MEETING MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE
OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MARCH 12, 2015
10:30 A.M. – OKI BOARD ROOM

• Call to Order

President Lynch, noting that there was a quorum, called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. with the following members in attendance:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Kevin Lynch, Dearborn County Board of Commissioners, President
Judge Gary Moore, Boone County Fiscal Court
Mr. T.C. Rogers, Butler County Board of Commissioners, First Vice President
Judge Steve Pendery, Campbell County Fiscal Court
Mr. Ed Humphrey, Clermont County Board of Commissioners
Ms. Kathy Binns, alternate for Todd Portune, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners
Judge Kris Knochelmann, Kenton County Fiscal Court, Second Vice President
Mr. Michael Moore, alternate for David Mann, Cincinnati, Ohio
Ms. Sherry Carran, Covington, Kentucky
Mr. Michael Snyder, Fairfield, Ohio
Mr. Robert Brown, Hamilton, Ohio
Mr. Larry Mulligan, Middletown, Ohio
Ms. Beth Fennell, Newport, Kentucky
Mr. Frank Birkenhauer, alternate for Melinda Rinehart, Colerain Township
Mr. David Linnenberg, Green Township
Mr. Karl B. Schultz, Miami Township
Mr. Cory Wright, alternate for Matthew Beamer, Union Township
Ms. Christine Matacz, Butler County Association of Township Trustees & Clerks
Mr. Jonathan D. Sams, Warren County Association of Township Trustees & Clerks
Mr. Brian Painter, Campbell County Fiscal Court
Mr. Joseph Nienaber, Kenton County Fiscal Court
Mr. David Okum, Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Dennis Andrew Gordon, PDS of Kenton County
Mr. Stan C. Williams, Warren County Regional Planning Commission
Mr. David Okum, Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Dennis Andrew Gordon, PDS of Kenton County

Kevin J. Lynch
President

Mark R. Policinski
CEO/Executive Director
Executive Committee Members (continued)
Mr. Daniel Geroni, alternate for Stan C. Williams, Warren County Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Ken Bogard, Resident Member
Mr. Bill Brayshaw, Resident Member
Mr. Roger Kerlin, Resident Member
Mr. Larry H. Maxey, Resident Member
Mr. Kenneth F. Reed, Resident Member
Mr. Michael Florez, alternate for V. Anthony Simms-Howell, Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs, Resident Member
Mr. Ted Hubbard, Hamilton County Engineer
Mr. Jim Ude, Indiana Department of Transportation
Mr. Robert Hans, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Mr. Gary Middleton, Ohio Department of Transportation
Mr. Dwight Ferrell, Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority
Mr. Andrew Aiello, alternate for Bill Voelker, Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky

BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Charles Tassel, Deer Park, Ohio
Mr. Charles Southall, Forest Park, Ohio
Mr. Bernie Wessels, Ft. Wright, Kentucky
Mr. Randy Shank, Harrison, Ohio
Mr. Christopher Reinersman, Independence, Kentucky
Mr. Stephen Kaiser, Lebanon, Ohio
Mr. Ron Mosby, North College Hill
Mr. Greg Breetz, Boone County Planning Commission
Mr. Dwayne Bosco, Clermont County Planning Commission
Mr. Marc Hult, Kenton County Planning Commission
Mr. Timothy Bachman, Fairfield (City) Planning Commission
Mr. Tim Werdmann, Hamilton (City) Planning Commission
Mr. Martin D. Kohler, Middletown (City) Planning Commission
Mr. Brian Carley, Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber
Mr. Tom Voss, Resident Member

