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Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

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MEETING NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the
BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
on Thursday, March 21, 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/3926128831?omn=84461407009>

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 January 18, 2024 Full Commission Meeting*
- II. Suggestions from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Delegates and Alternates about Items or Topics for Future Meetings (7:05-7:10)**
Delegates and Alternates may suggest agenda items or educational topics for the Chair's consideration for future meetings.
- 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 February 1 and March 7, 2024 meetings are presented for discussion.
- V. Vote to Appoint Two Members to the Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority (BCRHA) Board of Commissioners (7:20-7:25)**
The Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority (BCRHA) has requested that BRPC re-appoint two members, Jay Sacchetti and Lisa Sloane, to three year terms to the BCRHA Board of Commissioners.
- VI. Presentation on and Discussion of "Mass Leads: An Act Relative to Strengthening Massachusetts' Economic Leadership" also Referred to as the Economic Development Bond Bill (7:25-8:00)**
At the last meeting we learned about the state's economic development plan "Team Massachusetts: Leading Future Generations". The plan is then transformed into legislation needed to implement the plan. Rory O'Hanlon, the Executive Office of Economic Development will explain the proposed legislation. The bill and information about the bill can be accessed at Economic Development Bill | Mass.gov.

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VII. Presentation of Eversource’s Electric Sector Modernization Plan, “A Comprehensive Roadmap to Achieve Massachusetts’ Clean Energy Goals” (8:00–8:30)

Massachusetts has established the Clean Energy Climate Plan, with the goal to reduce regional greenhouse gas emissions to zero by 2050. The electric distribution system will play a crucial role in achieving this goal. Representatives from Eversource will present their electric Sector Modernization Plan that lays out the steps they will need to take to enable Massachusetts to achieve that goal. The plan can be accessed at [Electric Sector Modernization Plan \(eversource.com\)](http://eversource.com)

VIII. Executive Directors’ Report (8:30-8:35)

The Executive Director is available to discuss items in his report

IX. Adjournment (8:35)

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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