

WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL HOME RULE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009

A meeting of the West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Board was held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 2, 2009, at the Public Safety Building in Morgantown, West Virginia.

The following members were present:

Jon Amores (designee for Development Office Executive Director Kelley Goes)
Chris Fletcher, Member
Brian Jones, Member
Floyd (Kin) McKinley Sayre III, Member
Emmett S. Pugh III, Member (designee for the Honorable Joe Manchin III)

The following members were absent:

Edwin Bowman, Member
Jim Morgan, Member

Others present:

Tom Bell, City of Huntington
Bryan Chambers, Herald Dispatch
A. Kim Haws, City of Bridgeport
Charles Holley, City of Huntington
Brandi Jacobs-Jones, City of Huntington
Bill Kenny, West Virginia Insurance Commission
Lisa Martinelli
Victor Mullins, West Virginia Insurance Commission
Deron Runyon, City of Huntington

The meeting was called to order by Chair Emmett Pugh. It was reported that notice of the meeting had been lawfully given, a quorum was present, and the meeting was convened.

Chair Pugh opened the meeting by introducing members and welcoming guests.

A motion was made by Mr. Kin Sayre to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2008, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Fletcher and unanimously carried.

Chair's Report

The chairman did not give a formal report.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

The members heard progress reports from the cities of Bridgeport and Huntington. These reports are included as part of the official meeting minutes. The Board applauds the pioneering spirit of Bridgeport and Huntington and enthusiastically supports the innovative initiatives underway in these pilot municipalities. In addition, the group learned of the specific challenges currently being addressed by the cities.

Mr. Bill Kenny of the West Virginia Insurance Commission advised the Board of a possible conflict between the Commissioner's duties and the provisions of Huntington's home rule plan. The Board will continue to monitor this situation.

Legislation introduced this 2009 regular session regarding the Municipal Home Rule Board was briefly discussed. When possible, Board members will be apprised of any additional legislation that is introduced during this session.

Adjournment

With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

The Board was reminded that the next meeting was slated to be held on Thursday, May 21 in Morgantown.