

MINUTES
CML Executive Board Meeting
February 21, 2020, Denver, Colorado

Board members present: President Liz Hensley, Council Member, Alamosa; Vice President Robert Widner, City Attorney, Centennial; Secretary/Treasurer Kathi Meyer, Council President Pro Tem, Steamboat Springs; Larry Atencio, Council Member, Pueblo; Kendra Black, Council Member, Denver; Barbara Bynum, Mayor Pro Tem, Montrose; Sharon Craig, Trustee, Ignacio; Kathy Hodgson, City Manager, Lakewood; John Kettling, Trustee, Deer Trail; Wynetta Massey, City Attorney, Colorado Springs; Kristie Melendez, Mayor, Windsor; Christian Morgan, Town Manager, Kersey; Jessica Sandgren, Council Member, Thornton; Russell Stewart, Mayor, Cherry Hills Village; Darrin Tangeman, City Manager, Woodland Park..

Board members present by phone: Past President Wade Troxell, Mayor, Fort Collins; Cathie Brunnick, Mayor Pro Tem, Lone Tree; Greg Caton, City Manager, Grand Junction; Dale Hall, Mayor Pro Tem, Greeley.

Board members absent: A.J. Euckert, City Manager, Dacono; Ashley McMurray, Mayor Pro Tem, Hayden.

CML Staff members present: Kevin Bommer, Executive Director; David Broadwell, General Counsel; Morgan Cullen, Legislative and Policy Advocate; Brandy DeLange, Legislative and Policy Advocate; Meghan Dollar, Legislative and Policy Advocate; Kathleen Harrison, Meetings and Events Coordinator; Laurel Witt, Associate Counsel; Melissa Mata, Municipal Research Analyst; Heather Stauffer, Legislative and Policy Advocate; Sarah Werner, Engagement and Communications Manager; Allison Wright, Finance & Administration Manager; Dianne Backhus, Executive Assistant.

The meeting was called to order by President Hensley at 10:00 AM. Attendance was taken and a quorum was established.

Kathi Meyer MOVED AND Barbara Bynum SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 24, 2020, BE APPROVED. The motion passed unanimously.

Allison Wright reported that all municipalities have now paid their 2020 CML dues, with one last check expected to arrive this week. She also presented her report on 2019 year-end financials. A MOTION WAS MADE by Jessica Sandgren AND SECONDED by Kathy Hodgson TO ACCEPT THE 2019 YEAR-END FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS PRESENTED. The motion passed unanimously.

David Broadwell provided information on two upcoming amicus requests that CML is likely to receive. The first is an employment discrimination case referencing the Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act and filed on behalf of an LGBTQ employee against Denver Health. The second is a case to be argued before the District Court in Larimer County, and involves quasi-judicial decision making. The decision will have the potential to impact municipal elected and appointed officials in matters such as campaign contributions and possible future conflicts of interest.

Lieutenant Governor Dianne Primavera joined the Board to speak and respond to questions about efforts to encourage implementation of a public option for healthcare coverage in Colorado. The option would be offered by every carrier and would provide a comprehensive package of health benefits. It is anticipated to save enrollees 9 to 18 percent on premiums as well as lower the actual cost of care, with no risk borne by the state.

Meghan Dollar introduced recommendations from the February 14, 2020, Policy Committee meeting, with additional input provided by Morgan Cullen, Brandy DeLange and Heather Stauffer. Before a vote was taken on the entire list, several bills were pulled out for reconsideration by the Board. During the discussion of SB 20-093, *Dispute Resolution Fairness*, CML staff recommended the Board adopt a position of 'opposition unless amended,' not the 'monitor' position recommended by the Policy Committee. It was then immediately MOVED by Kendra Black AND SECONDED by Jessica Sandgren THAT CML POSITION ON SB 20-093 BE 'OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED.' The motion passed unanimously. During discussion of HB 20-1163, *Management of Single-Use Plastics*, that bill was also pulled out for later discussion. Meghan and Brandy presented two supplemental items and staff recommendations for positions. It was then MOVED by Jessica Sandgren AND SECONDED by Russell Stewart THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS BE APPROVED – WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SB 20-093 AND HB 20-1163 and

CHANGING THE POSITION RECOMMENDED ON CORA LEGISLATION TO 'STAFF DISCRETION TO SUPPORT' and THE POSITION RECOMMENDED ON HB 20-1151 TO 'NEUTRAL.' The motion passed unanimously. Having already acted on SB 20-093, the Board took up HB 20-1163. Christian Morgan MOVED and Sharon Craig SECONDED THAT CML'S POSITION ON HB 20-1163 BE 'OPPOSE.' After further discussion, Christian Morgan AMENDED his motion and Sharon Craig CONCURRED THAT CML'S POSITION BE 'OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED.' The motion passed unanimously.

Melissa Mata, Research Analyst, presented a recap of 2019 publications and topics, as well as a proposed list of updated publications and issues to be covered in 2020. Suggestions have come from CML members all around the state and feedback from Board members. A focus in 2020 will be to create better ways of sharing and accessing data and resources on the CML website.

Kevin Bommer reported on a successful Legislative Workshop earlier this month. He updated the Board on plans for the Annual Conference in June. He noted CML will provide Good Governance workshops in Montrose, Glenwood Springs, Lamar and Brush in collaboration with CIRSA. Approximately 75 attendees from Colorado will be attending the NLC conference in Washington, D.C. in March, including Kevin and three Executive Board members. Kevin read off a list of Board members who will be up for re-election at the June conference, and reminded all Board members to encourage others to express their interest in seeking nomination. He reminded everyone of the Board retreat to be held after conference on July 9th-11th.

President Hensley noted that she has only received one nomination for the Sam Mamet Award to date, and she encouraged all Board members to submit names to her as soon as possible. The Board plans to choose a winner for this year's award at the next Board meeting in April.

A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Meyer
Secretary/Treasurer