GUESTS

Mr. Kurt Seiler, representing Rich Cox, Mason, Ohio
Mr. Edward Knox, representing Marjorie Harlow, Springdale, Ohio
Ms. Kellie Wise, representing Greg Hartmann, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners, Resident Member
Ms. Lavita Hanekemp, representing Chris Monzel, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners, Resident Member
Mr. Craig Parks, American Structurepoint
Guests (continued)
Mr. Mike Draper, DLZ
Ms. Megan Hummel, Hamilton County Environmental Services
Ms. Guinevere Emery, City of Aurora, Indiana
Mr. Gordon Perry, City of Blue Ash
Ms. Kelly Will, City of Lawrenceburg
Mr. Grant Hughes, City of Lawrenceburg
Mr. Bill Wells, City of Covington
Mr. Skip Schulte, Citizen
Mr. Jeff Wallace, Parsons Brinckerhoff
Ms. Holly Christmann, Hamilton County
Ms. Marilyn Hyland, I&O Railroad/ CIND Railroad
Mr. David Ward, Warren County Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Kyle Lynch, Warren County Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Joe Vogel, AECOM
Ms. Abby Schafer, Hamilton County

LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. Ed Diller, Taft, Stettinius & Hollister

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Mr. Mark R. Policinski
Ms. Karen Whitaker
Ms. Lorrie Platt
Ms. Florence Parker
Ms. Mary Luebbers
Ms. Jane Wittke

Mr. Robert W. Koehler
Ms. Purcy Nance
Mr. Bradley Mason
Ms. Robyn Bancroft
Ms. Summer Jones
Mr. Andy Reser

Ms. Marilyn F. Osborne
Mr. Mark Paine
Mr. Travis Miller
Mr. Andrew Rohne
Mr. David Shuey

Judge Pendery led the Executive Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

• Announcements

President Lynch reminded everyone to sign in for attendance purposes. He also reminded everyone that this is an Executive Committee Meeting and that Executive Committee members or their alternates are able to vote, Board members are not able to vote.

ITEM #1: ADMINISTRATIVE

A. President’s Report

President Lynch expressed his appreciation for the work of the OKI staff. He stated that as he gets to work more with staff, he is impressed with the depth of the team.
• Public Hearing Notice

President Lynch announced that a public hearing will be held regarding the Fiscal Year 2016-2019 TIP on Monday, March 16 at 5:00 p.m. in the OKI Board Room.

• Public Open House

President Lynch announced that a public open house for the Kentucky 536 Scoping Study will be held on Tuesday, March 24 from 4-7 p.m. at Simon-Kenton High School.

• Public Service Recognition

President Lynch reminded members that nominations are being accepted for individuals from our region who have contributed outstanding public service. A nomination form was included in the mailout packet and are due to OKI by Friday, April 3.

• Executive Committee Alternate

President Lynch stated that Judge Pendery has requested that Matt Elberfeld be appointed his alternate to replace Robert Horine, who recently retired.

Mr. Humphrey moved to concur with the President’s appointment of Matt Elberfeld as an Executive Committee alternate. Ms. Carran seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. Approval of February 12, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

President Lynch called for corrections and/or additions to the February 12, 2015 minutes of the Executive Committee meeting.

There being none, Mr. Bogard moved that the February 12, 2015 minutes of the Executive Committee meeting be approved as mailed. Judge Moore seconded the motion; motion carried.

C. Executive Director’s Report

Mr. Policinski announced that David Shuey has received a GIS Vision Award from the Public Technology Institute.

Mr. Policinski stated that it has been reported that Americans are driving less, however, new data released by the Federal Highway Administration shows that Americans drove nearly 3 trillion miles in 2013—the highest level since 2007 and the fourth highest since recordkeeping began in 1936.

Mr. Policinski announced that the Regional Trails Summit will take place on March 26. He explained that Mayor Carran is involved with the summit and he will be a speaker. He encouraged communities interested in trails to consider attending the event. More information was available at the back table.
Mr. Policinski provided an update about the Brent Spence Bridge project. He explained that since the last meeting, the Kentucky House overwhelmingly passed the P3 bill. Last Thursday it was his understanding that it was on a good track in the Senate; however the following day he received a phone call informing him that the Bill was in serious jeopardy. A decision will come at the end of the month when the Bill is up for a vote.

