

**MINUTES**  
**CML Executive Board Meeting**  
**January 27, 2023, Denver, Colorado**

**Board members present:** President Dale Hall, Council Member, Greeley; Vice President Jessica Sandgren, Mayor Pro Tem, Thornton; Secretary/Treasurer Wynetta Massey, City Attorney, Colorado Springs; Immediate Past President Robert Widner, City Attorney, Centennial; Larry Atencio, Council Member, Pueblo; Barbara Bynum, Mayor Pro Tem, Montrose; Greg Caton, City Manager, Grand Junction; A.J. Euckert, City Manager, Dacono; John Fogle, Council Member, Loveland; Carrie Hartwell, Town Clerk/Treasurer, Julesburg; Liz Hensley, Council Member, Alamosa; Seth Hoffman, City Manager, Lone Tree; Susan Jung, Mayor, Rocky Ford; Angela Lawson, Council Member, Aurora; John Marriott, Council Member, Arvada; Dana Sherman, Mayor, Brush; Laura Weinberg, Mayor, Golden; Charlie Willman, Mayor Pro Tem, Glenwood Springs.

**Board members absent:** Katie Sickles, Town Manager, Bayfield; Melissa Youssef, Mayor Pro Tem, Durango.

**CML Staff members present:** Kevin Bommer, Executive Director; Rachel Bender, Associate Counsel; Meghan MacKillop, Legislative and Policy Advocate; Melissa Mata, Municipal Research Analyst; ; Alex Miller, Publication and Design Specialist; Karen Rosen, Meetings and Events Planner; Robert Sheesley, General Counsel; Heather Stauffer, Legislative Advocacy Manager; Mollie Steinemann, Legislative and Policy Advocate; Jaclyn Terwey, Legislative and Policy Advocate; Mark Vanderbrook, Database Specialist; Allison Wright, Finance & Administration Manager; Lara Larkin, Executive Assistant.

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

Charlie Willman MOVED AND Jessica Sandgren SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM December 9, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

President Hall welcomed new Executive Board member Jim Keehne, City Administrator, Burlington. Keehne gave brief overview of his professional history and experience.

Kent Willmann joined the meeting via Zoom to provide an update on the CML and Special District Association sponsored program Lessons on Local Government. Executive Director, Kevin Bommer, mentioned that CML and SDA need to continue to promote this program to their members. President Hall noted the program is aligned with his President's initiative of Succession Planning.

Melissa Mata, Municipal Research Analyst, provided an overview of The State of Our Cities and Towns (SOOCAT). Mata stated the report can be found online.

Due to technical difficulties, the meeting paused for a short break at 10:35 a.m. President Hall resumed the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

Mata continued with The State of our Cities and Towns presentation. She reviewed how to access the report and additional information.

General Counsel, Robert Sheesley, provided the Amicus update. There were no recommendations from the Amicus Committee. Sheesley reports Rule 106 appeals are subject to a very strict deadline and there was a decision in the Thornton term limits case this past December. Robert also provided details on the district court decision that upheld the challenge by five home rule municipalities to the attempted preemption of home rule sales and use tax authority in HB 22-1024. The state did not appeal the decision after the court ruled in favor of the plaintiffs.

Legislative Advocacy Manager Heather Stauffer and the advocacy team presented information on current bills and their positions. The team had recommendations on 25 action items. Each of the advocates summarized their bill recommendations. Jaclyn Terwey, Legislative and Policy Advocate, noted the 13<sup>th</sup> Action Item, HB23-1039 Utilities: Electric Resource Adequacy Reporting doesn't require a board position at this time and she will continue to monitor the bill going forward.

There was a great deal of discussion on Action Item number 16, Housing: Right of First Refusal for Local Governments for Multifamily Properties. It was decided to pull this bill from the board vote until a special meeting can take place between the sponsor and board members.

At 12:28 p.m. the meeting paused for a short break.  
President Hall resumed the meeting at 12:49 p.m.

Heather Stauffer, Legislative Advocacy Manager, asked for Staff Discretion to Oppose Unless Amended on Action Item number 17, Local Control & Municipal Home Rule: Local Government Independent Ethics Commission.

Charlie Willman MOVED and Wynetta Massey SECONDED THE MOTION to accept the advocacy staff recommendations excluding the Public Safety; Assault Weapons Ban Draft, the Utilities: Electric Resource Adequacy Reporting, Housing: Right of First Refusal for Local Governments for Multifamily Properties and the Staff discretion to Oppose Unless Amended for Local Control & Municipal Home Rule: Local Government Independent Ethics Commission. Angela Lawson abstained from voting on the Municipal Courts: Domestic Violence Cases in Municipal Courts bill. The motion passed unanimously.

Heather Stauffer and Karen Rosen, Meetings and Events Planner, provided update on CML's Legislative Workshop scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup> at History of Colorado. Lobbyists will give updates and feature two panels on affordable housing and the future of water in Colorado. CML will host a reception at CML after the event.

Allison Wright, Finance & Administration Manager, provided requested engagement and participation data for 2022. Of note, 9 current or past board members were among the most engaged individual members. The schedule of Spring outreach meetings was also discussed.

Charlie William, Mayor Pro Tem, Glenwood Springs, asked about the status of the Housing Sub-Committee. Any board member may reach out to President Hall if they want to be included going forward.

Kevin Bommer provided an update on the current staff vacancies and applicant search. He also mentioned the upcoming April magazine which will focus on Succession. He asked board members for short statements on "What does public service mean to me?" with the hopes of including those statements in the April magazine.

President Hall thanked the staff for their hard work and adjourned the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

The next board meeting is scheduled for February 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

Wynetta Massey  
Secretary/Treasurer