



MEETING NOTICE

Re-posted 5/5/2026, 2:00 pm, LB

There will be a meeting of the **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
of the **BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**
Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

This will be a virtual meeting as allowed by An Act relative to extending certain measures adopted during the COVID-19 emergency which extended certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A sec.20, until June 30, 2027.

To participate virtually, join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/7rh92d8GRe2H1Fr0TQok8g>

(Registration Required)

Meeting ID: 884 0771 6969

AGENDA

(all times approximate)

- I. Call to Order & Open Meeting Law Statement (4:00)**
- II. Roll Call of Executive Committee Members Attending the Meeting**
- III. Vote to Approve the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of April 2, 2026***
- IV. Financial Reports and Discussion (4:05)**
 - A. Vote to Approve the March 27, 2026 – April 28, 2026 Expenditures Report*
 - B. Report on Accounts Receivable – April 2026
 - C. Report on the Line of Credit – April 2026
- V. Open Comments from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Delegates and Alternate Delegates, not to be further discussed at this meeting by the Executive Committee (4:10)**
- VI. Items Requiring Action* (4:15)**
 - A. Vote to Ratify the Submission of an application to the Massachusetts FFIO's Municipal and Tribal Technical Assistance (MTTA) program for funding to administer a Transportation Security Index survey in connection with the Adventure to Ashuwillticook Trail project*
 - B. Vote to Approve the Submission of an Application to MIIA Wellness Program*
 - C. Vote to Approve the Submission of an Application to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY25 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use, Site-Based Program (COSSUP)*
 - D. Vote to Confirm BRPC Staff Salary Ranges for FY27, including the addition of an on-site Grant Specialist category*
- VII. Committee Updates, Reports, and Discussion (4:35)**
 - A. Commission Development Committee
 - B. Environmental Review Committee
 - C. Finance Committee

- D. Regional Issues Committee
- E. Berkshire Brownfields Committee
- F. Berkshire Metropolitan Planning Organization
- G. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee
- H. Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

VIII. Executive Director’s Report and Discussion (4:40)

- A. Report on New Contracts / Agreements
- B. Berkshires Tomorrow Inc. (BTI) Update
- C. Staff Updates
- D. Office Space – ongoing construction and RFI prior to renewal of existing lease
- E. Seasonal Communities Advisory Council Update
- F. Rural Policy Advisory Commission Update
- G. Massachusetts Integrated Land Use Strategy (MILUS)
- H. Passenger Rail
- I. 5th Thursday Networking & Educational Event Recap
- J. Commercial PACE program in MA
- K. BRPC Assisted Community Development Block Grant Applications
- L. New Report on the Health of Western and Central Massachusetts
- M. Technical Assistance Report

IX. Old Business and Discussion (4:45)

- A. Discussion about Topics for the May 21, 2026 Commission Meeting
- B. Ballot Initiatives

X. New Business and Discussion (4:55)

- A. Proposed FY27 election schedule
- B. Proposed FY27 meeting schedule

XI. Adjournment* (5:00)

* Items Requiring Action