Mr. Policinski also provided an updated about the Eastern Corridor project. He reported that Representative Brinkman has proposed an amendment that would prohibit any further spending on the project. However, Mr. Policinski explained that this will have serious ramifications regarding the funding process. He explained that projects currently go through the TRAC process, which was created by the state legislature. If there is an amendment targeting one particular project, this would subvert the whole process. Mr. Policinski reported that he testified to this regard in Columbus. Commissioners Portune and Humphrey also testified to the Senate to eliminate this language from the Bill. If the effort fails, the hope is to narrow the impact of the Bill to only apply to the roadway (rerouting of SR 32) portion of the full project. A decision regarding the future of the Eastern Corridor project will be made by December 31.

D. Legislative Update

Ms. Platt, staff, stated that earlier this week, Transportation for America reported that local chambers from every state, 260 thus far – including Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber along with the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, under the leadership of Brian Carley and Trey Grayson, respectively—have signed a letter urging Congress to resolve the impending insolvency of the federal Highway Trust Fund and to pass a long-term federal transportation authorization bill. She explained that the letter is significant on its own with so many chambers coming together for a well-funded, long-term transportation bill, but the chambers’ call to action goes beyond that to identify four key policies as keys to their competitive edge:

1. Ensure that federal funding is flexible and supports all modes of surface transportation.

2. Expand the existing TIFIA loan program and include the proposed America Fast Forward bond program that would create a new class of federal tax credit bonds to help local and state governments construct transportation infrastructure at a significantly lower cost.

3. Empower local communities and metropolitan regions with more authority over both federal funding and decision-making. Innovation is happening at the local level yet our local decision makers don’t have enough of the tools and control less than 10 percent of the funding, which limit the ability to advance key projects that can grow the economies in communities big and small.

4. Support a comprehensive and strategic approach to move freight by providing a strong emphasis on intermodal solutions that target the very worst bottlenecks to create more reliable and efficiently interconnected highway, rail, port and airport networks.
Ms. Platt also reported that several states are proposing a gas tax increase. She highlighted the proposals:

- Utah: Senate acted to raise gas taxes for the first time in 18 years, increasing it by 5 cents per gallon this year, with an additional penny added each of the next four years.

- Washington: Senate passed a $15 billion transportation package by raising gas taxes by 11.7 cents over the next three years.

- Georgia: House passed HB 170, which would replace the percentage sales tax on gasoline by increasing the per-gallon tax by 21.7 cents. The bill also requires the rate to be adjusted annually to adapt to growing vehicle efficiency and inflation in the cost of highway construction.

- Iowa: Has passed and enacted a transportation revenue package. The bill increased the gas tax by 10 cents per gallon. New funds will go entirely to highway projects.

Ms. Platt stated that she will continue to monitor these proposals as the states take innovative approaches to funding.

Mr. Carley commented that the chamber is focused on a long term view.

E. Finance Officer’s Report

Ms. Purcy Nance, stff, stated that the Finance Officer’s Report, dated March 12, 2015, was distributed around the table. She stated that the report is on the financial statements for the period ended January 31, 2015 and includes current cash information.

Ms. Nance stated that on page 2 is the current information. As of March 6, OKI had $226,326 in the PNC checking account, $12,636 in the HSA/FSA checking account and $603,193 in the PNC savings account. She reported that there has been no recent activity on OKI’s line of credit and there is no outstanding balance at report date.

Ms. Nance stated that on page 3 is the balance sheet as of January 31. Cash and Investments are down approximately 6% from this time last year. She stated that Receivables are up 12% from this time last year due to increased activities in the JARC/New Freedom programs and the KY536 Scoping Study. At January 31, there were $888,000 in receivables, all associated with December and January invoices. She further stated that payables are up approximately 26% or $13,000 from this time last year due to the timing of the New Freedom pass through program activities.

Ms. Nance stated that on page 4 is the Revenue information. She reported that at January 31, OKI is 58% of the way through the budgeted year. Overall, revenues are at 55%, which is on budget.

Ms. Nance noted the following items: Federal revenues are ahead of budget due to the timing of the Solar Ready and New Freedom pass through projects; State of Ohio and State of Kentucky
revenues are behind budget due to the timing of the FiAM, Rideshare and Water projects; Local Revenues are ahead of budget due to the timing of county funding payments; and Contributed Services are ahead of budget due to overmatch received in the Clean Air program and timing of the New Freedom pass through projects.

