

**MINUTES**  
**CML Executive Board Meeting**  
**February 19, 2021, Denver, Colorado**  
**via Videoconference**

**Board members present:** President Robert Widner, City Attorney, Centennial; Vice President Kathi Meyer, Council President Pro Tem, Steamboat Springs; Secretary/Treasurer Dale Hall, Mayor Pro Tem, Greeley; Larry Atencio, Council Vice President, Pueblo; Rick Bain, Mayor, Brush; Kendra Black, Council Member, Denver; Cathie Brunnick, Mayor Pro Tem, Lone Tree; Barbara Bynum, Mayor, Montrose; Greg Caton, City Manager, Grand Junction; Sharon Craig, Trustee, Ignacio; Leah Dozeman, Council Member, Wheat Ridge; A.J. Euckert, City Manager, Dacono; Wynetta Massey, City Attorney, Colorado Springs; Christian Morgan, Town Manager, Kersey; Andrea Samson, Council Member, Loveland; Jessica Sandgren, Mayor Pro Tem, Thornton; Katie Sickles, Town Manager, Bayfield; Russell Stewart, Mayor, Cherry Hills Village; Laura Weinberg, Mayor, Golden; Charlie Willman, Council Member, Glenwood Springs.

**Guests:** Senator John Hickenlooper; Shad Murib, State Director for Senator Hickenlooper.

**Board members absent:** Immediate Past President Liz Hensley, Council Member, Alamosa.

**CML Staff members present:** Kevin Bommer, Executive Director; David Broadwell, General Counsel; Meghan Dollar, Legislative Advocacy Manager; Courtney Forehand, Training and Marketing Specialist; Leslie Hough, Publication and Design Specialist; Meghan MacKillop, Legislative and Policy Advocate; Melissa Mata, Municipal Research Analyst; Karen Rosen, Meetings and Events Planner; Heather Stauffer, Legislative and Policy Advocate; Beauclarine Thomas, Legislative and Policy Advocate; Sarah Werner, Engagement and Communications Manager; Laurel Witt, Associate Counsel; Allison Wright, Finance & Administration Manager; Dianne Backhus, Executive Assistant.

The meeting was called to order by President Widner at 9:00 a.m. Attendance was taken and a quorum was established.

Charlie Willman MOVED AND Kathi Meyer SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director Kevin Bommer informed the Board that a heater in the sprinkler room malfunctioned, allowing a pipe to burst during this week's ultra-low temperatures. Property damage appears to be relatively minor, and repairs will be done as soon as they can be scheduled.

Kevin provided more information on the cancellation of the June 2021 Annual Conference in Snowmass. The Annual Business meeting will still be held virtually in June. Meetings and Events Planner Karen Rosen reported on the plans in process for a fall special conference, both in-person and virtual, with details to be released soon.

U.S. Senator John Hickenlooper joined the Board from Washington, DC, along with his State Director Shad Murib. He shared his early experiences and committee assignments, discussed the proposed COVID relief plan, and identified where his local offices would be housed in various areas of Colorado. He also committed his support to keeping Space Command Headquarters in Colorado.

Legislative Advocacy Manager Meghan Dollar and her team provided in-depth information on recommendations from the Policy Committee's February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. In addition, there were staff recommendations on several other bills introduced since the Legislature reopened this week. After discussion, a few items were set aside for separate votes. A MOTION WAS MADE by Dale Hall AND SECONDED by Katie Sickles THAT THE BOARD SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE AND STAFF ON THE BALANCE OF THE ITEMS PRESENTED. The motion passed unanimously.

Of the items set aside, three were from the Policy Committee and one was from the newer action items. The Committee had recommended support of the Nurse Intake of 911 Calls Grant Program. Charlie Willman MOVED AND Dale Hall SECONDED A MOTION TO CHANGE CML'S POSITION TO 'MONITOR.' The motion passed with two members opposing. Second, the Committee recommended an 'oppose unless amended position' on the Jail Population Management Tools bill. Rick Bain MOVED AND Christian Morgan SECONDED A MOTION TO CHANGE CML'S POSITION TO 'OPPOSE.' After further discussion, Rick Bain WITHDREW HIS MOTION and the Board voted to adopt the Committee recommendation and further requested staff to try to get additional amendments, if possible. In addition, the Committee had recommended staff discretion to support the Management of Plastic Products legislation. After more discussion, Laura Weinberg MOVED AND Kathi Meyer SECONDED A MOTION TO CONCUR WITH THE POLICY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION OF 'STAFF DISCRETION TO SUPPORT.' The motion passed with two members opposing. From the supplemental action items, proposed legislation would allow a single finalist to be named to a state or local chief executive position, without public disclosure of other candidates' personal application materials. CML staff had recommended a position of 'staff discretion to support.' Board members indicated a stronger preference for support. Russell Stewart MOVED AND Barbara Bynum SECONDED A MOTION TO CHANGE THE CML POSITION TO 'SUPPORT.' The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Manager Allison Wright presented an update on member dues and reported on year-end financials. Only four municipalities have not yet paid their 2021 dues. All have received phone calls and have indicated that the payments are in process and should be received at CML soon. The financial report confirms that CML's fiscal health remains strong despite the impacts of COVID-19.

Municipal Research Analyst Melissa Mata provided a recap of books, booklets and Knowledge Now white papers released in 2020. The revamped interactive *2021 State of Our Cities and Towns Report* took a closer look at the impacts of COVID-19 on member municipalities, and the report was utilized by several news outlets as well as Colorado's congressional delegation. Melissa also informed the Board of the publications scheduled to be written or updated in 2021. One publication – *Home Rule Matrix* – will be moved to an online resource. She also requested input from Board members on potential topics of interest for upcoming Knowledge Now white papers.

Kevin Bommer gave a brief Executive Director report. He provided requested training the prior evening to elected officials in Hayden. He reiterated that the Annual Business Meeting will be held in June to meet Board by-law requirements for Board terms/elections, voting on the CML Policy Statement, and announcement of 2022 dues. The next scheduled Board meeting will be on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will also be a Board meeting after the virtual Annual Business Meeting in June.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Charlie Willman AND SECONDED by Kathi Meyer TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Hall  
Secretary/Treasurer