

**MINUTES**  
**CML Executive Board Meeting**  
**April 23, 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; Immediate Past President Liz Hensley, Council Member, Alamosa; Rick Bain, Mayor, Brush; 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; 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:** Rodney Rice and Stephanie Simon from RubinBrown LLP.

**Board members absent:** Larry Atencio, Council Vice President, Pueblo; Kendra Black, Council Member, Denver; Andrea Samson, Council Member, Loveland.

**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; Heather Stauffer, Legislative and Policy Advocate; Beauclarine Thomas, Legislative and Policy Advocate; Mark Vanderbrook, Database Specialist; 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.

Jessica Sandgren MOVED AND Kathi Meyer SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH MEETING AS SUBMITTED. The motion passed unanimously. An additional MOTION WAS MADE by Kathi Meyer AND SECONDED by Leah Dozeman TO APPROVE THE ADDENDUM TO THE MINUTES RE: CHANGES TO CML'S POSITION ON SB 21-062. This motion also passed unanimously.

Finance Manager Allison Wright introduced guests Rodney Rice and Stephanie Simon from RubinBrown, who presented their report on the CML audit. No adjustments were needed, and the audit report was excellent. Dale Hall MOVED AND Wynetta Massey SECONDED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AUDIT REPORT AS PRESENTED. The motion passed unanimously.

Allison then presented the BAM committee's calculations for 2022 CML dues, including an overall increase of 3.45%. Liz Hensley MOVED AND Russell Stewart SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE'S DUES RECOMMENDATION AS PRESENTED. The motion passed unanimously. Following last year's temporary suspension of dues rebates, the Board discussed whether the suspension should become permanent. Russell Stewart MOVED AND Katie Sickles SECONDED A MOTION TO ELIMINATE THE DUES REBATE GOING FORWARD. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Advocacy Manager Meghan Dollar and the advocacy team summarized the recommendations of the Policy Committee following the committee meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup>. The Board set several items aside for further discussion, with the remainder of the items meeting with Board approval. Charlie Willman MOVED AND Kathi Meyer SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE ON THE ITEMS NOT SET ASIDE FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION. The motion passed unanimously. Four items were then discussed in depth by Board members and staff. (1) The Policy Committee had recommended 'support if amended' for HB21-1263, due to some confusion on which municipalities could apply for funding. It was clarified that all were eligible, and Board members concurred with staff to change the position to 'support.' Barbara Bynum

MOVED AND Kathi Meyer SECONDED A MOTION TO CHANGE THE POSITION ON HB21-1263 TO 'SUPPORT.' The motion passed unanimously. (2) HB21-1286 will create a statewide building energy performance benchmarking program. The Policy Committee had recommended support of this bill, but Board members concurred with staff and preferred to remain neutral. Jessica Sandgren MOVED AND Leah Dozeman SECONDED A MOTION TO CHANGE THE CML POSITION ON HB21-1286 TO 'NEUTRAL.' The motion passed with one opposing vote. (3) SB21-180 (Recycling and Composting Enterprise Grant Program) has recently become a study rather than a grant program, and staff has requested a neutral stance. Dale Hall MOVED AND Russell Stewart SECONDED A MOTION TO CHANGE CML'S POSITION TO 'NEUTRAL.' The motion passed with one opposing vote. (4) The future transportation funding bill was discussed at length. The Board ultimately concurred with the Policy Committee recommendation of 'staff discretion to support.' Jessica Sandgren MOVED AND Charlie Willman SECONDED A MOTION TO RETAIN THE POSITION OF 'STAFF DISCRETION TO SUPPORT' ON THE UPCOMING TRANSPORTATION FUNDING BILL. The motion passed unanimously. Board members requested updates on two previously discussed bills: HB21-1162 Management of Plastic Products and SB21-062 Jail Population Management. There are some changes to the language of the plastics bill, affecting local control and causing ongoing concern to CML. The jail population bill has had some amendments added, but CML is still opposed.

General Counsel David Broadwell provided information on an amicus request from the City of Boulder in a sidewalk liability case that is now pending in the Colorado Supreme Court. This case has far-reaching implications for municipal tort liabilities in the future. Wynetta Massey MOVED AND Rick Bain SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE CML PARTICIPATION IN THIS AMICUS CURIAE. The motion passed unanimously.

Kevin and David presented some by-laws changes to be presented to membership for approval at the Annual Business Meeting. The changes will update some language and bring the by-laws more current. Other changes will be forthcoming, and the Board will be asked to approve the changes via email vote later this month.

The Sam Mamet Good Governance Award was new last year. The Board had discussed at that time if one award was sufficient, and that issue arose again this year. There were many nominations, and A MOTION WAS MADE by Liz Hensley AND SECONDED by Kathi Meyer TO PRESENT TWO AWARDS: ONE FOR AN ELECTED OFFICIAL AND ONE FOR AN APPOINTEE OR STAFF MEMBER. The motion passed unanimously. <<Portion of minutes redacted to maintain secrecy of winners prior to September award presentations.>> Board members wanted to note the difficult year for peace officers, managers and other officials across the state and make a point to recognize those who have gone above and beyond their usual duties in coping with the challenges of the COVID pandemic. City Managers especially faced complicated and challenging situations over the past year and a half. Charlie Willman MOVED AND Liz Hensley SECONDED A MOTION TO COMMEND CITY MANAGERS FOR THEIR PERSEVERANCE THIS PAST YEAR. The motion passed unanimously. The awards are to be announced at the September Special Conference, but winners will be notified privately in May.

A former Japanese American WWII incarceration site known as Amache, is located near Granada, CO. The National Parks Conservation Association has requested CML's support to help them seek designation of this site as a National Historic Site. Kevin presented information on the request. Barbara Bynum MOVED AND Wynetta Massey SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE CML'S SUPPORT FOR THE NHS DESIGNATION. The motion passed unanimously.

Kevin reminded Board members that the Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2021. When CML decided not to hold the Annual Conference that week, CCMA and CIRSA scheduled meetings that week, causing potential conflicts for many CML members as well as Board members. CML is currently working on moving the Annual Business Meeting to Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, with the Board meeting to follow Monday afternoon or possibly Tuesday morning. Details will be made available in the next two weeks. This Board meeting will include all carryover members as well as all those elected or re-elected at the Business Meeting.

The CML Special Conference will be held in Westminster September 22-24, 2021. Registration will open this summer for both the in-person conference and the virtual event to follow one week later. Details will be released in upcoming Newsletters and emails.

Kevin announced the upcoming Executive Board Retreat that will be held from July 8-10 in Steamboat Springs. A room block is being held, at the new Residence Inn, and details will follow.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Wynetta Massey AND SECONDED by Leah Dozeman TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Hall  
Secretary/Treasurer

## **CML Executive Board Addendum**

### **Supplement to Minutes of April 23 Meeting**

On May 5, staff emailed a memorandum (attached) with a request to SUPPORT SB21-256, which was gun-related legislation deemed to have a direct municipal interest. Staff requested a vote response via email response to Kevin Bommer, executive director. Having failed to receive 11 or more votes IN FAVOR of supporting the bill, the request did not pass and CML had NO POSITION on the bill. No other action was requested or taken.

On May 17, staff emailed a memorandum (attached) with a request to oppose SB21-273, which was introduced to replace SB21-062 related to prohibiting arrest of individuals charged with certain crimes under certain conditions. Staff requested a vote response via email to Kevin Bommer, executive director. Staff received 17 votes IN FAVOR of opposing the legislation, no votes OPPOSED to the request, and four Board members did not respond. Having surpassed the required 11 votes to approve the request, CML adopted an OPPOSE position on the bill.