Ms. Nance stated that on page 5 is the Expense information. She reported that overall, expenses are at 53%, which is on budget. Ms. Nance noted the following items: Category 3, Professional Development and Board Travel are under budget due to the timing of budgeted activities; Category 4, Technical Consultants is behind budget due to the timing of the KY 536 study and Professional Services is behind budget due to the timing of the spring traffic data collection project; and Category 6, Contributed Services are ahead of budget due to the overmatch received in the Clean Air program and due to the timing of New Freedom pass through projects.

Ms. Nance stated that on page 6 is the General Fund Balance information. She stated that the General Fund Balance has had a net increase of approximately $63,000 year to date. The two components of this increase are timing differences and year to date activities. The timing differences include: $184,000 increase due to timing of county funding payments and $99,000 decrease due to application of negotiated fringe and indirect rates. The remaining $22,000 decrease is associated with year-to-date operations and timing of active projects. Resulting in a year to date fund balance of $1,234,000—of this amount, $264,000 is committed to active projects.

There being no discussion, Mr. Brayshaw moved that the Executive Committee accept and file the Finance Officer’s Report dated March 12, 2015. Mr. Reed seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #2: CLEAN AIR PROGRAM UPDATE

Ms. Jones, staff, explained that since 1995, OKI has partnered with the Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services on leading the fight for cleaner air in the region by bringing air pollution issues to the forefront of people’s minds. She stated that the two agencies have worked cooperatively with issuing smog alerts and educating the public on simple clean air tips. However, 20 years later it is time for a new approach that provides standardization statewide and expands the range of emissions coverage to include particulate matter.

Ms. Jones introduced Megan Hummel with Hamilton County Environmental Services who gave an update on the Clean Air program and what it means to this region. Ms. Hummel explained that the Southwest Ohio Air Quality Agency is a division of Hamilton County Environmental Services. When a Smog Alert is issued, it not only covers the Ohio counties of Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren, but Boone, Kenton and Campbell counties in northern Kentucky as well.

Ms. Hummel explained that the Smog Alert program started around 1995 when our region had poor air quality. The business community was engaged and it has been a successful program. However, she explained that a change is needed for a variety of reasons, including the fact that complacency has set in. She also explained that this is a year-round issue because the possibility exists of having an air quality issue in the winter time. Ms. Hummel also reported out that the U.S.
EPA is tightening the ozone standards. If these higher standards had already been in place, there would have been numerous exceedances the past two years:

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Ms. Hummel reported that the program will now be called Air Quality Advisory. This name and logo will be used in every other major region in Ohio. She pointed out that the word “smog” can be a little misleading because issues can exist with the air quality while the air looks clear.

Ms. Hummel explained that they are currently holding a series of meetings with stakeholders. She encouraged members to share the information with the residents of their communities, post information in newsletters and ask organizations to put together an air quality plan to help individuals take personal actions to help on a larger issue.

Mr. Rogers asked for clarification regarding the current ozone standard. Ms. Hummel explained that the current standard is 75 parts per billion. EPA is proposing a new standard of between 70 and 65 ppb to be finalized in October.

Mr. Hubbard questioned whether health benefits related to improved air quality are being tracked. He commented that this information would be helpful when talking to the public if there was data to help support the more stringent standards. Ms. Hummel explained that Children’s Hospital has data, however, Hamilton County Environmental Services does not keep track of that information. She pointed out that all actions are voluntary, such as refueling after 8 p.m.

Judge Moore questioned the use of reformulated gas in Northern Kentucky. Ms. Hummel explained that unfortunately she could not speak to the different types of gases in use.

**ITEM #3: OKI SOLAR READY-INTERACTIVE SOLAR MAP DEMONSTRATION**

Mr. Miller, staff, explained that OKI has entered into a partnership with NARC and other regional councils to engage stakeholders to prepare best management practices for use by communities.

