



MEETING NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the
BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
on Thursday, January 18, 2024 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/86531428272?pwd=ejM0M0x5OVQ5bkRuMVIKb3NoSlpDdz09>
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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 November 16, 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. Presentation of Executive Committee Actions (7:15-7:20)**

Executive Committee actions taken on the Commission's behalf at its December 7, 2023 and January 4, 2024 meetings are presented for discussion.
- V. Vote to Amend the BRPC Bylaws (7:20-7:30)**

The BRPC Commission Development Committee has recommended the BRPC Bylaws be amended to allow BRPC Officers and Committee members to serve for two year terms instead of one year. This amendment requires a two-thirds vote of Delegates or Alternates attending a Commission meeting.
- VI. Presentation on and Discussion of the Commonwealth's Economic Development Plan (7:30-8:00)**

In December, the Healey administration released the state's economic development plan "Team Massachusetts: Leading Future Generations". The plan, [Economic Development Plan | Mass.gov](#), reflects a vision for Massachusetts organized around three main priority areas, Fundamentals, Talent, and Sectors. We will have a presentation of the Plan.

VII. Discussion on Educational/Informational Emphasis of the Commission (8:00-8:10)

The BRPC Commission Development Committee is seeking input from Delegates and Alternates about future educational/information efforts the Commission should undertake.

VIII. Presentation of the Berkshires Outside Website (8:10-8:25)

We will have a presentation on the Berkshires Outside website <https://berkshiresoutside.org>, which is one-stop shopping for all things outdoor recreation in the Berkshires, which includes information about hiking, from wildlife conservation properties to state parks, as well as a full range of other activities, such as boating, skiing, hunting, mountain biking, and road cycling, plus adventure parks, golf courses, and sports courts.

IX. Executive Directors' Report (8:25-8:30)

The Executive Director is available to discuss items in his report

X. Adjournment (8:30)

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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