

MINUTES
CML Executive Board Meeting
January 24, 2020, Denver, Colorado

Board members present: President Liz Hensley, Council Member, Alamosa; Vice President Robert Widner, City Attorney, Centennial; Secretary/Treasurer Kathi Meyer, Council President Pro Tem, Steamboat Springs; Past President Wade Troxell, Mayor, Fort Collins; Larry Atencio, Council Member, Pueblo; Kendra Black, Council Member, Denver; Cathie Brunnick, Mayor Pro Tem, Lone Tree; Barbara Bynum, Mayor Pro Tem, Montrose; Greg Caton, City Manager, Grand Junction; Sharon Craig, Trustee, Ignacio; A.J. Euckert, City Manager, Dacono; Dale Hall, Mayor Pro Tem, Greeley; Kathy Hodgson, City Manager, Lakewood; John Kettling, Trustee, Deer Trail; Kristie Melendez, Mayor, Windsor; Christian Morgan, Town Manager, Kersey; Russell Stewart, Mayor, Cherry Hills Village.

Board members present by phone: Ashley McMurray, Mayor Pro Tem, Hayden.

Newly appointed Board members present: Wynetta Massey, City Attorney, Colorado Springs; Darrin Tangeman, City Manager, Woodland Park.

Board members absent: Jessica Sandgren, Council Member, Thornton.

CML Staff members present: Kevin Bommer, Executive Director; David Broadwell, General Counsel; Morgan Cullen, Legislative and Policy Advocate; Brandy DeLange, Legislative and Policy Advocate; Meghan Dollar, Legislative and Policy Advocate; Kathleen Harrison, Meetings and Events Coordinator; Melissa Mata, Municipal Research Analyst; Heather Stauffer, Legislative and Policy Advocate; Sarah Werner, Engagement and Communications Manager; Allison Wright, Finance & Administration Manager; Dianne Backhus, Executive Assistant.

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

Kathi Meyer MOVED and Dale Hall seconded THAT THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 13, 2019 BE APPROVED. The motion passed unanimously.

President Hensley reported on the interviews for the two Board vacancies expiring in June 2020. Two candidates applied for the opening in the medium cities category: Joyce Downing from Northglenn and Darrin Tangeman from Woodland Park. One candidate applied for the opening in the largest cities category: Wynetta Massey from Colorado Springs. After interviewing and deliberating, the Executive Board officers recommended that the vacancies be filled by Darrin Tangeman and Wynetta Massey. It was MOVED BY KATHY HODGSON AND SECONDED BY BOB WIDNER THAT THE FULL BOARD CONCUR WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICERS, AND THAT DARRIN AND WYNETTA BE APPOINTED TO THE BOARD. The motion passed unanimously. Both Wynetta and Darrin were in attendance and joined the Board for the remainder of the meeting.

Meghan Dollar led the reporting and discussion on current legislative items and positions. Information on the various bills was also presented by Morgan Cullen, Brandy DeLange and Heather Stauffer. RUSSELL STEWART MOVED AND KATHI MEYER SECONDED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ACTION ITEMS. The motion passed unanimously. Meghan reminded the Board of the upcoming Legislative Workshop to be held at History Colorado on Thursday, February 13th, and requested that Board members attend as well as encourage participation by others in their municipalities. A reception will also be held at the CML offices following the workshop, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

General Counsel David Broadwell updated Board members on several initiatives with potential impact on cities and towns in Colorado. At this point, only three will officially be on the ballot, although others may possibly be circulating petitions in the upcoming weeks.

Meeting and Events Coordinator Kathleen Harrison provided a brief update on the 2020 Annual Conference to be held in the City of Westminster on June 23-26. Online registration will open on February 3rd. Board members (or their assistants) will be able to register online with a special coupon code to receive free registration. There will be an increased spotlight on board candidates this year, and the entire April *Colorado Municipalities* magazine will focus on the conference. Board members are reminded to encourage potential Board member candidates to seek nominations. They can also recommend applicants for free sponsorships to the conference. The deadline for sponsorship applications is February 19.

Municipal Research Analyst Melissa Mata presented a preview of the recent statewide survey results focusing on municipal human resources and the recruiting and retention of municipal employees. The annual State of Our Cities and Towns Report was compiled from responses from 58% of Colorado's cities and towns. A more comprehensive review of the data will be in the February issue of *Colorado Municipalities*.

Executive Director Kevin Bommer reported that the legislative advocacy team is working very well together, and he has been able to step away from his former legislative involvement. There are currently 16 former municipal officials serving in the state legislature. He also advised the Board that nearly all of the municipalities have submitted their 2020 dues as of Thursday, 1/30/2020; fewer than ten are still outstanding. Kevin has led Roles and Responsibilities workshops in several towns, and others have requested the same. Spring Outreach/Good Governance meetings will be scheduled to follow spring elections. Kevin will attend CCCMA in Grand Junction in February and NLC in March. While at NLC in Washington, D.C., CML plans to host a lunch with Colorado House delegates as well as a breakfast with Colorado Senators. In Kevin's previously-introduced performance plan, the Board had approved a mentoring program to help facilitate his transition to the Executive Director position. After considerable research, Kevin now has a contract under review with the Center for Creative Leadership.

At the 2019 Annual CML Conference, it was decided to make changes to the Municipal Heroes Award. It is being rebranded as the Good Governance Award and named in honor of long-time CML leader Sam Mamet, with specific principles to follow and with special incentives attached. Liz Hensley has made it her Presidential Initiative to promote and encourage nominations for this Award, and has asked each Board member to nominate at least one individual by the next Board meeting in February. Nominations may also be submitted from CML members and from the Executive Director, and an application form will be posted on the cml.org website. The President may appoint a committee to review nominations and make recommendations, and final selection will be made by the CML Executive Board at the April Board meeting. Presentation of the award will be made at the Thursday General Session of the CML Annual Conference.

A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Meyer
Secretary/Treasurer