

MINUTES
CML Executive Board Meeting
January 28, 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; Rick Bain, Mayor, Brush; Barbara Bynum, Council Member, Montrose; Greg Caton, City Manager, Grand Junction; Sharon Craig, Trustee, Ignacio; 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; Katie Sickles, Town Manager, Bayfield; 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: A.J. Euckert, City Manager, Dacono

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; 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 9:01 a.m. Attendance was taken and a quorum was established, with all attending virtually via Zoom.

Charlie Willman MOVED AND Wynetta Massey SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM January 28, 2022 with revision to the motion to accept the staff recommendation for the process to fill open board positions. This clarifies that the board vacancy will be filled by staff recommended process previously established by the executive board and that the executive officers will make the recommendation on the candidates to the entire executive board. The motion passed unanimously.

President Bob Widner announced the Executive Committees strong recommendation for appointment to fill the two interim Executive Board vacancies. Both Carrie Hartwell, Town Clerk Julesburg and Nicole Sampson, Council Member Lafayette were strong candidates. Dale Hall and Jessica Sandgren confirmed the two selected were stand outs in the interview process. It was noted it would be beneficial to have a town clerk included in the Executive Board for the first time in CML history.

Melissa Youssef MOVED and Susan Jung SECONDED A MOTION TO APPOINT Carrie Hartwell and Nicole Sampson to the interim Executive Board positions. The motion passed unanimously.

Nicole Sampson and Carrie Hartwell were welcomed to the board. Executive Director, Kevin Bommer has thanked all the candidates and has encouraged all of them to run again this coming June.

New Staff member Rachel Bender, Associate Counsel was introduced by Robert Sheesley, General Counsel. Megan Dollar, Legislative Advocacy Manager introduced and welcomed Jaclyn Terwey, Legislative and Policy Advocate, to the Advocacy Team at CML.

General Counsel, Robert Sheesley, presented the Amicus update. He explained the City of Thornton's request. The Amicus Committee recommended supporting Thornton's appeal as it has significant impact statewide on future elections.

Wynetta Massey MOVED and Dale Hall SECONDED A MOTION TO GRANT BOARD SUPPORT FOR AMICUS COMMITTEE'S PARTICIPATION AS AMICUS IN *Salazar v Kulmann*.
After lengthy discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Advocacy Manager Meghan Dollar and the advocacy team presented information on recommendations made by the CML Policy Committee at their January 21st meeting. The team has recommendations on 19 action items and gave an update on one informational item. The advocacy team will cite specific language in CML's policy statements that support their recommendations. Each of the advocates summarized their bill recommendations.

Charlie Willman requests pulling the juvenile interrogation Criminal Justice Bill SB22-023 from the package of action items prior to voting.

Melissa Youssef MOVED and Wynetta Massey SECONDED THE MOTION to accept the advocacy staff recommendations excluding SB22-023. The motion passed unanimously.

Dale Hall MOVED to approve and Jessica Sandgren SECONDED THE MOTION to support the staff recommendation on SB22-023. The motion passed with one opposing.

Meghan MacKillop, legislative and policy advocate, summarized the informational item on the agenda. She recommends taking a neutral position on the Bond Hearing Bill.

CML's Legislative Workshop is scheduled for February 17th at History of Colorado. Lobbyists will give updates and Denver's Mayor Hancock will speak.

Executive Director Kevin Bommer introduced and acknowledged the State of Cities and Towns created by Melissa Mata, Municipal Research Analyst and staff. Melissa summarized highlights and trends of the report.

Kevin Bommer touched on Home Rule and Collective Bargaining. He also mentioned HB22-1024 Sales and Use Tax Exemption Municipal Public School Construction. If this bill passes it opens the door and the broader impact is the concern. Additionally, the Sam Mamet awards for excellence in municipal governance will be selected at the April Board meeting.

The next board meeting is scheduled for February 25th at 9:30am. The meeting will be hybrid with limited in-person seating at CML.

Barbara Bynum MOVED and Russell Stewart SECONDED THE MOTION to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:02am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Sandgren
Secretary/Treasurer