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MEETING NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of the

BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Thursday, May 2, 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/3926128831?omn=83986209786>

Meeting id: 392 612 8831, 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 April 4, 2024* (4:05)
- IV. Financial Reports (4:10)
 - A. Vote to Approve the March 29, 2024 to April 25, 2024, Expenditures Report*
 - B. Report on the Accounts Receivable/ Assessments – April 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 Approve Amending BRPC's Vacation Accrual Policy *
 - B. Vote to Approve the Submission of a Grant Application to the Massachusetts Community One Stop for Growth Program for the Sustainable Berkshires Update *
 - C. Vote to Approve the Submission of a Grant Application to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Section 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Competitive Grant Program*
 - D. Vote to Approve the Submission of Comments to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) office on the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) on the New England Power (NEP) E131 Asset Condition Refurbishment Project – (EEA#16663)*
 - E. Vote to Approve the Submission of Comments to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) office on the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) on the New

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

Please Note:

For information regarding postponements or cancellations on the day of a scheduled meeting, please call Berkshire Regional Planning Commission at (413) 442-1521, x5

England Power NSTAR Electric Company/Eversource WT-02 Transmission Right-of-way Reliability Program (TRRP) – Final EIR (EEA File No. 16567)*

- F. Vote to Approve Subaward Monitoring Policy*
- G. Vote to Approve Amendments to BRPC’s Professional Development Program*
- VII. Committee Reports and Discussion (4:50)
 - A. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee
 - B. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
 - C. Regional Issues Committee
 - D. Finance Committee
 - E. Environmental Review Committee
- VIII. Executive Director’s Report (4:55)
 - 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. Rural Road Funding Available
 - G. 5th Thursday Dinner
 - H. Beyond Mobility Plan Public Comment Period
 - I. Berkshire County Digital Equity Summit
 - J. Unlocking Housing Production Listening Session
- IX. Old Business (5:00)
 - A. Discussion about State Retirement Legislation
- X. New Business (5:05)
 - A. Discussion about the May Commission Meeting
 - B. Discussion about the Annual Meeting
 - C. Review and Discussion of the FY 25 BRPC Budget
- XI. Adjournment (5:10)

Attachments:

- Unapproved Minutes of the April 4, 2024, BRPC Executive Committee Meeting
- March 29, 2024 to April 25, 2024 Expenditures Report
- Accounts Receivable Report – April 2024
- Line of Credit Report
- Executive Director’s Memorandum
- BRPC Vacation Leave Accrual Amendment
- Draft – Subaward Monitoring Policy
- Unapproved Minutes of the April 10, 2024 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee Meeting
- Unapproved Minutes of the April 23, 2024 Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting
- Intern Resume – Aleesha Siddiqui
- Intern Resume – Peter Luke Pelowski
- Rural Policy Advisory Commission Comments on the Affordable Homes Act
- Rural Policy Advisory Commission Comments on the Mass Leads Act
- Compass Rail summary
- Berkshire Flyer Announcement
- BRPC 5th Thursday Announcement
- February and March 2024 Technical Assistance Memo

* Items Requiring Action