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## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2007

Cook County Conference Room  
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois

**Board Members Present:** Rita Athas (Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Chicago), Gerald R. Bennett-Chair (Mayor, City of Palos Hills), Elliott Hartstein (Mayor, Village of Buffalo Grove), Al Larson (President, Schaumburg), Marilyn Michelini (President, Montgomery), Edward Paesel (Executive Director, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association-NIPC), Michael Smith (Mayor, New Lenox) and Nigel Telman (Partner, Sidley Austin, LLP)

**Others Present:** Tom Cuculich-DuPage County (for Stephen Schlickman), Vicky Smith-SWCOM, Jonathan Tremper-RTA and CMAP Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Gordon Smith, Tom Garritano and Sherry Kane.

### 1.0 Call to Order

Mayor Gerald Bennett of Palos Hills and Chair of the Executive Committee of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

### 3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2007 Executive Committee Meeting as presented, was made by Mayor Mike Smith and seconded by Mayor Al Larson. All in favor, the motion carried.

### 4.0 CMAP Policies and Procedures

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn explained the newly developed policies and procedures beginning with the CMAP Personnel Handbook and covering accounting procedures, procurement for the purchase of services, supplies and equipment, grants and contracts, business travel, information technology and ethics. A revolving door policy is

also included that would prevent an employee from leaving the employment of CMAP and contracting for services at a higher rate. Blankenhorn went on to say that these policies and procedures, effective immediately, would be presented later this morning for Board approval.

#### **5.0 Legislative Initiatives**

Regarding HB 1134, Executive Director Blankenhorn, through various conversations and happenings rendered an opinion regarding IDOT and its concerns that basically come down to why should transportation pay all the freight? With the ½%, is \$5 million too much for us? Is \$9 million for the state too much? Not so much concern of the first ¼% that matches federal funds, it's the second ¼% (\$2.5-\$3 million) for planning. Until we get a no, we should continue to push. What about local contributions? It may be difficult to ask for additional money [from IDOT] without the support of locals through the voluntary contribution program. Blankenhorn also announces that Illinois State Representative Julie Hamos will be at this morning's board meeting. And, of course this is not really our bill to negotiate, it is the sponsor's. Staff recommendation on 1134 is to hold the course. Another issue given attention is the bonding authority.

#### **6.0 Regional Air Capacity Discussion**

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn asked the Executive Committee, regarding a south suburban airport, and overall airport capacity does CMAP board have a position? The question comes up frequently and while a decision is not needed today, it is suggested that CMAP have a position. Since O'Hare expansion is moving forward and because there will be a third airport, the question may be are we thinking about planning around the airport? A brief discussion ensues.

#### **7.0 Potential Claims Against CMAP Exception 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)**

Following a motion by Mayor Al Larson that was seconded by Mayor Elliott Hartstein, the Executive Committee adjourned to an executive session to discuss a potential claim against CMAP.

#### **8.0 Executive Director's Performance Review**

Continuing its closed session, the Executive Committee discussed the executive director's performance review. A recommendation will likely be made to the full Board for approval. The motion to adjourn the executive session and return to open session passed unanimously.

#### **9.0 Other Business**

There was no other business before the Executive Committee.

#### **10.0 Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

## 11.0 Adjournment

At approximately 9:30 a.m. a motion to adjourn that was made by Mayor Larson and seconded by Mayor Hartstein passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sherry Kane". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "K".

Sherry Kane, Executive Assistant

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*Approved as presented by unanimous vote, May 7, 2007. A correction was noted in the date (March 14, 2007 should have been April 11, 2007).*