



Minutes of the July 7, 2026 Executive Committee Meeting

Present: Bob Carlson (Chairman), Dan Cunningham, John Salomone, Cheryl Blanchard

SECOG staff: Amanda Kennedy, Kate Rattan, Helen Zincavage

1) Call to Order:

- a) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carlson at 9:06 AM.

2) Roll Call:

- a) Ms. Kennedy determined that a quorum was present.

3) Program Updates:

a) Regional Planning

- i) Housing: Helen Zincavage reported that SECOG had been notified that it would receive funding for two projects through the CT DEEP Climate Resilience Fund program (DCRF); additional design work supporting the removal of the Norwich- Yantic River- Upper Falls Dam, and flood mitigation in Jewett City. SECOG was also notified that it was selected to receive \$3.9 million in CT DEEP brownfields remediation funds for the remediation of a property in Lisbon. Ms. Kennedy noted that this grant is unusual in that it is for implementation, not assessment. Mr. Salomone offered that Norwich has received this grant and could offer guidance. Attendees discussed the Housing Allocation Policy Committee and how to best update the full Board as to progress, and suggested more frequent full updates, potentially at the September meeting.
- ii) Transportation: Kate Rattan provided an update on activities, including
 - (1) Moving forward with bike/ped planning in Waterford
 - (2) Moving forward with New London bus service analysis

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- (3) Upcoming LOTCIP solicitation
 - (4) Public outreach related to SECOG's upcoming long-range transportation plan (MTP)
 - iii) Municipal Services: Amanda Kennedy asked for feedback on the draft 2026 Legislative Summary prior to its release to the full board.
- 4) New Business
- a) Resolution- DCRF Grants. Ms. Kennedy stated that the resolution is required to move forward with grant documents. MOTION: To recommend the full board approve the resolution (Cunningham, Salomone). So voted unanimously.
 - b) TIP Amendments

<u>0170-2026TR</u>	Section 5311 Training/Admin
<u>0170-3806</u>	Replace Variable Message Signs
<u>0170-3818</u>	Statewide New Variable Message Signs
<u>0474-2026FR</u>	Section 5311 WRTD Fixed Route Operating
<u>0474-2026CP</u>	Replacement of 10 to 12 vehicles and the purchase of support equipment
<u>0474-2026DR</u>	Section 5311 WRTD Dial A Ride Funds
<u>0474-2026JA</u>	Section 5311 WRTD Jobs Access Operating
<u>0474-2026WD</u>	Section 5311 WRTD Willi-Danielson Operating

Ms. Rattan reviewed the amendments, which relate to variable message sign additions and improvements and funding for Windham Regional Transit District. Members discussed the transition to electric buses. MOTION: To recommend the SECOG MPO adopt the eight TIP Amendments. (Salomone, Blanchard). Motion passed unanimously.

- c) SECOG Nomination to Southeastern CT Water Authority. Ms. Kennedy shared a request from SCWA for SECOG to nominate potential board members, and that SCWA stated that a current appointee, Nick Mullane, was interested in serving

another term. MOTION: to nominate Nick Mullane for board appointment (Blanchard, Salomone). So voted unanimously.

5) Personnel Policies:

- a) Ms. Kennedy reviewed remote work policies across the nine COGs. Members discussed potential modifications. Ms. Kennedy will bring a draft for review at the next meeting that outlines her recommended policy changes.

6) Potential Speakers:

- a) Eversource: Amanda Kennedy is in contact with Eversource regarding a potential presentation to the board this fall. She asked Mr. Carlson if he would like to place a Roundtable item on the agenda and members concurred.

7) Next Meeting:

- a) Members agreed to cancel the August Executive Committee and Board meetings unless pressing business arises.

8) Adjournment:

- a) The meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.
MOTION: To adjourn the meeting (Blanchard, Salomone). Motion passed unanimously.