

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
777 North Capitol Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20002**

**MINUTES  
Board of Directors Meeting  
November 8, 2017**

**BOARD MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES:** See attached chart for attendance.

**STAFF:**

Chuck Bean, COG Executive Director  
Leta Simons, COG Chief Financial Officer

**GUESTS:**

Katie Cristol, Human Services Policy Committee Presumptive Chair  
David Snyder, Emergency Preparedness Council Chair  
Dannielle Glaros, Region Forward Coalition Presumptive Chair  
Dan Sze, Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee Chair  
Mary Lehman, Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee Presumptive Chair

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COG Board Chairman Kenyan McDuffie called the meeting to order at 12:15 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

A. Annual Meeting Save the Date – December 13

**3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Chuck Bean noted that COG held a Transit-Oriented Development Forum on November 2 to promote opportunities for development near Metro stations in the region. Bean noted that Street Smart launched its Fall campaign on November 3 promoting pedestrian, cyclist, and driver safety. He also noted that the Transportation Planning Board held a Freight Forum on October 31 to highlight the role of freight in the region. Additionally, he noted that COG held a Winter Weather Briefing on November 6 to discuss the region's winter weather outlook and preparedness. Next, Bean summarized COG's effort to support members in their responses to the Amazon request for proposal for a second headquarters location. Finally, Bean recognized Principal GIS Analyst Charlene Howard as Heart of COG for her work on mapping efforts, including Amazon and Equity Emphasis Areas.

**4. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

There were two amendments to the agenda. First, Resolution R60-2017 authorizing COG to enter into a contract to provide Anacostia River watershed reforestation-related services was added to the consent agenda. Second, an item about the preservation of state and local tax deductions or SALT was added to the agenda.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the October 11, 2017 board meeting were approved.

## **6. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Resolution R57-2017 – Resolution authorizing COG to procure and enter into a contract to support the Metrorail station emergency response exercise series (continuation)
- B. Resolution R60-2017 – Resolution authorizing COG to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to provide Anacostia River watershed reforestation-related services

**Recommended Action: Adopted Resolutions R57-2017 and R60-2017.**

## **7. PRESERVATION OF STATE AND LOCAL TAX DEDUCTIONS**

COG Board Chairman Kenyan McDuffie noted that the elimination of the state and local tax or SALT deduction in the tax bill before the U.S. House of Representatives will result in a tax increase to region's constituents. He asked the board to approve Resolution R61-2017 to submit a letter to the Ways and Means Committee Chairman and other relevant members of Congress asking them to preserve the SALT deduction.

**ACTION: Received briefing and adopted Resolution R61-2017.**

## **8. FY2017 YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

COG Secretary-Treasurer Kate Stewart and Chief Financial Officer Leta Simons briefed the board on the financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, including a summary of revenue, expenditures, and net position.

**ACTION: Received briefing.**

## **9. FY2019 MEMBER DUES AND REGIONAL FEES RECOMMENDATION**

COG CFO Leta Simons and Executive Director Chuck Bean briefed the board on the proposal for the Fiscal Year 2019 Member Dues and Regional Fees, as recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee, which calls for a raise to the per-capita rate from 74 cents to 75.5 cents.

**ACTION: Received briefing and adopted Resolution R58-2017.**

## **10. HUMAN SERVICES/PUBLIC SAFETY POLICY COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION**

Executive Director Chuck Bean briefed the board on the change starting in 2018 to the Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee to create a stand-alone Human Services Policy Committee, while public safety issues will continue to be addressed by COG's public safety committees, including Police Chiefs Committee, Fire Chiefs Committee, 9-1-1 Directors Committee, Emergency Managers Committee, and Emergency Preparedness Council and elevated to the COG Board of Directors for policy actions as may be warranted.

**ACTION: Received briefing and adopted Resolution R59-2017.**

## **11. COG POLICY COMMITTEES 2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND 2018 PRIORITIES**

The incoming or current chairs of the five policy committees provided an overview of accomplishments in 2017 and priorities for 2018. Human Services Policy Committee Presumptive Chair Katie Cristol discussed accomplishments including homeless enumeration report, workforce development initiatives, regional crime report, and behavioral health forum, and shared focus areas for 2018 including mental health, affordable housing, homelessness, workforce development, gang activity, and juvenile justice. Emergency Preparedness Council Chair David Snyder discussed the group's work on the National Capital Region Homeland Security Plan, Metro underground communications with first responders, cybersecurity, and hurricane response and preparedness, and shared priorities for next year including public messaging and outreach and community and private

