

MINUTES
CML Executive Board Meeting
February 25, 2022, Denver, Colorado

Board members present: President Bob Widner, Immediate Past President, City Attorney Centennial; Vice President Dale Hall, Mayor Pro Tem, Greeley; Secretary/Treasurer Jessica Sandgren, Mayor Pro Tem, Thornton; Larry Atencio, Council President, Pueblo; Barbara Bynum, Council Member, Montrose; Greg Caton, City Manager, Grand Junction; Sharon Craig, Trustee, Ignacio; A.J. Euckert, City Manager, Dacono; Carrie Hartwell, Town Clerk, Julesburg; Liz Hensley, Council Member, Alamosa; Susan Jung, Mayor, Rocky Ford; Angela Lawson, Council Member, Aurora; John Marriott, Council Member, Arvada; Wynetta Massey, City Attorney, Colorado Springs; Andrea Samson, Council Member, Loveland; Nicole Sampson, Council Member, Lafayette; Russell Stewart, Mayor, Cherry Hills Village; Laura Weinberg, Mayor, Golden; Charlie Willman, Mayor Pro Tem, Glenwood Springs; Melissa Youssef, Council Member, Durango.

Board members absent: Katie Sickles, Town Manager, Bayfield

CML Staff members present: Kevin Bommer, Executive Director; Rachel Bender, Associate Counsel; Meghan Dollar, Legislative Advocacy Manager; 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 and Policy Advocate; Jennifer Stone, Engagement and Communications Manager; Makenna Sturgeon, Training and Marketing Specialist; Jaclyn Terwey, Legislative and Policy Advocate; Allison Wright, Finance & Administration Manager; Lara Larkin, Executive Assistant.

The meeting was called to order by President Widner at 9:30 a.m. Attendance was taken and a quorum was established, with all attending virtually via Zoom.

Charlie Willman MOVED AND Jessica Sandgren SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM January 28, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

New Staff member Alex Miller, Publication and Design Specialist was introduced by Jen Stone, Engagement and Communications Manager.

Legislative Advocacy Manager Meghan Dollar and the advocacy team presented information on recommendations made by the CML Policy Committee at their February 18th meeting. The team has recommendations on 23 action items and gave an update on one informational item. Each of the advocates summarized their bill recommendations.

Meghan Dollar notes SB22-13 has been heavily amended in the past couple of days and recommends changing the policy committee position from Oppose unless amended to a neutral position. Kevin Bommer, Executive Director, suggested pulling the Criminal Justice; Artificial Intelligence Recognition Software SB22-113 for a separate vote.

Megan Dollar notes correction of position on HB22-1152 to "Oppose unless amended"; not Oppose.

HB22-099 has several amendments and the CML Lobbyist on this bill is Meghan MacKillop.

SB22-099 Municipal Courts: Sealing Criminal Records has been heavily amended recently and the Policy Committee may change from Oppose, unless amended to Support, if amended. Meghan Dollar recommends pulling this item for a separate vote. Meghan MacKillop is CML Lobbyist on this bill.

Heather Stauffer, Legislative and Policy Advocate reported HB22-1141 on Nuisance Suits Agricultural Operations died in the House Judiciary Committee which is congruent with our opposition to the bill.

There was a lot of discussion on HB22-1064 Public Health: Prohibit Flavored Tobacco Regulate Synthetic Nicotine as the Policy Committee voted to oppose and not accept the advocates recommendation of a neutral position. Some board members requested this bill be pulled for a separate vote as they would like to have the neutral position reconsidered. In all, six bills were pulled for additional discussion and a separate vote.

Charlie Willman MOVED and Jessica Sandgren SECONDED A MOTION TO approve the Policy Committee recommendation on the remaining bills including the supplemental bills. The motion passed unanimously.

The following six bills were discussed and voted on separately:

HB22-1152 Employment and Labor; Policy Committee approved Oppose unless Amended; not Oppose. Board approved as it was a clerical error in the packet.

SB22-113 Criminal Justice; Meghan Dollar recommends change in position to neutral as law enforcement is more comfortable with it after recent changes. Liz Henley MOVED and Dale Hall SECONDED A MOTION TO accept new staff recommendation of neutral position. The motion passed unanimously.

SB22-099 Municipal Courts: Sealing Criminal Records bill was heavily amended recently and staff recommends changing from Oppose unless amended to support. Charlie Willman MOVED AND Wynetta Massey SECONDED A MOTION to accept the new staff position of support. The motion passed unanimously.

HB22-1064 Public Health: Prohibit Flavored Tobacco Regulate Synthetic Nicotine; Jessica Sandgren MOVED AND Andrea Samson SECONDED A MOTION to go back to the advocates original recommendation of a neutral position. After much discussion a poll was taken and the motion to take a neutral position passed 16-3.

Housing: Mobile Home Park Legislation; Nicole Sampson MOVED AND Laura Weinberg SECONDED A MOTION TO accept the Mobile Home Park Legislation. The motion passed with three dissenting votes.

SB22-132 Beer and Liquor: Allow Vintner's Restaurants to Deliver to Consumer; Russell Stewart MOVED AND Jessica Sandgren SECONDED A MOTION TO approve the staff and policy committee the recommendation to support. The motion passed with one dissenting vote.

Allison Wright, Finance and Administration Manager, presented Year-End Financials and the Municipal Dues Update. 98% of the municipal dues are in with only 7 outstanding. The audit has been completed and results will be presented at the next board meeting.

Melissa Mata, Municipal Research Analyst and Makenna Sturgeon, Training and Marketing Specialist, report on current status of planned publications and research projects for 2022. They are currently working on several publications and projects including an election series.

General Counsel, Robert Sheesley, presented the Amicus update. There was a decision announced on the Maphis v. City of Boulder and Robert gave credit to former General Counsel David Broadwell for his successful work on this Amicus brief.

Karen Rosen, Meetings and Events Planner, gave Annual Conference and Annual Business Meeting update. Allison Wright, Jen Stone, & Makenna Sturgeon, and Karen Rosen comprise the conference team.

Karen encourages Board members to attend the 100th Conference Celebration on Wednesday evening 6-9pm. The Sam Mamet Good Governance award will be selected at the April 22nd board meeting.

The next board meeting is scheduled for April 22 at 10:00 am. Additional details regarding the in-person meeting to be determined based on board member feedback and room capacity.

A.J. Euckert MOVED and Dale Hall SECONDED THE MOTION to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:44 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Sandgren
Secretary/Treasurer