



# WCEDD Meeting Agenda

July 11, 2024 at 1:00 pm | Web Conference

## Members in attendance

- Rudy Marconi, Chair Town of Ridgefield, First Selectman
- Julia Pemberton, Vice Chair Town of Redding, First Selectman
- Hal Kurfehs Scalzo Commercial & New Development
- Jessica Vonashek City of Norwalk, Economic Development
- Erik Erdtmann VP Senior Commercial Loan Officer, Fairfield County Bank
- Ashley Gaudiano Senior Vice President, United Way of Coastal and Western Connecticut
- Jennifer Orlikoff Dean, UCONN Stamford Campus
- Janice Chrzescijanek Town of Bethel, Economic Development
- Andrea Rynn Nuvance Healthcare
- Don Poland Managing Director/SVP, Planning & Strategy, Goman+York Property Advisors

Mike Towle, Francis Pickering and Betsy Paynter attended on behalf of WestCOG

## Meeting Call to Order

Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 1:03pm

## Public Participation

There was no public participation

## Approval of April 2024 Meeting Minutes

Hal Kurfehs made motion to approve the April 2024 WCEDD minutes, Andrea Rynn second the motion. All in favor.

## Featured Presentation

Don Poland, PhD, AICP, Managing Director & SVP, Planning & Strategy with Goman+York Property Advisors, LLC presented the "Affordable Housing Finance Study" findings. The final study can be found on WestCOG's website.

## WCEDD Member Roster Introduction

Members introduced themselves, along with new member Farley Santos, Economic Development from Danbury. MRDA, Municipal Redevelopment Authority, has been established by the Governor in efforts to spur transit-oriented development, particularly focusing on the growth of new housing. Jessica Vonashek from Norwalk has been appointed as a member of the group.

## WestCOG's Brownfield Program Update

Betsy provided an update on WestCOG's initial launch of their brownfields program

## WestCOG Planning Activity

Betsy provided an update on the Agricultural Farm Viability Study and the Georgetown Sewer Study

## Discussion

Western CT State University is seeing a downturn in enrollments. They are now offering a Program for Emergency Management Degree.

## Adjournment

Hal Kurfehs made motion to adjourn at 1:59pm, Andrea Rynn second the motion. All in favor.

*For language assistance or other accommodations, contact Western Connecticut Council of Governments at least five business days prior to the meeting at [help@westcog.org](mailto:help@westcog.org). Para asistencia con el idioma y otras adaptaciones, por favor póngase en contacto con WestCOG por lo menos cinco días hábiles antes de la reunión al [help@westcog.org](mailto:help@westcog.org). Para obter assistência língua ou outras acomodações, entre em contato com WestCOG pelo menos cinco dias úteis antes da reunião em [help@westcog.org](mailto:help@westcog.org). Pour obtenir de l'aide linguistique ou d'autres mesures d'adaptation, contactez WestCOG au moins cinq jours ouvrables avant la réunion à [help@westcog.org](mailto:help@westcog.org).*