

Performance and Engagement Committee Meeting Summary

Wednesday February 19, 2025

Members Present

Steve Conklin, Chair	Edgewater
Jeff Baker	Arapahoe County
Austin Ward	City and County of Broomfield
Kevin Flynn	City and County of Denver
Kevin Van Winkle	Douglas County
Nicole Speer	Boulder
Deborah Mulvey	Castle Pines
Tammy Maurer	Centennial
Jeslin Shahrezaei	Lakewood
Colleen Whitlow	Mead
John Diak	Parker
Bud Starker	Wheat Ridge

Others Present: Doug Rex, Executive Director; Richard Kondo, Northglenn; and DRCOG staff.

Chair Conklin called the meeting to order at approximately 5:01 p.m. with a quorum present.

Move to Adopt the Consent Agenda

Director Maurer **moved** to adopt the consent agenda. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Items on the consent agenda included:

- Summary of the November 20, 2024 meeting

Awards celebration preview

Amber Leberman presented an overview of the event to the members. The awards celebration returns to Seawell Ballroom at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts on August 27 under the theme “Innovate. Collaborate. Elevate.” Nominations for the awards celebration opened on February 19.

Discussion of the 2025 Board Retreat

Executive Director Rex provided a brief background for the event to the directors. The DRCOG Board Retreat is expected to be held in the second quarter of 2025 in the Downtown Denver area. Members discussed the structure of the event and solidified a date, which will be April 11-12.

Peer exchange with other councils of governments

Executive Director Rex began the conversation of DRCOG participating in a peer exchange with the members. In June, DRCOG hosted the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) on a peer exchange focused on transportation investment and housing. The event initiated conversation about DRCOG pursuing a similar peer exchange with another region to possibly learn new approaches to regional challenges. The event would occur in FY2025/2026 and all Board members would be invited to attend. DRCOG staff researched and presented

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seven regions of the country and their associated planning agencies for consideration to the committee. After a robust discussion, members narrowed down those options to the following three cities:

- Austin, TX – [Capitol Area Council of Governments \(CAPCOG\)](#)
- Phoenix, AZ – [Maricopa Association of Governments \(MAG\)](#)
- Seattle, WA – [Puget Sound Regional Planning Commission \(PSRC\)](#)

The committee will continue to have discussions to decide which region they'll want to have a peer exchange with and when the exchange will take place.

Report of the Chair

Chair Conklin reported it was his last meeting as Chair of the Performance and Engagement Committee and wanted to thank members for their participation and service.

Report of the Executive Director

Executive Director Rex wanted to thank Chair Conklin for his continued service to the committee and the DRCOG Board.

Other Matters by Members

There were no other matters by members.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2025.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:31 p.m.