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CML Executive Board Meeting
April 24, 2026 - Denver, Colorado

Board members present: President Seth Hoffman, City Manager, Lone Tree; Vice President Laura Weinberg, Mayor, Golden; Secretary/Treasurer Carol Saade, Council Member, Breckenridge; Immediate Past President Wynetta Massey, Colorado Springs; Sharon Davis, Councilmember, Arvada; Dave Frank, Council Member, Montrose; Jason Gray, Mayor, Castle Rock; Duane Gurulé, Mayor, Rocky Ford; Dale Hall, Mayor, Greeley; Liz Hensley, Mayor Pro Tem, Alamosa; Sarah Johnson, City Clerk, Colorado Springs; Dan Kramer, Town Attorney, Estes Park; Angela Lawson, Councilmember, Aurora; Rachel Medina, Mayor, Cortez; Candy Meehan, Mayor, Norwood; Joshua Rivero, Mayor, Parker; Amy Tharp, Mayor Pro Tem, Centennial; Scott Trainor, City Manager, Fountain.

Board members absent: Kim Boyd, Town Administrator, Kiowa; Anna Stout, Council Member, Grand Junction.

CML Staff members present: Kevin Bommer, Executive Director; Rachel Bender, Senior Associate Counsel; Owen Brigner, Legislative & Policy Advocate; Emma Donahue, Legislative & Policy Advocate; Haley Doyne, Receptionist/Administrative Assistant; Elizabeth Haskell, Legislative & Policy Advocate; Kharyl Jackson, Marketing & Communications Specialist; Alex Miller, Publication and Design Specialist; Karen Rosen, Meeting and Events Planner; Robert Sheesley, General Counsel; Bev Stables, Legislative Advocacy Manager; Mark Vanderbrook, Database Specialist; Allison Wright, Finance and Administration Manager; Lara Larkin, Executive Assistant.

The meeting was called to order by President Hoffman at 10:03 a.m. A quorum was established.

Dave Frank MOVED AND Joshua Rivero SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 27, 2026 MEETING. The motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Bommer, Executive Director, gave a brief update regarding outstanding Municipal and Associate Member dues.

Vice President Carol Saade introduced CML's audit firm, RubinBrown LLP, and an overview of the 2025 audit report was presented. Joshua Rivero MOVED AND Dave Frank SECONDED THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AUDIT AS PRESENTED. The motion passed unanimously. Bommer thanked the RubinBrown team and Allison Wright, Finance and Administration Manager, for their outstanding work.

The BAM committee recommended a board-initiated change to the 2027 dues schedule. Dave Frank MOVED AND Dan Kramer SECONDED THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE SECOND OPTION AS PRESENTED. The motion passed.

Saade went over the proposed 2026 budget revision which would allow for a new staff position. It was pointed out that the new deputy director's position would be a self-sustaining position.

Sharon Davis MOVED AND Wynetta Massey SECONDED THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REVISION TO THE 2026 BUDGET. The motion passed unanimously.

Bev Stables, Legislative Advocacy Manager, and the legislative and policy advocates summarized the status of outstanding legislation and recommended positions on new legislation.
Elizabeth Haskel, Legislative & Policy Advocate, recommended moving from an amend to an oppose position on the Marijuana bill as it will likely be postponed indefinitely. Amy Tharp, Mayor Pro Tem of Centennial, asked the Advocacy group about the RTD bill and discussion followed.

Carol Saade MOVED AND Jason Gray SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDING MOVING FROM AMEND TO OPPOSE ON THE MARIJUANA BILL. The motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Bommer presented proposed amendments to the CML Bylaws including membership numbers and term limits. Any amendments would need to be approved by membership at the Annual Business meeting in June. Proposed changes include having three appointed executive board members representing all three of our largest municipalities.

Wynetta Massey MOVED AND Joshua Rivero SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE PRESENTING THE PROPOSED CML BYLAW AMENDMENTS AT THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING IN JUNE. The motion passed unanimously.

Liz Hensley, Chair of the Sam Mamet Good Governance Committee, provided an update on the Sam Mamet Good Governance Award nominations. There were 29 nominations with two individuals who stood out to the Award Committee and were recommended to receive the award – John Clark, mayor of Ridgway and Kathy Hodgson, City Manager of Lakewood.

Dave Frank MOVED AND Candy Meehan SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AWARD COMMITTEE. The motion passed unanimously.
Karen Rosen, Meeting and Events Planner, will notify the nominees.

Karen Rosen, Meeting & Events Planner, reminded Board members to let her know which district meetings they plan to attend, since CML will cover the registration cost. Board members were invited to attend the NICE visits with staff scheduled around the various district meetings.

Rosen gave a brief conference update asking board members to help promote the event. Several board members agreed to provide short video clips promoting the benefits of attending.

Bommer provided information about the upcoming Board Retreat scheduled for July 16-18 in Golden and encouraged board members to hold the date and reserve their hotel accommodations.

Robert Sheesley, General Counsel, provided the Board Housing Committee report including the Two Forks Collective Spark Grant selection. The Housing Committee will meet again in May.

Executive Director Bommer gave his Executive Director report:

- Announced the posting for the Engagement position will remain open until April 30, 50+ applications, and both top applicants will be interviewed by May 4th, 2026.

- Affirmed the job description for the new Deputy Director position has been finalized and will be posted June 1, 2026.
- Bommer will be out of the state April 25-May 3, 2026, with Robert Sheesley acting as Executive Director in his absence.

In other business, Bommer recognized Dall Hall, Past President, Honorary Life Member, as it was his last board meeting with CML. Bommer also recognized Rachel Medina, Mayor of Cortez, presenting her a certificate of appreciation for her service on the board and everyone wished her well in future endeavors.

President Hoffman thanked the board and staff for their hard work resulting in a very productive year. Vice President Weinberg thanked Hoffman for his service.

Liz Hensley was proud to announce a project in Alamosa that was coordinated through a foundation connected to Kyle Clark, who presented at last year's conference.

Wynetta Massey MOVED AND Sharon Davis SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 12:28pm.

Next meeting: June 24, 2026, at the annual conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Saade
Secretary/Treasurer