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Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

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MEETING NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
of the
BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

This will be a virtual meeting as allowed by An Act relative to extending certain measures adopted during the COVID-19 emergency which extended certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A sec.20, until June 30, 2027.

To participate virtually, join the Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3926128831?omn=83136365185>

Meeting ID: 392 612 8831

Dial by location, 646 931 3860, 646 558 8656, 305 224 1968

Meeting materials are on BRPC's website: www.berkshireplanning.org.

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AGENDA

(all times approximate)

- I. Call to Order & Open Meeting Law Statement (4:00)
- II. Roll Call of Executive Committee Members Attending the Meeting
- III. Vote to Approve the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of December 4, 2025*
- IV. Financial Reports and Discussion (4:05)
 - A. Vote to Approve the November 25, 2025 – December 29, 2025 Expenditures Report*
 - B. Report on Accounts Receivable – December 2025
 - C. Report on the Line of Credit – December 2025
 - D. Financial Procedures Update
- V. Open Comments from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Delegates and Alternate Delegates, not to be further discussed at this meeting by the Executive Committee (4:10)
- VI. Items Requiring Action* (4:15)
 - A. Vote to Ratify the Submission of a Grant Application to the Massachusetts Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) 2.0 Regional Planning Grant Program for the Mount Greylock Region*
 - B. Vote to Approve the Submission of a Grant Application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for Brownfields Assessment Funding*
 - C. Vote to Ratify the Submission of a Grant Application to the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO)'s Reimagining Health and Public Safety Overdose Initiatives (RHAPSODI) 2026 Funding Opportunity*
 - D. Vote to Approve the BRPC Assistant Director, Laura Brennan, to be an Authorized Signatory for BRPC Until the New Executive Director Starts Working*
 - E. Vote to Ratify the Execution of a Contract with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council Related to the MassGIS Roadmap for Municipal Land Use and Zoning Grant*
 - F. Vote to Approve the Execution of a Contract with the Merrimac Valley Planning Commission Related to the MassGIS Addressing Grant*
- VII. Committee Updates, Reports, and Discussion (4:30)

- A. Commission Development Committee
 - B. Environmental Review Committee
 - C. Finance Committee
 - D. Regional Issues Committee
 - E. Berkshire Brownfields Committee
 - F. Berkshire Metropolitan Planning Organization
 - G. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee
 - H. Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
- VIII. Executive Director’s Report and Discussion (4:35)
- A. Report on New Contracts / Agreements
 - B. Berkshires Tomorrow Inc. (BTI) Update
 - C. Staff Updates
 - D. Seasonal Communities Advisory Council Update
 - E. Passenger Rail
 - F. Electronic Records Retention
 - G. Small Clean Energy Infrastructure Facility Siting and Permitting Regulations
 - H. Battery Energy Storage Systems: Frequently Asked Questions on Fire Safety and Public Health
 - I. Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Proposed Acquisition of an Interest of Land
 - J. BRPC Public Health Program Update
- IX. Old Business and Discussion (4:45)
- A. Update and Discussion about the Executive Director Search Process
- X. New Business and Discussion (4:50)
- A. Discussion about Topics for the January 15, 2026 Commission Meeting
- XI. Adjournment* (5:00)

* Items Requiring Action