

VAPDA DIRECTORS MEETING

THURSDAY, December 4, 2025, 8:30 AM

MEETING DETAILS

Members Present: Devon Neary, Bill Colvin, Jason Rassmussen, Charlie Baker, Chris Company, Christian Meyer, Dave Snedeker, Tasha Wallis, Catherine Dimitruk, Adam Lougee, Peter Gregory

Other: Rebecca Ramos, Adam Necrason, Tayt Brooks, Alex Farrell, Lyle Jepson

Meeting Minutes

Welcome & Introductions

Tasha moved to approve the minutes. Catherine seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Charlie moved to approve the report, seconded by Peter. Motion carried.

VAPDA Committee Reports

Energy Concerns were raised about the determination of energy compliance process as it relates to regional plan updates. This includes frequency of updates expected as the state updates its data sets.

Planning & Economic Development Catherine and the committee will be meeting with DHCD staff in January. Mid-year reporting guidance has been distributed. The VERTA report will be released in late-December.

Emergency Management- Chris noted that there was no news as to when or whether FEMA would approve state EMPG applications, and there was discussion that new requirements that include the provision of bios for each of our board members for FEMA review could preclude continuation in the program by at least some RPCs. There were questions about why VEM was now requiring very detailed information (i.e. timesheets) with submission of invoices. This relates to requirements VEM is having to meet to satisfy FEMA.

Transportation - Jason and Devon were scheduled to meet with Michele later in the day regarding TIP priorities and implications of the major reorganization within VTrans.

Water Quality/Natural Resources Concern was raised about changes to the DEC PFAS groundwater rule that would significantly lower the threshold for contamination. The state

rulemaking reflects the new federal standard. Flood hazard contract has been signed with ANR and contracts will be coming soon. Chris described the convening of RPCs and COGs in the 4 state CT River watershed through the CT River Watershed Partnership.

Government Relations A pre-session update was provided by Rebecca Ramos and Adam Necrason.

Agency of Commerce and Community Development

Tayt Brooks, Alex Farrell, Nick Grimley, and Lyle Jepson joined to discuss a number of topics and initiatives, including changes to the Opportunity Zone framework, CHIP program rulemaking, CDBG-DR awards, rulemaking associated with the governor's executive orders, the possibility of a Chief Permitting Officer at the state level, Houses for All, and 802 Homes pilots.

VAPDA Communications Strategy

Monthly themes will be developed during the legislative session. For December it was Act 181. January will feature our annual report. February will focus on housing. Focus will be on outreach to individuals in the legislature and suggested topic for our respective newsletters.

The updated VAPDA website will be released soon, along with VPIC.

Respectfully submitted by: Chris Company