

MINUTES
CML Executive Board Meeting
January 24, 2025 - Denver, Colorado

Board members present: President Wynetta Massey, City Attorney, Colorado Springs; Vice President Seth Hoffman, City Manager, Lone Tree; Secretary/Treasurer Laura Weinberg, Mayor, Golden; Immediate Past President Jessica Sandgren, Councilwoman, Thornton; Michelle Eddy, Town Manager/Clerk, Blue River; Dave Frank, Mayor Pro Tem, Montrose; Dale Hall, Mayor Pro Tem, Greeley; Liz Hensley, Mayor Pro Tem, Alamosa; Jim Keehne, City Administrator, Burlington; Dave Kerber, Mayor Pro Tem, Greenwood Village; Dan Kramer, Town Attorney, Estes Park; John Marriott, Councilmember, Arvada; James Marsh-Holschen, Councilmember, Broomfield; Rachel Medina, Mayor, Cortez; Candy Meehan, Mayor, Norwood; Joshua Rivero, Mayor, Parker; Hollie Rogin, Mayor, Lyons; Carol Saade, Council Member, Breckenridge; Amanda Sawyer, Councilmember, Denver; Anna Stout, Council Member, Grand Junction; Robert Widner, City Attorney, Centennial.

CML Staff members present: Kevin Bommer, Executive Director; Rachel Bender, Senior Associate Counsel; Elizabeth Haskell, Legislative & Policy Advocate; Kharyl Jackson, Marketing & Communications Specialist; Taylor McGaughey, Law Clerk; Alex Miller, Publication & Design Specialist; Karen Rosen, Meeting and Events Planner; Jeremy Schupbach, Legislative & Policy Advocate; Robert Sheesley, General Counsel; Bev Stables, Legislative & Policy Advocate; Heather Stauffer, Legislative Advocacy Manager; Denise White, Engagement and Communications Manager; Allison Wright, Finance and Administration Manager; Lara Larkin, Executive Assistant.

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

Dave Frank MOVED AND Joshua Rivero SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 13, 2024 MEETING. The motion passed unanimously.

Allison Wright, Finance and Administration Manager, provided a current municipal dues update.

Liz Hensley, Chair of Policy Committee Roles & Responsibilities, provided a summary of suggested revisions. After some discussion, Dave Frank MOVED and Rachel Medina SECONDED THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REVISIONS TO THE ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE POLICY COMMITTEE. The motion passed unanimously.

General Counsel Sheesley provided the Amicus update with the desire to support Boulder in their appeal to the Colorado Court of Appeals regarding SMB Advertising, Inc. dba Yellow Scene Magazine v. Boulder.

Dave Kerber MOVED AND Amanda Sawyer SECONDED THE MOTION TO SUPPORT CML AMICUS PARTICIPATE IN THE BOULDER APPEAL. The motion passed unanimously.

Heather Stauffer, Legislative Advocacy Manager, and the Advocacy Team summarized recommendations from the January 17th, 2025 CML Policy Committee meeting and the supplemental action items.

John Marriott MOVED and Joshua Rivero SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE AND STAFF AS PRESENTED. The motion passed unanimously.

Stauffer went on to provide a status update on the three CML-initiated bills including limitations on state-run mental health care facilities, failure to appear in bonding bills, and a vacancy tax bill.

Denise White, Engagement and Communications Manager, provided a summary of the proposed “Back to Basics” Initiative programming. Both a citizens’ guide and the need for a more robust candidate’s guide were discussed. Kevin Bommer, Executive Director, said the candidate’s guide would be the first priority and that staff would come back to the citizens’ guide concept in the future.

At 11:51 a.m., the meeting paused for a short lunch break. The meeting resumed at 12:12 p.m.

Karen Rosen, Meeting and Events Planner, introduced the NICE (Network, Inform, Connect, Educate) program; a multi-year initiative designed to enhance engagement with CML members.

Heather Stauffer & Karen Rosen gave a brief update on the upcoming Legislative Workshop. A tour of the state Capitol has been included in the agenda and the reception will be held at History Colorado.

Rosen provided a conference update including future conference locations contracted up through 2031. After some discussion, the board dinner was rescheduled for Tuesday evening, June 24th.

Kevin Bommer asked the Board for feedback on the Sam Mamet Good Governance Award. Hensley, Hoffman, Rivero, Stout, Rogin, and Eddy volunteered to serve on the Board subcommittee that will review applications and recommend winners to the Board. Hensley requested the committee receive the recommendations in early April allowing time to review before the April board meeting.

Anna Stout MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 12:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Weinberg
Secretary/Treasurer