



Regional Voice Committee Agenda

April 24, 2019

7:30 to 9 am at GPCOG Office

907 Baxter Boulevard, 2nd Floor, Portland Maine

1. Welcome and introductions.

2. Accept minutes of 1-16-19 meeting.

3. Agenda review and meeting outcomes.

We'll briefly review the agenda and summarize today's meeting outcomes:

- Receive session update from Kate Dufore
- Review GPCOG testimony to date
- Discuss strategies for expanding grass roots engagement

4. Presentation by Kate Dufour, Director of State and Federal Relations for Maine Municipal Association. (40 minutes)

Kate Dufour will update us on municipal issues at the midway point of the 2019 legislative session. We'll get insight into the path forward for increased revenue sharing, the homestead exemption, school funding, local option taxes and much more.

We'll leave plenty of time for Q&A so members can dig deeper into whatever they're most interested in knowing.

5. Testimony from GPCOG to date. (10 minutes).

Chris Hall will recap recent direction from the GPCOG Executive Committee – expanding staff's role from organizer to spokespersons on priority issues that this Committee has helped to define in the Roadmap to Prosperity.

Hall will also share copies of testimony delivered to date, and talk about what's coming up next. If members have emerging priorities they'd like to share we'll have time to do that.

6. Expanding Engagement. (30 minutes)

We'll begin a conversation about how best to help the elected and professional municipal leadership in our region engage in the legislative process. Should GPCOG offer grassroots training sessions? Host local forums around the region? Produce more information on policy areas? Please bring your thinking about how to increase our ability to mobilize our region's municipal voices.

7. Next RVC meeting. (5 minutes)

Our next quarterly meeting date will fall in late July. We'll discuss attendance for that time of year as well as any content that members would like to prioritize.

8. Adjourn at 9 am.