

COMMISSION MEETING
10:00 am, Wednesday January 21, 2026

Members Present at CDRPC Office: Willard A. Bruce, Jacqueline Stellone, Charles Davidson, David Hogenkamp, Gary Hughes, Carolyn McLaughlin, Mike Stammel, Wayne Gendron, Jasmine Higgins, Kristin Swinton, Joe Grasso, Haileab Samuel.

Members Present via Video Conferencing: Larry Schillinger, Yi-Mei Han, Judith Breselor,

Members / Others Absent:, Craig Warner, James Shaughnessy, Agatha Reid, Opal Hinds, Jason Kemper,

Staff Present: Mark Castiglione, Haley Balcanoff, Amy Weinstock, Kate Maynard, Josh Dranoff, Madison Hrysko, Todd Fabozzi, Jasleen Jaspal, Fernanda Farche, Tara Donadio.

Presiding, Jacqueline Stellone, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

1. Welcome & Introductions

Chair Stellone welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made.

- 2.** Executive Director Mark Casitiglione requested an amendment to the agenda, to include a Resolution, marking the 30th anniversary of Todd Fabozzi's employment at CDRPC.

Action Taken:

Gary Hughes made a motion to approve the amendment of the agenda including the resolution for Todd Fabozzi, as well as the adoption of the resolution and Charles Davidson seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously.

Capital District Regional Planning Commission
Resolution #03-2026
Recognizing and Honoring Todd Fabozzi for Thirty (30) Years of Service

WHEREAS, Todd Fabozzi has served the Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC) with distinction for thirty (30) years, reaching this milestone in 2026, and has demonstrated exceptional dedication to public service, regional collaboration, and technical excellence; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Mr. Fabozzi has played a central role in advancing coordinated regional planning and sustainable development across the Capital Region, promoting strategies that integrate economic vitality, environmental stewardship, infrastructure investment, and community character; and

WHEREAS, his work has strengthened alignment among land use, transportation, housing, infrastructure, and climate planning, supporting efficient development patterns, reinvestment in existing communities, and long-term regional resilience; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fabozzi established and developed CDRPC's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) program, creating the Commission's foundational spatial data, mapping, and analytical capacity and positioning CDRPC as a trusted technical resource to municipalities, counties, state agencies, and regional partners; and

WHEREAS, these GIS capabilities have supported informed decision-making in land-use planning, transportation, infrastructure investment, and climate resilience across the CDRPC region and the broader Eastern Upstate New York territory; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fabozzi currently serves as Director of Sustainability and coordinates the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) and Clean Energy Communities (CEC) programs for municipalities within the CDRPC planning area and throughout Eastern Upstate New York, providing leadership, technical assistance, and program coordination to advance climate mitigation, adaptation, and clean energy initiatives; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, municipalities across Eastern Upstate New York have collectively secured conservatively estimated awards of approximately \$48 million in Climate Smart Communities grant funding since 2016 and more than \$25 million in combined Clean Energy Communities grants, incentives, and competitive awards, while municipalities within the CDRPC planning area alone have secured nearly \$11 million in CSC funding and more than \$5 million in CEC grants and incentives; and

WHEREAS, these achievements reflect not only successful funding outcomes, but also sustained leadership in regional growth management, capacity-building, inter-municipal cooperation, and equitable access to state resources; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fabozzi's career exemplifies the values of the Capital District Regional Planning Commission, including innovation, collaboration, public service, and a strong commitment to a sustainable and resilient regional future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of the Capital District Regional Planning Commission hereby recognizes and honors Todd Fabozzi for thirty (30) years of exemplary service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board extends its sincere appreciation and best wishes to Todd Fabozzi for his continued service.

Adopted by the Board of the Capital District Regional Planning Commission

3. Presentation: City of Albany Preliminary EV Curbside charging analysis.
- Madison Hrysko, Data and GIS Manager.

The Transportation Council and CDRPC have assisted the City of Albany with conducting a high level planning analysis to identify potential sites for public curbside electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure. The end product was the development of a map of street level candidates best suited for on-road level 2 EV chargers, and recommended locations for Level 3 (DC Fast) charging. A comprehensive memo outlining key findings, opportunities, and constraints was also written. There was a presentation on maps and explanations of Level 2 and 3 chargers and their criteria as well.

Recommended next steps for this project could be:

- Continued engagement with National Grid: Ongoing conversations will help clarify technical requirements, streamline the pole attachment and engineering review process, and identify opportunities specific to Albany where National Grid's full utility pole ownership may reduce barriers. Maintaining this dialogue will be critical to advancing planning for future EV charger deployment.
- Continued engagement with Voltpost
- Parking Utilization Study

4. Presentation from the Nominating Committee / Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee presents the following proposed slate of officers for 2026 to the Board for their discussion and election. Nominations may also be made from the floor. The term of office is one year for the following positions: Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer.

