



MID-OHIO REGIONAL  
**MORPC**  
PLANNING COMMISSION

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## NOTICE OF A MEETING

**COMMISSION MEETING**  
**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**111 LIBERTY STREET, SUITE 100**  
**COLUMBUS, OH 43215**  
*TOWN HALL*

**Thursday, August 8, 2024**  
**1:30 p.m.**

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## AGENDA

1:30 p.m.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Welcome and Introductions** – Chris Amorose Groomes (City of Dublin, MORPC Chair)
  - **Auditor of State Award with Distinction** – Scott Brown, Regional Liaison, Ohio Auditor of State’s Office
  - **Nominating Committee** – Michelle Crandall (City of Hilliard), MORPC Vice Chair
  - **Election of Executive Committee Vacancies** – Chris Amorose Groomes (City of Dublin), MORPC Chair

**William Murdock, AICP**  
Executive Director

**Chris Amorose Groomes**  
Chair

**Michelle Crandall**  
Vice Chair

**Ben Kessler**  
Secretary

- **Recognition of Guests and New Members** – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer
- **Recognition of Nick Gill** – Chris Amorose Grooms (City of Dublin), MORPC Chair
- 3. **Executive Director’s Report** – William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director
  - **Quarterly Membership Update** – Eileen Leuby, MORPC Membership Services Officer
- 4. **Economic Development** – Padmini Roy-Dixon, MORPC Economic Development Director & Regional Innovation Officer

### Committees

5. **Regional Data Advisory Committee** – Christina Drummond (City of Powell), Regional Data Advisory Committee Chair
6. **Regional Policy Roundtable** – Lourdes Barroso de Padilla (City of Columbus), Regional Policy Roundtable Chair
  - **Legislative Update** – Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter and Joseph Garrity, MORPC Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations
7. **Sustainability Advisory Committee** – Laurie Jadwin (City of Gahanna), Sustainability Advisory Committee Vice Chair
8. **Transportation Policy Committee (MPO)** – Chris Amorose Grooms (City of Dublin), MORPC Chair
  - a. **Call to Order** – Chris Amorose Grooms (City of Dublin), MORPC Chair
  - b. **Metropolitan Planning Organization Report** – Nick Gill, MORPC Transportation Study Director
  - c. **Transportation Policy Committee Consent Agenda**
    - 1) Approval of **June 13, 2024 Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**

- d. **Adjourn Transportation Policy Committee (MPO)** – Chris Amorose Groomes (City of Dublin), MORPC Chair

**9. Commission Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of **June 13, 2024 Commission Meeting Minutes**
- b. Approval of Actions of the Transportation Policy Committee

**10. Other Business**

2:45 p.m.

- 11. Adjourn** – Chris Amorose Groomes (City of Dublin), MORPC Chair

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**The next Commission Meeting is**  
**Thursday, September 12, 2024, 1:30 p.m.**  
*111 Liberty Street, Suite 100*  
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## Memorandum

**TO:** Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission  
Executive Committee, Officers, and Board Members

**FROM:** Ben Kessler, Nominating Committee Chair

**DATE:** July 10, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Nomination of Executive Committee Members

### Background:

In accordance with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Articles of Agreement, the Nominating Committee made recommendations to fill Executive Committee positions which were approved by the Commission on March 14, 2024. At the time one seat was identified as vacated due to a job change with a replacement to be determined at a later date. Since March 14, 2024, an additional seat became open due to a retirement.

### The Nominating Committee Members:

As announced at the June 13, 2024 Commission meeting, Commission Chair Chris Amorose Groomes appointed the following five members to the Nominating Committee to recommend candidates for two mid-year vacancies on the Executive Committee:

- Ben Kessler, Committee Chair, City of Bexley
- Jeff Benton, Delaware County
- Kris Long, Franklin County
- Mike Schadek, City of Columbus
- Ben Collins, Plain Township

### Review of Current Members of Executive Committee:

Several Executive Committee positions do not have expiring terms this year and therefore require no action by the Nominating Committee. For information, these are listed below:

- 1) **Immediate Past Chair:** Vacant
- 2) **In second year of current two-year Executive Committee Term (expires 2025)**
  - a) Jeff Benton (2019), Commission, Delaware County
  - b) Ben Kessler (2023), Mayor, City of Bexley
  - c) Kristen Atha (2023), Director of Public Utilities, City of Columbus

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**3) In current one-year Executive Committee Terms (expires 2025)**

- a) Joe Stefanov (2008), Chair of Benefits & Compensation, City Manager, City of New Albany
- b) Chris Amorose Groomes (2018), Mayor, City of Dublin

**4) In first year of two-year Executive Committee Term (expires 2026):**

- a) Michelle Crandall (2020), City Manager, City of Hilliard
- b) Kris Long (2024), Deputy County Administrator, Franklin County
- c) LaGrieta Acheampong, (2024), Senior Budget Officer, Franklin County
- d) Laurie Jadwin, (2024), Mayor, City of Gahanna
- e) Matthew Starr, (2024), Mayor, City of Mount Vernon
- f) Hayley Lupton, (2024), Administrator, Village of Plain City

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**Nominating Committee Recommendations:**

The 2024 Nominating Committee convened on July 10, 2024, to discuss and make the following recommendations for two mid-year openings.

**The nominees for Executive Committee are:**

**1) For remainder of one-year Executive Committee Terms (expires 2025)**

James Jewell (2024), Administrator, Prairie Township

**2) For remainder of two-year Executive Committee Terms (expires 2026)**

Lourdes Barroso de Padilla (2024) City Council, City of Columbus

**Notes:**

The year after each name refers to the first year of the member's current service on the Executive Committee. For example, Pat Smith (2017) means that Pat Smith's first term began in 2017 and they have served continuously since then.

Per the bylaws, Executive Committee members may serve up to three consecutive two-year terms. One-year extensions are available if serving as an officer or committee chair.