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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, February 1, 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/84716166729>

Meeting id: 847 1616 6729, Phone: 646.558.8656, 646 931 3860, 312.626.6799, 301 715 8592

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### 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 January 4, 2024\* (4:05)
- IV. Financial Reports (4:10)
  - A. Vote to Approve the December 28, 2023, to January 23\*, 2024, Expenditures Report\*
  - B. Report on the Accounts Receivable/ Assessments – January 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 authorize (after the fact) the Executive Director to sign any contracts and agreements with Berkshire Community College related to the BERK12 Mohawk Trail Regional School District project\*
  - B. Vote to Approve the Submission of a Grant Application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Strategic Prevention Framework-Partnerships for Success (SPF-PFS) Program in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services\*
  - C. Vote to Approve Submission of a Grant Application to the US Department of Transportation (DOT) – RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) program \*

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

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- D. Vote to Approve Submission of Comments in Response to the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) Request for Comments on the Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) Review and Stakeholder Questions\*
  - E. Vote to Approve Submission of Comments to the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy of the Massachusetts General Court regarding Several Legislative Bills Related to Solar Development and Regulation\*
  - VII. Committee Reports and Discussion (4:40)
    - A. Commission Development Committee
    - B. Municipal Planning Organization (MPO)
    - C. Berkshire Brownfields Committee
    - D. Regional Issues Committee
    - E. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 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. Select Board Handbook
    - G. Municipal Empowerment Act
    - H. Housing Bond Bill
    - I. MMA Western and Rural Mass Conference
  - IX. Old Business (4:50)
    - A. None
  - X. New Business (4:50)
    - A. Discussion about the March Commission Meeting
  - XI. Adjournment (5:00)
- Attachments:
- Unapproved Minutes of the January 4, 2024, BRPC Executive Committee Meeting
  - December 28, 2023, to January 23, 2024, Expenditures Report
  - Accounts Receivable Report – January 2024
  - Line of Credit Report
  - Executive Director's Memorandum
  - Unapproved Minutes of the January 4, 2024 Commission Development Committee Meeting
  - Unapproved Minutes of the January 9, 2024 Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting
  - Massachusetts Select Board Association's announcement of the Select Board Handbook
  - Municipal Empowerment Act Summary
  - Affordable Homes Act Summary
  - Affordable Homes Act Testimony
  - December 2023 Technical Assistance Memo

\* Items Requiring Action