Chair: Joseph Grasso (Saratoga County)

First Vice-Chair: David Hogenkamp (Schenectady County)

Second Vice Chair: Jasmine Higgins (Albany County)

Secretary/Treasurer: Michael Stammel (Rensselaer County)

Action Taken:

Gary Hughes made a motion to approve the proposed slate of officers for 2026 and Mike Stammel seconded it. The motion passed unanimously

5. Approval of the December 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were distributed to the Board before the meeting.

Action Taken:

Charles Davidson made a motion to approve the December 17, 2025 meeting minutes and Gary Hughes seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Financial Statements Through December 31, 2026

Enclosed for your review and approval are the current financial statements through December 31, 2025. All invoices have been sent to the counties first quarter and semi-annual billings.

Through the fiscal year, the estimated revenues are at 97% of the budgeted amount and expenses are at 90%. The amounts for our fourth quarter billings to our granting agencies for the fourth quarter are estimated and will be finalized in the coming weeks.

Underperformance to par on revenues and expenses are driven by lower FTE total and some contract work not progressing as quickly as expected. The net revenues do not yet reflect compensated absences and obligation to the NYS Retirement Fund.

As noted on the Balance Sheet, on December 31, 2025 we had \$276,086 cash in the bank not including amounts for the NYSERDA CECP program, the Climate Smart program, NYCLASS, and the FSA account. The outstanding receivables total \$372,305. The majority of the receivables reflect the payment due to CDRPC from NYS and Federal Agencies.

Action Taken:

Gary Hughes made a motion to approve the financial statements through December 31, 2025 and David Hogenkamp seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Resolution Designating Bank Signatories

January 21, 2026

RESOLVED that the following individuals shall be designated as signatories on the CDRPC's bank accounts.

Michael Stammel, 2026 Secretary/Treasurer

Mark Castiglione, Executive Director

Amy Weinstock, Office Manager

Motion: Gary Hughes

Second: David Hogenkamp

Action Taken:

Gary Hughes made a motion to approve the resolution designating bank signatories and David Hogenkamp seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Bill Relating to Planning Commission Grant Eligibility

Building on the Legislature's 2024 clarification of the public planning role of regional planning councils formed pursuant to General Municipal Law §239-h, proposed

legislation has been drafted to make targeted, planning-only amendments to existing state statutes to align grant eligibility with that role.

While regional planning councils routinely serve as intermunicipal planning agencies for their member governments, several planning-oriented grant programs administered under the Environmental Conservation Law, Executive Law, and General Municipal Law predate the 2023 clarification and currently limit eligibility to municipalities or other narrowly defined entities. As a result, state agencies lack clear statutory authority to award planning-level grants directly to regional planning councils, even when such councils are acting entirely within their authorized planning and coordination functions.

The attached bill would implement narrow, program-specific amendments to authorize regional planning councils to apply for and administer grants strictly for planning, assessment, analysis, feasibility, mapping, modeling, community engagement, and other non-construction activities. The legislation explicitly preserves municipal ownership, regulatory authority, and control over capital projects, and does not expand eligibility to construction, operations, or infrastructure financing.

These amendments would improve efficiency and regional coordination by allowing councils to directly undertake shared planning work on behalf of multiple municipalities, reducing administrative burdens while maintaining local control. The bill carries no fiscal impact to the State and does not establish any new grant programs.

The Executive Director respectfully requested that the Board authorize adoption of the attached resolution in support of this legislation.

Resolution 02-2026
Support for Planning-Level Grant Eligibility for
Regional Planning Councils

WHEREAS, the Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC) is committed to promoting sustainable development, regional cooperation, and environmental stewardship across the Capital Region; and

grant funds our economic development technical assistance. What’s more, a reauthorization of EDA was signed into law in January. The reauthorization provides additional planning grant funds and the program enjoys bipartisan support.

- The Executive budget proposed eliminating the EDA entirely, removing a key source of federal investment in regional economic resilience. Congress again disagreed. While both the House and Senate reduce EDA funding compared to FY2025, the cuts are modest—roughly 9–30%—and far less severe than the proposed elimination. The Senate’s position reflects stronger support, aiming to keep EDA resources closer to historical levels. This ensures continued opportunities for communities to access grants for infrastructure, business development, and workforce programs.

