



MEETING NOTICE - Revised

There will be a meeting of the
BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at **7:00 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 Zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3926128831>
Meeting ID: 392 612 8831, Phone: 646.558.8656, 301.715.8592, 312.626.6799

Meeting Materials are posted at www.berkshireplanning.org. Click on the meeting in the Events Calendar to open them.

Agenda

(All times approximate)

- I. Opening (7:00-7:05)**
A. Call to Order and Open Meeting Law Statement
B. Roll Call of Commission Members Attending the Meeting
C. Vote to Approve Minutes of the September 21, 2023 Full Commission Meeting
- II. Comments from and Discussion with Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Delegates and Alternates Issues (7:05-7:10)**
Delegates and Alternates may bring up any issue not on the agenda for discussion. Any possible action will be referred to a future meeting.
- III. Comments from the Public (7:10-7:15)**
Members of the public may offer comments regarding topics on the agenda or other matters they wish to bring to the Commission's attention. Comments are to be directed to the Commission. Commenters must state their names and the city or town they are from.
- IV. Discussion with the Western Massachusetts Director of the Office of Governor Maura Healey (7:15-7:35)**
Kristen Elechko, the Western Massachusetts Director of the Office of Governor Healey will discuss the Healey Administrations priorities, especially as they relate to Berkshire County.
- V. Presentation of Population Projections (7:35-7:50)**
BRPC GIS, Data and IT Manager Mark Maloy will provide a brief overview of population projections based on the 2020 decennial census results.
- VI. Discussion of the District Local Technical Assistance Program (DLTA) and the District Local Technical Assistance – Augmentation (DLTA-A) Program (7:50-8:00)**
BRPC Community Planning Program Manager CJ Hoss will discuss the DLTA and DLTA-A programs which can provide BRPC staff assistance to communities

- VII. Discussion on Priority Topics for the Commonwealth's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (8:00-8:25)**
Jonathan E. Schrag, Deputy Climate Chief & Director of Investment for Decarbonization and Resilience from the Governor's Office of Climate Innovation and Resilience would like to discuss priorities for the Berkshires as the Commonwealth prepares a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant application.
- VIII. Presentation of Executive Committee Actions (8:25-8:30)**
Executive Committee actions taken on the Commission's behalf at its October 7, 2023 and November 2, 2023 meetings are presented for discussion.
- IX. Vote to Endorse Committee Chair for FY 2024 (8:30-8:35)**
The BRPC bylaws require the Commission to approve Committee Chairs as recommended by the BRPC Chair.
- Regional Issues Committee Chair – Christine Rasmussin, Stockbridge
- X. Approval of Community Assessments for FY 2025 (8:35-8:40)**
By law, BRPC must notify municipalities of their assessments no later than February each year so that they may be included in city/town budgets. With municipal budget preparation starting earlier and earlier this vote will facilitate that work. The BRPC Finance Committee will meet on Monday November 13, 2023 and will provide a recommendation.
- XI. Executive Director's Report (8:40-8:45)**
The Executive Director is available to discuss items in his report
- XII. Adjournment (8:45)**

Other interested citizens and officials are invited to attend.

All times listed are estimates of when specific agenda items may be discussed.

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