



## GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

May 29, 2019

**In Attendance:**

Name	Affiliation
Jerre Bryant, President	Westbrook
Nat Tupper	Yarmouth
Matt Sturgis	Cape Elizabeth
Steve Gorden	Cumberland County
Belinda Ray	Portland
Jeremy Gabrielson	Cape Elizabeth
Mary Fernandes	Casco
Hope Cahan	Falmouth
Peter Joseph	Freeport
Ephrem Paraschak	Gorham
Ron Shepard	Gorham
Sandra Carder	Gray
Jennifer Speirs	North Yarmouth
Deqa Dhalac	South Portland
Claude Morgan	South Portland
Susan Henderson	South Portland
Bill Giroux	Standish
Roger Moseley	Standish
Michael Sanphy	Westbrook
Nat Tupper	Yarmouth
<b>For GPCOG:</b>	Kristina Egan Chris Hall Josh Kochis

## Call to Order and Welcome

Jerre Bryant called the meeting to order at 1:12 pm and welcomed the all attendees.

## Acceptance of 5/30/18 minutes

Acceptance of the minutes as presented was moved by Nat Tupper, seconded by Matt Sturgis. The motion was unanimously passed by members.

## Proposed FY 20 Priorities and Budget

Kristina Egan introduced the GPCOG FY 20 budget by reviewing the agency's three strategic priorities:

- Leading the Region
- Providing excellent member services
- Operating with Excellence

Egan provided data on how member dues have been utilized, highlighting their support of a variety of impactful programming, including:

- Planning services delivered in most GPCOG member communities
- Cooperative purchasing savings delivered across an array of products and services
- Effective engagement in a range of regional issues, including MS4 storm water permitting, cable franchise agreements, expanded housing choices, opioid prevention and community data profiles
- For the first time ever advocacy through the new GPCOG Regional Voice Committee including testimony at the state house on priority regional issues and growing engagement with state lawmakers and the Administration
- Leadership trainings for Council and Board Chairs, with more sessions planned for all elected officials
- Transportation leadership in the region including annual programming of \$20+ million dollars in federal transportation funding, support of a successful \$6 million dollar FTA grant for a new ferry, successful programming of EV settlement funds, the launch of Transit Tomorrow, implementation on short term public transportation recommendations and publication of a Southern Maine Mobility Guide
- Small business support including continuing success of GPCOG's Revolving Loan Fund focused on small businesses and the food economy, as well as GPCOG's growing Brownfields clean up loan program.

- Organizational excellence including successful integration of PACTS and GPCOG staffing and work, the addition of Tony Plante in support of GPCOG member services, the addition of Tom Bell as GPCOG's full time communications professional, and careful budget management by Josh Kochis which has saved \$150,000 annually in operating expenses.

Next Egan discussed new GPCOG initiatives for FY 2020, including:

- Expanded member services in the areas of cooperative purchasing, shared facilities, expanded housing choices in the region and technical assistance for sustainability work at the local level
- Regional leadership initiatives including finalizing and advancing regional transportation investment priorities, launching a new unified website for GPCOG and PACTS, and issuing GPCOG's first "State of the Region" report.
- Operational excellence initiatives including the full merger of GPCOG and PACTS and new funding opportunities utilizing GPCOG's new 501c3 Center for Regional Prosperity and refined staff focus on funding for top organizational priorities.

Josh Kochis presented highlights of the FY 2020 GPCOG budget including:

- GPCOG revenues have increased due to new grants and operational savings
- Revenues by source category show 41% from transportation sources, 31% from economic development sources, and 15% from dues
- Expenses by category show 41% personnel, 28% consulting services and 24% pass through expenses
- Dues utilization for member services and local match shows that dues investments have leveraged \$1.3 million dollars in other funding
- Year over year budget growth primarily a result of new Brownfields funding and new grants from HHS, DoE and FHWA.

After their presentations Jerre Bryant asked for questions. In response Kristina confirmed that the FY 20 GPCOG budget does not plan for any additional staffing increases and that all PACTS funds remain focused as they have been in the past on transportation work.

Acceptance of the FY 20 GPCOG budget and priorities as presented was moved by Nat Tupper, seconded by Matt Sturgis. The motion was unanimously passed by members.

### **Election of Officers and Executive Committee Members**

Jerre Bryant presented the slate of GPCOG Officers and Executive Committee members for FY 20.

Acceptance of the slate of GPCOG Officers and Executive Committee members for FY 20 as presented was moved by Steve Gorden, seconded by Belinda Ray. The motion was unanimously passed by members.

### **Other Business**

Jerre Bryant asked members if there was any other business. There was none.

**Adjourn.** Jerre Bryant adjourned the meeting at 1:38 pm.