

Minutes
Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments
Thursday, March 30th, 2017
MetroCOG Conference Room Bridgeport, Connecticut

Name	Representing
Joseph Ganim, Mayor (Ken Flatto, Proxy)	Bridgeport
Adam Dunsby, First Selectman	Easton
John Harkins, Mayor, Vice-Chair	Stratford
Timothy Herbst, First Selectman, Chairman	Trumbull
Steve Vavrek, First Selectman	Monroe
Matthew Fulda, Acting Executive Director	MetroCOG
Lawrence Ciccarelli, Administrative Services Director	MetroCOG
David Salazar-Austin, Legal Counsel	Jackson Lewis
Dennis Kokenos, Legal Counsel	Owens, Shine & Nicola

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I. Call to Order

This was a regular meeting of the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments. It was called to order by the Chair, First Selectman Herbst, at 2:06 PM. A quorum was declared.

II. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

III. Executive Session

First Selectman Herbst entertained a motion to take the meeting out of order and enter into executive session at 2:07PM. A Motion was made by First Selectman Vavrek and second by First Selectman Dunsby. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Mayor John Harkins and second by First Selectman Vavrek. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously. The board came out of Executive Session at 3:07PM.

VII. Other Business

First Selectman Herbst entertained a motion to approve the settlement agreement are revised under the recommendation of MetroCOG's legal counsel in this matter, David Salazar-Austin. A motion was made by Ken Flatto and second by First Selectman Dunsby. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

First Selectman Herbst entertained a motion for the Board to contact Mr. Brian Bidolli to arrange a time to meet with Board to respond to questions from the Board. A motion was made by First Selectman Vavrek and second my Mayor Harkins. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

First Selectman Herbst entertained a motion to exercise the 90-day termination clause in the Independent Contractor Agreement between MetroCOG and Mr. Brian Bidolli. The motion was made by First Selectman Dunsby and second by Mr. Flatto. There was a discussion on the motion.

Mayor Harkins stated that he would like to have the discussion with Mr. Bidolli prior to any termination of the agreement.



First Selectman Herbst stated that he believed the questions from the Board to Mr. Bidolli were a separate issue from the independent contractor agreement as issues related to those questions were from Mr. Bidolli's time as an employee of MetroCOG.

Mr. Flatto stated that he agreed with First Selectman Herbst that they were separate issues and confirmed that given the independent contractor agreement Mr. Bidolli's contract would still be in place for 90 days from the day of notice.

Mr. Fulda confirmed that the language in the contract required 90-day notice so there would still be time to engage Mr. Bidolli if necessary over that period.

Mayor Harkins, upon learning of the 90 day provision, retracted his previous statement.

The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Harkins and seconded by First Selectman Vavrek at 3:11 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Kenneth Flatto
MetroCOG Secretary Pro-Tem