

MEETING MINUTES  
Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
11:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 25, 2023  
Des Moines Area MPO | Virtual Meeting

The MPO Executive Committee held a hybrid live/virtual meeting at 11:30 a.m. on April 25, 2023, at the Des Moines Area MPO office and via Zoom. MPO staff emailed agenda packets to the MPO Executive and members on April 24, 2023. **In addition to these published tentative minutes, there also may be additional meeting notes on file with the MPO staff that are public records and available upon request as provided by law. These tentative minutes reflect all action taken at the meeting.**

**Executive Members Present:**

Bob Andeweg | City of Urbandale  
Stephanie Riva | City of Norwalk  
Ted Weaver | City of Clive  
Dean O'Connor | City of Altoona  
Jeff Walters | City of Polk City  
Mark Holm | City of Ankeny  
Joe Gatto | City of Des Moines  
Len Murray | City of Pleasant Hill  
Matthew McKinney | City of West Des Moines  
Tom Hockensmith | Polk County

**Staff Present:**

Todd Ashby | Executive Director  
Dylan Mullenix | Assistant Director  
Zach Young | Planning Manager  
Andrew Collings | Principal Planner  
Tracey Deckard | Office Manager  
Gunnar Olson | Public Affairs Manager  
Allison van Pelt | Senior Planner

**Others Present:**

Amy Beck | Fiedler Law Firm

**Executive Members Absent:**

Frank Cownie | City of Des Moines

**1. Call to Order**

MPO Chair Bob Andeweg called the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

**2. Vote to enter into closed session**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Holm and seconded by Murray to enter into a closed session.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CLOSED SESSION ENTERED 11:31 A.M.**

**CLOSED SESSION ENDED 12:48 P.M.**

**3. Action in Public Session Related to Personnel Matters**

Chair Andeweg called the meeting to order from the closed session. Discussion from Hockensmith and Gatto on their recommendation for the non-renewal of the Executive Director's Contract. Discussion ensued.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Gatto for the non-renewal of the Executive Director's Contract. Seconded by Hockensmith. Role call was taken. In favor of the non-renewal of the contract: Hockensmith, Gatto, Murray, O'Connor. (4) In favor of the continuation of the Executive Director's Contract: Andeweg, Riva, Weaver, McKinney, Holm, Walters. (6).

**MOTION DEFEATED.**

Request from Hockensmith and Gatto to bring the matter before the Policy Committee. Discussion ensued. MPO Chair set a Special Policy Meeting for Friday, April 28, 2023, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

4. Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.