

IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAM BUSINESS MEETING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

The meeting of the Local Government Commission (Commission) was called to order by Senator Scott E. Hutchinson at 9:05 a.m. in Room 515 Irvis Office Building with the following Commission Members, staff and guests participating in-person and remotely:

MEMBERS

**Senator Scott E. Hutchinson, Chair
Senator Timothy P. Kearney
Representative Dan Moul
Representative Jerry Knowles
Representative Robert Freeman
Representative Christina D. Sappey**

STAFF

**David A. Greene, Executive Director
Kristopher J. Gazsi, Assistant Director
Martin A. Toth, Associate Legal Counsel
Jaren Bittinger, Research Analyst
Karen S. Bear, Executive Assistant
Sonya I. Ebersole, Fiscal Administrator**

GUESTS

**Matthew Deegan, Senator Hutchinson's Office
Nathan Akers, Senator Judy Ward's Office
Matt Maniskas, Senator Schwank's Office
Sam Arnold, Senator Kearney's Office
Mary Yoder, Senate Local Government Committee (R)
Rob Gaertner, House Local Government Committee (R)
Teagan Duffie, Pennsylvania House of Representatives Fellow
Ashley White, County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania
Amy Sturges, Pennsylvania Municipal League
Kaitlin Errickson, Pennsylvania Municipal League
Eric Feder, Pennsylvania State Association of Elected County Officials
Joe Gerdes, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors
George Bivens, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors
Joe Regan, Pennsylvania Fraternal Order of Police
Kim Pizzingrilli, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC**

The Executive Director made a statement that the in-person and virtual meeting was being recorded and conducted with both Member and Commission staff participation. On Thursday, May 12, 2022, notice of the meeting was posted on the committee meeting pages of the Senate of Pennsylvania and the House of Representatives through the Legislative Data Processing Center. The meeting agenda was posted on the Commission's website, www.lgc.state.pa.us, on Monday, May 23, 2022, and outside of the Commission's office located at 506 Irvis Office Building. Any

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questions on agenda items for consideration by the Commission were addressed during the meeting. After adjournment, the recording of the meeting will be posted on the Commission’s website at www.lgc.state.pa.us.

The Members reviewed the minutes of the March 23, 2022, business meeting, which were unanimously approved on a motion by Senator Kearney and a second by Representative Moul. The financial reports for the months of March and April 2022 were presented, and an explanation was given by the Executive Director. The financial reports were unanimously approved on a motion by Representative Knowles and a second by Representative Moul.

The Executive Director introduced Commission Research Analyst Jaren Bittinger. Mr. Bittinger, who interned with the Commission in 2019, started with the Commission on April 14. Mr. Bittinger thanked the Commission Members for the opportunity to work with the General Assembly and remarked that he is looking forward to all future research projects. Mr. Bittinger replaces former Senior Research Analyst Danette Magee, who retired the end of March 2022 after almost 36 years of service.

As the last orders of business, the Executive Director announced that the next business meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2022, in Room 515 Irvis Office Building at 9:00 a.m. At the meeting, a discussion of the upcoming October 2022 Symposium will ensue, and an outline of the Commission’s Strategic Plan will be presented. Prior to adjournment, the Executive Director also reviewed the Commission-sponsored bills acted upon during Senate and House committee meetings scheduled for the week.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

ATTESTED: _____
June 3, 2022