



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, January 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/87147316378?pwd=VzdRTjIMUmEycGtHVmRqZ1A3Wit4QT09>
Meeting id: 871 4731 6378, Passcode: 293665 Phone: 646.558.8656, 646 931 3860,
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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 December 7, 2023* (4:05)
- IV. Financial Reports (4:10)
 - A. Vote to Approve the December 1, 2023, to December 27, 2023, Expenditures Report*
 - B. Report on the Accounts Receivable/ Assessments – December 2023
 - 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 Changes to the BRPC Personal, Family, and Medical Leave Policy to Allow for a Paid Leave Option*
 - B. Vote to Approve Submission of a Grant Application to the Rural Health Network Development Planning Program in the Health Resources and Administration (HRSA) Federal Office of Rural Health Policy*
 - C. Vote to Approve Entering into a Contract with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council Related to the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation MassTrails Grant Program

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

- VII. Committee Reports and Discussion (4:40)
 - A. Regional Issues Committee
 - B. Finance 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. Farmland Action Plan
 - G. Economic Development Plan
 - H. Blueprint: Building the Foundation for Recovery
- IX. Old Business (4:50)
 - A. Comments on the Massachusetts Internet for All Plan
- X. New Business (4:50)
 - A. Discussion about the January Commission Meeting
- XI. Adjournment (5:00)

Attachments:

- Unapproved Minutes of the December 7, 2023, BRPC Executive Committee Meeting
- December 1, 2023, to December 27, 2023, Expenditures Report
- Accounts Receivable Report – December 2023
- Line of Credit Report
- Executive Director's Memorandum
- BRPC Personal, Family, and Medical Leave Policy draft
- Clean Energy Transmission Working Group Draft Report Comments
- FY2023 Summary of the Auditor's Results,
- FY2023 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
- FY2023 Audit Management Letter
- Unapproved Minutes of the December 14, 2023 BRPC Finance Committee Meeting
- Jocelyn Latvalla Resume
- Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) comments
- November Technical Assistance Memo
- October Technical Assistance Memo Revised
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* Items Requiring Action