sector preparedness. Region Forward Coalition Presumptive Chair Dannielle Glaros discussed the group's work on economic competitiveness, workforce, commercial construction, and environmental justice, and noted that the group will work on issues in the coming year such as health, transit-oriented development, attracting talent, and housing affordability. Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee Chair Dan Sze highlighted the committee's work on Chesapeake Bay program funding, wastewater treatment and sewer infrastructure protection from non-degrading flushed wipes, and the impact of clean waters on the regional economy, and discussed focus areas for 2018 including supporting local actions to improve water quality and water quality legislative advocacy. Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee Presumptive Chair Mary Lehman briefed the board on the committee's accomplishments including climate and energy leadership awards, environmental justice toolkit, and Multi-Sector Working Group report, and shared priorities for next year including energy and climate legislative advocacy and implementing the 2020 Climate and Energy Action Plan.

**ACTION: Received briefing and provided direction for 2018.**

## **12. METRO STRATEGY GROUP UPDATE**

COG Board of Directors Vice Chairman Derrick Davis, District of Columbia Council Chairman Phil Mendelson, and Virginia State Senator George Barker provided an update on the work of the Metro Strategy Group to support Metro's capital funding needs. Chairman Davis noted that the group's focus remains on finding a long-term and permanent solution to support Metro's \$500 million annual capital funding gap. The Metro Strategy Group members shared their perspectives on the plans, proposals, and next steps to move dedicated funding forward in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia.

**ACTION: Received briefing.**

## **13. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

## **14. ADJOURN**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 1:54 P.M.

**November 2017 Attendance**

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Y/N</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Y/N</u>
<b><i>District of Columbia</i></b>				
<b>Executive</b>	Hon. Muriel Bowser		Brian Kenner Beverly Perry HyeSook Chung (Tene Dolphin)	Y
	Mr. Rashad Young		Arlen Herrell	
<b>Council</b>	Hon. Phil Mendelson	Y		
	<b><i>Hon. Kenyan R. McDuffie</i></b>	Y		
<b><i>Maryland</i></b>				
Bowie	Hon. G. Frederick Robinson		Hon. Courtney Glass	
Charles County	Hon. Ken Robinson		Hon. Amanda Stewart Hon. Peter Murphy	
City of Frederick	Hon. Randy McClement			
Frederick County	Hon. Jan Gardner		Mr. Roger Wilson	
College Park	Hon. Patrick Wojahn	Y	Hon. Monroe Dennis	
Gaithersburg	Hon. Ryan Spiegel		Hon. Neil Harris	
Greenbelt	Hon. Emmett Jordan		Hon. Judith "J" Davis	
Laurel	Hon. Craig Moe		Hon. Michael Leszcz	
Montgomery County				
<b>Executive</b>	Hon. Isiah Leggett		Mr. Tim Firestine	
<b>Council</b>	Hon. Roger Berliner			
	Hon. Nancy Navarro			
Prince George's County				
<b>Executive</b>	Hon. Rushern Baker		Mr. Nicholas Majett	Y
<b>Council</b>	Hon. Todd Turner	Y		
	<b><i>Hon. Derrick Leon Davis</i></b>	Y		
Rockville	Hon. Bridget Newton	Y		
Takoma Park	Hon. Kate Stewart	Y	Hon. Peter Kovar	
Maryland General Assembly	Hon. Brian Feldman			
<b><i>Virginia</i></b>				
Alexandria	Hon. Allison Silberberg	Y	Hon. Redella Pepper	
Arlington County	Hon. Christian Dorsey	Y		
City of Fairfax	Hon. David Meyer	Y	Hon. Jeffrey Greenfield	
Fairfax County	Hon. Sharon Bulova		Hon. Catherine Hudgins	
	Hon. Penelope A. Gross		Hon. Patrick Herrity	
	Hon. John Foust		Hon. Kathy Smith	
Falls Church	Hon. David Tarter		Hon. David Snyder	Y
Loudoun County	<b><i>Hon. Matt Letourneau</i></b>	Y		
Loudoun County	Hon. Phyllis Randall			
Manassas	Hon. Mark Wolfe			
Manassas Park	Hon. Michael Carrera	Y	Hon. Suhas Naddoni	
Prince William County	Hon. Frank Principi	Y		
	Hon. Ruth Anderson	Y		
Virginia General Assembly	Hon. George Barker	Y (Phone)		

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