Mr. Miller reported that a workshop was held on March 6 at the Cincinnati Zoo, at which the Go Solar Ready website was unveiled. Approximately 115 participants attended the full day session, including a number of local government officials, representatives from the solar industry, facility and property managers, lenders, architects and nonprofit organizations.

Mr. Miller provided the Executive Committee with a demonstration of the Go Solar Ready website and interactive map developed by OKI which can be found at [www.solar.oki.org](http://www.solar.oki.org). The map provides users the opportunity to zero in on specific rooftops in the OKI region to obtain information about
their solar energy potential. Resources for local communities and construction guidelines are also available on the website.

Judge Moore pointed out that there are a number of electric providers in Northern Kentucky. He questioned whether the map provides information based on a location's specific provider. Mr. Miller clarified that the calculations shown on the map are based on the average rates for Duke Energy, which covers the majority of the region.

Mr. Gordon congratulated OKI and staff on the work that has been accomplished. He stated that the website is an amazing resource and encouraged those who have not yet had an opportunity to visit it to do so.

Mr. Rogers commented that local codes, particularly those established by homeowner associations, may be resistant to the use of solar panels. He questioned whether this issue is being addressed. Mr. Miller explained that the work includes best practices for engaging homeowner associations and also historic districts.

ITEM #4: INTERMODAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Mark Paine, staff, reported that the ICC met on Tuesday, March 10. The group heard the update on the Clean Air Program and the Solar Ready interactive map demonstration which were also provided today. The committee also approved Administrative Modification #14 to the OKI TIP which included minor changes to several highway and sidewalk projects in the region.

Mr. Paine reported that OKI hosted an SNK and TA workshop after the ICC meeting for potential applicants from Northern Kentucky. It is anticipated that nearly $9 million will be awarded in SNK funds and $1.6 million awarded in TA funds for projects in Northern Kentucky. He pointed out that applications are available on the OKI website. Mr. Paine explained that he anticipates recommendations to be presented to the Board in June.

Mr. Paine stated that the ICC recommends approval of three resolutions: 2015-03 regarding Amendment #14 of the OKI FY 2014-2017 TIP, 2015-04 regarding the selection of projects to be funded with Section S310 federal funds and resolution 2015-05 which approves authorization to enter into a contract for traffic data collection professional services.

A. Amendment #14 of the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Paine stated that the amendment reflected in the proposed resolution lists one highway project in Ohio, five highway projects in Kentucky, one planning project in Indiana and several transit projects for SCRTA and OKI that are recommended for addition or revision in the current TIP. Mr. Paine highlighted the changes being proposed, including: replacement of existing signal equipment on US 27 at Liberty Street and the modification of geometry in Central Parkway in Hamilton County; addition of the design phase for low cost safety improvement projects on US 42 from Boone County/Gallatin County line to near Richwood Road; revision of right-of-way funding for a new connector road from John’s Hill Road to Three Mile Road near the I-275 interchange,
revision of the utility funding for a bridge replacement project on KY 2921 over 12 Mile Creek, revision of construction funding for pavement repairs on the curve on KY 2345 from near Wesley Drive to near Sentinel Drive in Campbell County; revision of construction funding for pavement rehabilitation on I-75 from MP 184.708 to MP 186.950 in Kenton County; increasing funding for FY 2016 Regional Planning activities undertaken by OKI in Indiana; and several transit project revisions including the management of Section 5310 program which will separately.

Mr. Hubbard moved that the Executive Committee approve Resolution OKI 2015-03 regarding Amendment #14 of the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. Judge Knochelmann seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. Selection of Projects to be Funded with Section 5310 Federal Funds Allocated to the Cincinnati Urbanized Area

Mr. Paine, staff, explained that the Section 5310 program aims to provide funding to private, non-profit transportation services. Under MAP-21, the responsibilities for the Section 5310 program were moved from the states to designated recipients in large and small urban areas. He stated that OKI was named the Designated Recipient for the program in the Cincinnati urbanized area by the Governors of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana in 2014.

