

MINUTES
CML Executive Board Meeting
October 16, 2020, Denver, Colorado
via Videoconference

Board members present: President Robert Widner, City Attorney, Centennial; Vice President Kathi Meyer, Council President Pro Tem, Steamboat Springs; Secretary/Treasurer Dale Hall, Mayor Pro Tem, Greeley; Past President Liz Hensley, Council Member, Alamosa; Rick Bain, Mayor, Brush; Kendra Black, Council Member, Denver; Cathie Brunnick, Mayor Pro Tem, Lone Tree; Barbara Bynum, Mayor, Montrose; Greg Caton, City Manager, Grand Junction; Sharon Craig, Trustee, Ignacio; Leah Dozeman, Council Member, Wheat Ridge; A.J. Euckert, City Manager, Dacono; Andrea Samson, Council Member, Loveland; Katie Sickles, Town Manager, Bayfield; Russell Stewart, Mayor, Cherry Hills Village; Darrin Tangeman, City Manager, Woodland Park; Charlie Willman, Council Member, Glenwood Springs.

Board members absent: Larry Atencio, Council Vice President, Pueblo; Wynetta Massey, City Attorney, Colorado Springs; Christian Morgan, Town Manager, Kersey; Jessica Sandgren, Mayor Pro Tem, Thornton.

CML Staff members present: Kevin Bommer, Executive Director; David Broadwell, General Counsel; Morgan Cullen, Legislative and Policy Advocate; Meghan Dollar, Legislative Advocacy Manager; Leslie Hough, Publication and Design Specialist; Melissa Mata, Municipal Research Analyst; Karen Rosen, Meetings and Events Planner; Beauclarine Thomas, Legislative and Policy Advocate; Mark Vanderbrook, Database Specialist; Sarah Werner, Engagement and Communications Manager; Laurel Witt, Associate Counsel; Allison Wright, Finance & Administration Manager; Dianne Backhus, Executive Assistant.

The meeting was called to order by President Widner at 9:00 a.m. Attendance was taken and a quorum was established.

Leah Dozeman MOVED AND Kendra Black SECONDED A MOTION THAT THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 18, 2020, BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. The motion passed unanimously.

Meghan Dollar and Morgan Cullen reported on recommendations from the CML Policy Committee meeting held on October 9. Four member proposals were discussed: (1) one regarding emails and the Open Meetings Law, (2) one to repeal an outdated rule for onsite renewable energy, (3) one to amend the Law Enforcement Integrity Act passed earlier this year, and (4) one to increase penalties for assault on a peace officer. The Policy Committee recommended supporting the first two, moving the third to the December meeting for further discussion, and did not recommend approving the request to increase penalties.

Six other action items were also deliberated by the Policy Committee: (1) inclusionary zoning for rental housing, (2) cleanup of language in the recall election statute and Title 31, (3) local government engagement on pesticide issues, (4) the public real property index, (5) single-use plastics, and (6) a feasibility study on community choice energy. Many of these were in process during the last session of the legislature but were laid over due to changed priorities during the COVID-shortened session. The Policy Committee recommends support for the first two and the last two, with staff discretion on (3) and (4).

A MOTION WAS MADE by Charlie Willman AND SECONDED by Russell Stewart TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE AS PRESENTED. The motion passed unanimously. After discussion, a SECONDARY MOTION WAS MADE by Greg Caton AND SECONDED by Liz Hensley FOR CML TO SUPPORT MEMBER PROPOSAL #4 RE: INCREASED PENALTIES FOR ASSAULT ON A PEACE OFFICER. The secondary motion failed with 6 voting yes and 10 voting no. It was then suggested that CML include language of support for peace officers in the revision of the CML mission and values statement. Board and staff agreed that we should look for and perhaps create opportunities to help members support recruitment and retention of police officers.

Kevin Bommer presented a draft of the CML Statement on Equity and Diversity, One edit was suggested in the first line of the statement: "The Colorado Municipal League is committed to supporting our members' efforts to increase and embrace equity and diversity in their communities." A MOTION WAS MADE by Darrin Tangeman AND SECONDED by Charlie Willman TO ACCEPT THE STATEMENT AS WRITTEN AND REVISED. The motion passed unanimously. CML staff will work to incorporate the statement into updates to the Strategic Plan, curriculum, and publications. The Communications Team will work with the Board Subcommittee on Equity and

Diversity to provide input and guidance. Current members of the subcommittee are Bob Widner, Liz Hensley, Larry Atencio, Charlie Willman and Andrea Samson; other members wishing to serve may contact Kevin or Bob.

Allison Wright presented an updated version of the BAM Committee Roles and Responsibilities. Besides bringing the language up to date, one new item was added, calling for the Committee to make a recommendation concerning the proposed salary of the Executive Director. The committee will be in a position to consider the recommended budget for the following year along with the salary recommendation. Dale Hall MOVED AND Katie Sickles SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE UPDATED BAM COMMITTEE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. The motion passed unanimously.

Kevin provided information on several members seeking CML endorsements for NLC Board and Leadership positions. Boulder City Council Member Junie Joseph requested endorsement for the NLC Board of Directors; Loveland City Council Member John Fogle and Thornton Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Sandgren each requested endorsement for NLC Committee Leadership positions; Centennial City Council Member Marlo Alston, Northglenn City Council Member Joyce Downing, and Boulder City Council Member Junie Joseph requested endorsements for NLC Council Leadership positions. Barbara Bynum MOVED AND Rick Bain SECONDED A MOTION TO ENDORSE ALL APPLICATIONS AS SUBMITTED. The motion passed unanimously. Kevin will edit and send the endorsement letters to NLC later today.

After staff was excused from the meeting, the Board began its annual evaluation of the Executive Director. President Widner explained the process, and Kevin Bommer spoke about his input toward the evaluation (included as an attachment in the Board packet). Kevin was excused from the meeting while the Board discussed their survey and Kevin's input. The Board called him back after their deliberations to give him overall direction and feedback.

Prior to adjournment, Darrin Tangeman announced that he would be resigning from the Board upon leaving his City Manager position in Woodland Park to accept a position as Town Manager in Truro, Massachusetts. Darrin thanked all the Board members and said he would try to attend the December meeting, as Board members would like to formally thank him for his service to CML.

President Widner confirmed that the next Board meeting on December 11th will be virtual and will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Kendra Black MOVED AND Charlie Willman SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Hall
Secretary/Treasurer