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Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

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MEETING NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of the
BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Thursday, February 1, 2024 at **4:00 p.m.**

This will be a virtual meeting as allowed by Ch. 2 of the Acts of 2023 extending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30 sec.20 until March 31, 2025.

To participate virtually join the Zoom meeting at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84716166729>

Meeting id: 847 1616 6729, Phone: 646.558.8656, 646 931 3860, 312.626.6799, 301 715 8592

Meeting materials are on BRPC's website: www.berkshireplanning.org. Click the calendar of events, then the meeting name, and follow the link to materials.

AGENDA

(all times approximate)

- I. Call to Order & Open Meeting Law Statement (4:00)
- II. Roll Call of Executive Committee Members Attending the Meeting
- III. Vote to Approve Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of January 4, 2024* (4:05)
- IV. Financial Reports (4:10)
 - A. Vote to Approve the December 28, 2023, to January 23*, 2024, Expenditures Report*
 - B. Report on the Accounts Receivable/ Assessments – January 2024
 - C. Report on the Line of Credit
- V. Comments from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Delegates and Alternate Delegates (4:15)
- VI. Items Requiring Action* (4:20)
 - A. Vote to authorize (after the fact) the Executive Director to sign any contracts and agreements with Berkshire Community College related to the BERK12 Mohawk Trail Regional School District project*
 - B. Vote to Approve the Submission of a Grant Application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Strategic Prevention Framework-Partnerships for Success (SPF-PFS) Program in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*
 - C. Vote to Approve Submission of a Grant Application to the US Department of Transportation (DOT) – RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) program *

City and Town Clerks: Please post this notice pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, MGL c. 30A, §§ 18-25.

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- D. Vote to Approve Submission of Comments in Response to the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) Request for Comments on the Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) Review and Stakeholder Questions*
 - E. Vote to Approve Submission of Comments to the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy of the Massachusetts General Court regarding Several Legislative Bills Related to Solar Development and Regulation*
 - VII. Committee Reports and Discussion (4:40)
 - A. Commission Development Committee
 - B. Municipal Planning Organization (MPO)
 - C. Berkshire Brownfields Committee
 - D. Regional Issues Committee
 - E. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee
 - VIII. Executive Director's Report (4:45)
 - A. Report on New Contracts / Agreements
 - B. Berkshires Tomorrow Inc. (BTI) Update
 - C. Staff Updates
 - D. Rural Policy Advisory Commission (RPAC) Update
 - E. Passenger Rail
 - F. Select Board Handbook
 - G. Municipal Empowerment Act
 - H. Housing Bond Bill
 - I. MMA Western and Rural Mass Conference
 - IX. Old Business (4:50)
 - A. None
 - X. New Business (4:50)
 - A. Discussion about the March Commission Meeting
 - XI. Adjournment (5:00)
- Attachments:
- Unapproved Minutes of the January 4, 2024, BRPC Executive Committee Meeting
 - December 28, 2023, to January 23, 2024, Expenditures Report
 - Accounts Receivable Report – January 2024
 - Line of Credit Report
 - Executive Director's Memorandum
 - Unapproved Minutes of the January 4, 2024 Commission Development Committee Meeting
 - Unapproved Minutes of the January 9, 2024 Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting
 - Massachusetts Select Board Association's announcement of the Select Board Handbook
 - Municipal Empowerment Act Summary
 - Affordable Homes Act Summary
 - Affordable Homes Act Testimony
 - December 2023 Technical Assistance Memo
- * Items Requiring Action