Environmental Protection Agency – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

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| Total Award: | \$1,000,000 |
| 2025 Budget: | \$173,500 |
| 2025 Match Requirement: | \$0 |
| Total Annual Cost: | ~\$173,500 |
| Contract Term: | 2023-2027 |

Summary: Funds under this grant were paused in February but were restored in March. EPA oversight staff have advised to proceed with delivering program deliverables.

Though not singled out in appropriations, the broader EPA funding restored by Congress preserves climate-focused initiatives such as the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants. Both the House and Senate minibus bills rejected steep cuts and maintained EPA’s budget, safeguarding climate grant programs—likely including CPRG—from elimination or major reductions.

Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC)

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| Total Award: | \$110,000 |
| 2025 Budget: | \$0 |
| 2025 Match Requirement: | \$0 |
| Total Annual Cost: | \$110,000 |
| Contract Term: | May 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025, October 1, 2025-September 30, 2026 |

Summary: CDRPC is the designated Economic Development District (LDD) for the federal Northern Border Regional Commission. In that role, we provide technical assistance to NBRC grantees related to federal grant administration. The new three party MOU will allocate up to \$110,000 to CDRPC for related technical assistance work.

- The Administration’s budget called for eliminating NBRC and other regional commissions, which would have ended economic development support for rural and distressed communities across Upstate New York. Congress rejected this proposal outright. Both chambers maintain funding for NBRC, affirming its role in supporting infrastructure, workforce development, and community revitalization. This decision protects ongoing and future projects in more than 30 eligible counties in New York.

Federal Passthrough

NYS Department of Transportation – MPO Member Agency Federal Aid Project for work related to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

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| Total Award: | \$2,416,842 |
| 2025 Budget: | \$170,000 |
| 2025 Match Requirement: | \$42,500 |
| Total Annual: | \$212,500 |
| Contract Term: | 2022-2032 |

- CDRPC executed a ten-year contract with a term covering state fiscal years 2022 through 2032. This grant largely funds our data analysis work including GIS mapping. The US DOT issued a January directive would prioritize issuing grants, loans, and contracts to communities with “marriage and birth rates higher than the national average.”
- The Executive’s proposed cuts aimed to reduce Department of Transportation spending significantly. However, Congress maintained Metropolitan Planning (PL) funds for MPOs. The House THUD appropriations bill reduced overall DOT funding by around 13% from FY2025 but explicitly protected MPO planning grants. The Senate bill increased discretionary DOT funding by about 5% compared to FY2025, ensuring strong support for statewide and metropolitan transportation planning.

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation – Clean Water Act Section 604(b) Water Quality Planning Program

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| Total Award: | \$436,070 |
| 2025 Budget: | \$87,000 |
| 2025 Match Requirement: | \$4,350 |
| Total Annual: | \$91,350 |
| Contract Term: | 2023-2027 |

- Clean Water Act Section 604(b) Water Quality Planning Grants fund regional comprehensive water quality management planning activities as described in Section 604(b) of the federal Clean Water Act. 604(b) funds are to be used for water quality management planning activities, such as determining the nature, extent and causes of point and nonpoint source water pollution problems, and developing plans to resolve these problems.
- The Administration proposed eliminating the §604(b) program entirely, along with other State & Tribal Assistance Grants, as part of a sweeping 55% reduction to EPA’s overall budget. This would have dismantled water-quality planning capacity nationwide, including New York’s watershed planning, monitoring, and compliance programs. Both the House and Senate rejected this approach. While the Senate bill includes a modest EPA reduction of roughly 4–7% compared to FY2025, it preserves the STAG account and §604(b) funding. The House similarly maintained these programs, ensuring continuity for state and regional water-quality planning efforts.

10. Clean Energy Communities Program Contract Extension

NYSERDA has extended our existing contract related to the Clean Energy Communities Program which was set to expire at the end of this year through June 30, 2027.

11. 2026 Look Ahead

The Board was updated on various projects ranging from the 604B programs, the Clean Energy Community Program, EDA and FTZ programs as well as working on a possible location change for the CDRPC workshop held in October.

12. Other Business

Chairman Grasso suggested that meetings be extended to an hour and a half in order to have more time to discuss actual plans and projects and not just focus on administrative tasks. There was a discussion on a possible new sub committee to have less formal talks between meetings. A suggestion was made of having 2 agendas for upcoming meetings, one for administrative items and another for presentations and discussions.

13. Adjournment

Gary Hughes made a motion to adjourn, and Mike Stammel seconded it. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:03.

The next Commission Meeting Date: 10:00am, April 16, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Weinstock
Office Manager

Reviewed and approved by

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Michael Stammel, Secretary / Treasurer