



# BRPC

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, April 4, 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=85431200863>

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](http://www.berkshireplanning.org).** Click the calendar of events, then the meeting name, and follow the link to materials.

### **AGENDA (Revised 4/2/24)** (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 March 7, 2024\* (4:05)
- IV. Financial Reports (4:10)
  - A. Vote to Approve the March 1 2024 to March 28, 2024, Expenditures Report\*
  - B. Report on the Accounts Receivable/ Assessments – February 2024
  - C. Report on the Line of Credit
- V. Suggestions from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Delegates and Alternates about Items or Topics for Future Meetings (4:15)
- VI. Items Requiring Action\* (4:20)
  - A. Vote to Submit Comments and Recommended Amendments on HB 3551, An Act facilitating site plan review\***
  - B. Vote to Approve the Salary Merit Increase Range and Personnel Pay Plan for FY 25\*
  - C. Vote to Approve the Submission of a Grant Application to MassCEC's EMPOWER Innovation and Capacity Building Program\*
  - D. Vote to Approve the Submission of a Grant Application to MassCEC's EMPOWER Implementation Grant Program\*
- VII. Committee Reports and Discussion (4:35)
  - A. Berkshire Brownfields Committee
  - B. Commission Development Committee
  - C. Transportation Advisory Committee
  - D. Municipal Planning Organization (MPO)

**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

- VIII. Executive Director's Report (4:40)
- 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. MassDOT Transportation Innovation Conference 2024
  - G. MMA Western and Rural Mass Conference
  - H. 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday Dinner
  - I. Consent to Reduce the 120-day Notification Requirement for Two APR Applications
  - J. **Commission on Energy Infrastructure Siting and Permitting Recommendations**
  - K. **Beyond Mobility Report**
- IX. Old Business (4:45)
- A. No Old Business
- X. New Business (4:45)
- A. Discussion About a More Focused Approach Related to Proposed Legislation
  - B. May Commission Meeting
- XI. Adjournment (5:00)
- Attachments:
- Unapproved Minutes of the March 7, 2024, BRPC Executive Committee Meeting
  - March 1, 2024 to March 28, 2024 Expenditures Report
  - Accounts Receivable Report – March 2024
  - Line of Credit Report
  - Executive Director's Memorandum
  - Proposed FY 25 Personnel Pay Plan
  - Unapproved Minutes of the March 14, 2024 Commission Development Committee Meeting
  - Unapproved Minutes of the March 19, 2024 Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting
  - Unapproved Minutes of the March 26, 2024 Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting
  - Resume – Liana Rice
  - Resume – Sophie Carnes Jannen
  - Proposed APR maps - Sheffield
- \* Items Requiring Action