

MINUTES
of the
Capital Area Regional Planning Commission

Madison Public Library – Central Branch (201 W. Mifflin St)

December 11, 2025

Zoom Webinar

6:00 pm

Commissioners Present: David Pfeiffer, Maureen Crombie, Cynthia Richson, Jim Schuler, Bill Tishler, Caryl Terrell, Audra Dalsoren, Alison Volk, Noah Lieberman, Regina Vidaver, Heidi Murphy, Steve Greb, Peter McKeever

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Jason Valerius, Matthew Kozlowski, Nick Bower, Prachi Mehendale, Sean Higgins, Matthew Krempely

Others Present:

1. Establish Quorum

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pfeiffer at 6:06 pm. A quorum was established.

2. Public Comment on Matters not on the agenda.

None

3. **Consent Agenda (all items below are actionable items) (6:06 pm)**

a. **Minutes of November 13, 2025 CARPC Meeting**

b. **Executive Committee Recommendations**

(1) **Authorize Executive Director to Execute Agreement with the City of Madison (the Greater Madison MPO) for 2026 Transportation Planning Services**

(2) **Authorize the Executive Director to Execute the Annual City of Madison/Metro Transit Commute Card Agreement for 2026**

(3) **CARPC Deputy Director Job Description**

Vice Chair Murphy moved to table Item 3.b.1 from the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner McKeever. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chair Murphy moved to approve the items on the consent agenda, as amended. Commissioner Richson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Acknowledgement of Receipt – October 2025 Financial Management Report (actionable item) (6:09 pm)**

Commissioner Murphy moved to acknowledge receipt of October 2025 Financial Management Report, seconded by Commissioner Crombie. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **CARPC Resolution 2025-14, Adopting the CARPC 2026 Work Program – Staff Presentation and Action on Adoption (actionable item) (6:10 pm)**

Jason Valerius provided an overview of the work program, including themes for this year's work program and the addition of economic development planning.

Commissioner Richson asked about the connection between economic development activities and data centers as it relates to CARPC's potential future work and cautioned against advocacy in support of data

centers. Commissioner Richson also raised a few questions about items in the work program, including implementation of Key Performance Indicators and the 2027 update of the Regional Development Framework.

Vice Chair Murphy asked for clarity about what next steps would happen if we would increase the scope of our economic development work in the middle of the year. Jason Valerius clarified that the plan would be to first have a conversation with the Budget and Personnel Panel, introduce a resolution before the Commission, and have additional conversations. Jason Valerius noted that most of the MadREP activity centered on site selection, business retention, and other business relationships work, and that we anticipate that the Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce will take on those tasks. The focus for CARPC would be connecting local communities and businesses to economic development programs offered or funded by state and federal agencies such as the US Economic Development Administration and the US Department of Agriculture.

Commissioner McKeever asked if Land Use Planning needs to include details about added lanes to the beltline and how it might impact our land use planning throughout the region. Jason Valerius noted that CARPC is connected to the stakeholder meetings for the potential increases in lanes/size of the beltline and that we'll continue to be involved in that process.

Jason Valerius also noted that the Regional Development Framework is due for an update in 2027, and that there will be some effort in 2026 to prepare for that update. Chair Pfeiffer asked if it would be appropriate to treat the RDF as having 'major/minor updates' on an alternating cycle.

Commissioner Greb shared a concern about regional work causing a conflict with the Dane County-focused scope of the organization. Jason Valerius noted that if CARPC was going to take on economic development work, it would be in collaboration with other counties in the region. Jason also noted that regional planning commissions typically take on this role in other regions of the state and external agencies expect the RPC's to take on this role traditionally.

Commissioner McKeever extended compliments to the Salt Wise program for its scope and reach.

Commissioner Richson noted that Washington County is currently trying to leave the Southeast Wisconsin RPC (SEWRPC) out of concerns over costs and asked if that represents a trend. Jason Valerius noted that Washington County HAS been considering its participation in SEWRPC related to a proposed increase in the requested levy charge to the county, but that this does not appear to be part of a larger trend.

Commissioner Lieberman asked for more information about green infrastructure work as it related to climate change impacts. Specifically, should resiliency around energy grids fall within the scope of our Climate Resilience programming? Jason Valerius noted that resilience for CARPC typically includes waterways and tree canopy as the main focus. Instead, issues with energy grids would typically be the purview of the utility providers, municipalities, and the State of Wisconsin.

Commissioner McKeever moved approval of CARPC Resolution 2025-14, seconded by Commissioner Schuler. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Review of Components of a Proposed Amendment to the *Dane County Water Quality Plan* by Revising the *Policies and Criteria for the Review of Sewer Service Area Amendments* – Staff Presentation and Discussion (6:43 pm)
 - a. Sewer Service Area Amendments – General (see Section 01 of Policies & Criteria document)
 - b. Sewer Service Area Major Amendments – Standard Process (see Section 02)
 - c. Sewer Service Area Major Amendments – Expedited Process (see Section 03)
 - d. Sewer Service Area Minor Amendments (see Section 04)

Nick Bower provided an overview of the work resulting from the Ad Hoc Water Quality Committee's review of the DCWQP.

7. Review of Proposed Fee Resolution for the Review of Sewer Service Area Amendments – Staff Presentation and Discussion (7:34 pm)

Nick Bower provided the staff presentation of the proposed changes to fees for Sewer Service Area Amendments.

8. CARPC Resolution 2025-15, CARPC Internal Controls Update – Staff Presentation, Discussion and Consideration for Adoption (*actionable item*) (7:41 pm)

Jason Valerius provided an overview of the controls document. Jason also noted that the Executive Committee requested a review by Berndt CPAs and Johnson Block; that review can't happen until after the new year.

Commissioner Richson requested to see the feedback prior to deciding on next steps for the Internal Controls. Jason agreed to add the item to the Executive Committee agenda before bringing it back to the Commission.

9. Hyperscale Data Centers – Development Review Processes and Water Resource/Public Infrastructure Impacts – Staff Presentation and Discussion (7:46 pm)

Jason Valerius provided a staff presentation on hyperscale data centers and associated review processes and impacts, with some commission questions and discussion.

10. Reports (8:46 pm)

a. Commission Chair

None

b. Executive Director

- (1) Program and Services Updates
- (2) Partnership Updates

Jason Valerius provided highlights from the Executive Director's report.

11. Future Agenda Items (next meeting January 8, 2026, via Zoom Webinar, 6:00 pm meeting start time)

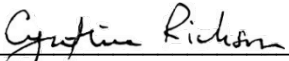
- a. Public Hearing and Consideration for Adoption – DCWQP Amendment – Sewer Service Area Amendment Policies and Criteria (Jan)
- b. Public Hearing – DCWQP Sewer Service Area Boundary Amendment, #2504 Village of Waunakee – “Heyday Development” (Jan)
- c. Election of Officers, Appointment of Executive Committee Members (Jan)

12. Adjournment

Commissioner McKeever moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Schuler. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Minutes prepared by Matt Koz and reviewed by Executive Director

Respectfully Submitted


Cynthia Richson, Secretary