break at 10:46 am, resuming at 10:49 am.

Bommer welcomed special guest U.S. Senator Michael Bennet. Bennet gave a brief overview and his perspective on the current political environment in Washington D.C.

The meeting paused briefly while Senator Bennet and Board members posed for a photograph together. At 11:37 p.m. the meeting paused for a short lunch break.

The meeting resumed at 11:53 a.m.

Heather Stauffer, Legislative Advocacy Manager, and the Advocacy team gave updates on the legislative session and the Policy Committee's recommendations from their January 19th meeting. The Housing: Local Government Rights Regarding Multifamily Rental Properties issue was pulled for a separate vote.

Barbara Bynum MOVED and Dale Hall SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE AS PRESENTED EXCLUDING THE PULLED MULTIFAMILY HOUSING BILL. The motion passed unanimously.

After a lengthy discussion, Seth Hoffman MOVED and Shannon Lukeman-Hiromasa SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUPPORT IF AMENDED POSITION FOR THE MULTIFAMILY HOUSING BILL. The motion passed by majority vote.

Bommer presented the Board with a proposal to update the CML Districts and related district map to include an additional district in order to help members and increase attendance at district events.

Amanda Sawyer MOVED and Joshua Rivero SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO REVISE CML DISTRICTS AND MAP. The motion passed unanimously.

Denise White, Engagement and Communications Manager, described the new SharePoint Board site. The dedicated site will be available to Board members to increase access to documents and key resources.

Karen Rosen, Meetings and Events Planner, gave an update on the upcoming annual conference to be held in Loveland, June 18-21st.

At 1:35 p.m. the meeting paused, and staff members were excused. The Board went into an Executive Session for the purpose of considering the Executive Director's Restated Executive Director Employment Agreement.

The Executive Session adjourned at 1:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Hoffman
Secretary/Treasurer