

MINUTES
CML Executive Board Meeting
December 10, 2021, Denver, Colorado

Board members present: President Bob Widner, Immediate Past President, City Attorney Centennial; Vice President Dale Hall, Mayor Pro Tem, Greeley; Secretary/Treasurer Jessica Sandgren, Mayor Pro Tem, Thornton; Larry Atencio, Council President, Pueblo; Rick Bain, Mayor, Brush; Barbara Bynum, Council Member, Montrose; Greg Caton, City Manager, Grand Junction; Sharon Craig, Trustee, Ignacio; A.J. Euckert, City Manager, Dacono; Liz Hensley, Council Member, Alamosa; Susan Jung, Mayor, Rocky Ford; Angela Lawson, Council Member, Aurora; John Marriott, Council Member, Arvada; Wynetta Massey, City Attorney, Colorado Springs; Katie Sickles, Town Manager, Bayfield; Russell Stewart, Mayor, Cherry Hills Village; Laura Weinberg, Mayor, Golden; Charlie Willman, Mayor Pro Tem, Glenwood Springs; Melissa Youssef, Council Member, Durango.

Board members absent: Andrea Samson, Council Member, Loveland

CML Staff members present: Kevin Bommer, Executive Director; David Broadwell, General Counsel; Meghan Dollar, Legislative Advocacy Manager; Leslie Hough, Publication and Design Specialist; Meghan MacKillop, Legislative and Policy Advocate; Melissa Mata, Municipal Research Analyst; Karen Rosen, Meetings and Events Planner; Robert Sheesley, General Council; Heather Stauffer, Legislative and Policy Advocate; Jennifer Stone, Engagement and Communications Manager; Makenna Sturgeon, Training and Marketing Specialist; Beauclarine Thomas, Legislative and Policy Advocate; Allison Wright, Finance & Administration Manager; Lara Larkin, Executive Assistant.

The meeting was called to order by President Widner at 9:00 a.m. Attendance was taken and a quorum was established, with Board and staff members attending virtually via Zoom.

Charlie Willman MOVED AND Jessica Sandgren SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 15, 2021 AS SUBMITTED. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director Kevin Bommer welcomed new staff members Jennifer Stone, Lara Larkin, and Robert Sheesley.

President Widner presented the Board a special recognition item for consideration. After several very complimentary comments, Wynetta Massey MOVED AND Rick Bain SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE an Honorary Life Membership to David Broadwell for his tremendous service to CML. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director Kevin Bommer reviewed the CML procedure for filling Board vacancies. CML can choose to wait until the annual business meeting, appoint someone from a previously competitive election, or open the position to eligible candidates in the small or medium category by posting in our newsletter. Barbara Bynum MOVED AND Katie Sickles SECONDED A MOTION TO TAKE APPLICATIONS and ACCEPT STAFF RECOMMENDATION to fill the open Board positions. The motion passed unanimously, and all applications will be due by Jan. 14, 2021. Kevin will reach out to small and medium category candidates from 2021 Board election to ensure they are notified of the Board vacancies.

Secretary/Treasurer Jessica Sandgren & Finance and Administration Manager Allison Wright presented the Budget, Audit and Management (BAM) committee recommendations from their December 2nd meeting, The BAM committee recommended that the compensation plan methodology, 2021 year-end changes to board designated funds and the proposed 2022 budget be approved. Russell Stewart

MOVED TO APPROVE ALL THREE RECOMMENDATIONS and Susan Jung SECONDED THE MOTION. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Advocacy Manager Meghan Dollar and the advocacy team presented recommendations on the ten action items discussed at the December 3rd Policy Committee meeting.

The Policy Committee expects to see proposed legislation for State-Mandated Public Employee Collective Bargain and strongly opposes this proposition as it's a blatant attack on home rule and such decisions should be kept at the local level. The policy committee recommends supporting Public Entities being able to use Credit Unions as it provides municipalities another option for financing their projects. The CML policy committee recommends maintaining the discretion to oppose the Pre-trial Reform as it limits the municipalities authority to enforce their own ordinances. There is Bipartisan and CML Policy Committee support for the General Fund Direct Distribution to PERA. The State Payment for Old Hire Death and Disability Benefits will bring the state in as an equitable partner in funding the trust fund for PERA and staff recommends support. The Policy committee also supports the Extended Producer Responsibility in order to increase waste diversion and recycling and improve waste disposal for municipalities. This sustainability effort will be partnering state and local government. Discretion to oppose both the Extension of State Sales Tax Exemption on School Projects to municipalities and the Simplification of Business Licensing for Remote Sellers was discussed. The committee recommends staff discretion to support the final two action items: Resources for Volunteer Firefighters and Wildfire incentives for Local Governments.

Meghan Dollar provided an update on the CML initiated legislation specifically a concurrent resolution that would allow voters to amend TABOR and remove the prohibition on the real estate transfer tax. The advocacy team has yet to find a sponsor but will continue to pursue. She notes legislators are interested in finding a continuous funding source for affordable housing.

Melissa Youssef MOVED AND Charlie Willman SECONDED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE ON THE ACTION ITEMS. The motion passed unanimously.

General Council David Broadwell and Robert Sheesley noted there are no new amicus requests and will continue to monitor their 5 pending cases.

Meghan Dollar reported the CML Special Committee on Policing has yet to meet but will initially receive a draft bill via email and will likely have a virtual meeting for follow up discussion.

President Widner discussed desire for the Board Subcommittee on Equity and Diversity to be an ongoing mission and change the title to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Melissa Youssef, Angela Lawson, and Laura Weinberg will join the committee. Liz Hensley MOVED and Jessica Sandgren SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE changing the subcommittee name to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. The motion passed unanimously.

President Widner proposed Past President and Honorary Life Member Kathi Meyer remain on the Board Subcommittee on Housing and chair the committee. Kathi Meyer joined the meeting via Zoom. Liz Hensley MOVED and Barbara Bynum SECONDED the motion to appoint Kathi Meyer to Chair the subcommittee on housing. The motion passed unanimously.

Meghan Dollar provided update from the November 4th meeting addressing the President's initiative on Housing. The Board Housing Subcommittee met to identify the desired outcomes and how they will be achieved. Meghan reports the staff will continue to identify opportunities to implement the President's initiative as the subcommittee so directs. A progressive series of webinars will be proposed. Kathi Myer left the meeting.

Kevin Bommer presented changes and updates to the CML Strategic Plan. Most of the revisions came out of the work done at the staff retreat, and the majority are preferable restatements and clarifications. Kevin noted the specific request of the Board at the July 2021 Retreat to include "Identify emerging issues that impact municipalities". He will update the Commitment to Equity and Diversity statement to reflect the new title of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. The strategic plan includes long term focus on key priorities. Wynetta Massey MOVED and Charlie Willman SECONDED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE STRATEGIC PLAN REVISIONS. The motion passed unanimously.

At 10:48am the meeting paused staff members were excused at that time.

Board members returned for an Executive Session to update the Executive Director's performance & compensation plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Sandgren
Secretary/Treasurer