Mr. Paine explained that the goal of the program is to improve mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities, including better access to employment, medical appointments and other needed destinations. The Section 5310 program covers 80% of the capital cost and 20% match is required. He pointed out that the OKI Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan is the basis for the program.

Mr. Paine explained that the total funding available for the program is $2.4 million. He stated that they will award funding mainly from 2013 allocation because those funds lapse at the end of the current federal fiscal year. OKI anticipates having a call for projects annually and next year will use 2014 funds.

Mr. Paine reported that an Oversight Team, comprised of representatives from all three states, private, non-profit agencies, transit companies and a for-profit transportation operator, met on January 27 to review applications from eleven agencies. The Team recommended funding $1.4 million for 38 vehicles as listed, this ensures that OKI will use the FY 2013 federal funds allocated to the urbanized area:

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Sycamore Senior Center $61,066 $15,266  
Warren Co. Community Services $69,678 $17,419  
Wesley Community Services $249,030 $62,256

Mr. Humphrey moved that the Executive Committee adopt Resolution 2015-04 approving the selection of projects to be funded with Section 5310 funds. Mr. Reed seconded the motion; motion carried.

C. Authorization to Enter into a Contract for Professional Services for Traffic Data Collection

Mr. Rohne, staff, explained that there are three components to the traffic data collection proposed to be conducted this spring. The first component is 30-day traffic count collection on all seven Ohio River bridges. The second component will include the collection of blue tooth data; the third component will include 800 freeway and arterial counts. The counts will be used for travel model validation. He explained that the model is used for transportation studies and for information provided to the public via OKI’s website at www.traffic.oki.org.

Mr. Rohne reported that seven proposals were received in response to an RFQ issued by OKI on January 5. The responses were shortlisted down to three. OKI is requesting that two consultants be hired to conduct the work at a combined cost not to exceed $600,000.

Mr. Rogers moved that the Executive Committee adopt Resolution 2015-05 authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract for professional services for traffic data collection. Mr. Bogard seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #5:  
AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE KENTUCKY CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION FOR A PLAN4HEALTH GRANT

Ms. Randall, staff, explained that the proposed resolution will allow the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Kentucky Chapter of the American Planning Association, Planning & Development Services of Kenton County, the Northern Kentucky Health Department and the Center for Great Neighborhoods of Covington, Inc. The MOU will allow OKI to accept and administer grant funding through the Plan4Health grant program funded by the American Planning Association in partnership with the American Public Health Association. The program strengthens local partnerships between planners, public health officials and community-based organizations. She pointed out that this is a key strategy outlined in OKI’s recently adopted How Do We Grow From Here, Strategic Regional Policy Plan. Ms. Randall stated that specific activities to be funded by the grant include a county-wide assessment of access to healthy food in Kenton County, as well as specific strategies aimed at improving access to healthy food in the urban core neighborhoods in Covington.
Ms. Randall explained that OKI was included in multiple grant applications that were submitted from our region toward this program back in the fall. Staff is pleased to have this project selected for funding in what is understood to be a highly competitive program. She stated that OKI looks forward to this opportunity to strengthen local partnerships and advance the How Do We Grow From Here initiatives related to public health.

Mr. Gordon commented that this work is a great addition to the How Do We Grow From Here work and also implements key initiatives in Kenton County’s Direction 2030, recently adopted comprehensive plan. He expressed his appreciation for OKI’s help in moving this project forward.

Mr. Gordon moved that the Executive Committee adopt Resolution 2015-06 authorizing the execution of an MOU with the Kentucky Chapter of the American Planning Association for a Plan4Health grant. Mr. Reed seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #6:  CONSENT AGENDA

President Lynch stated that each month a written report of committee activities is mailed to the Board of Directors. He stated that this mailing includes the February Consent Agenda items.

Ms. Carran moved that the Executive Committee approve the consent agenda as mailed. Ms. Mataric seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #7:  OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business for discussion.

ITEM #8:  ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Reed moved to adjourn the Executive Committee. Ms. Mataric seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

KEVIN J. LYNCH, PRESIDENT

MARK R. POLICINSKI, SECRETARY

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