

# SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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## Meeting Summary

January 29, 2024 Special Legislative Meeting  
of the Southeastern CT Council of Governments  
5 Connecticut Ave, Norwich, CT

### PRESENT:

Bozrah	Glenn Pianka	Montville	Lenny Bunnell
Colchester		New London	
East Lyme	Dan Cunningham	Norwich	
Franklin		North Stonington	Bob Carlson
Griswold		Preston	
Jewett City		Salem	
City of Groton		Sprague	Cheryl Blanchard
Town of Groton		Town of Stonington	
Lebanon		Stonington Borough	Michael Schefers
Ledyard	Fred Allyn	Waterford	Rob Brule
Lisbon		Windham	Tom DeVivo
Military Liaisons:	US Coast Guard Academy: - New London SUBASE:		
Tribal Affiliates:	Mohegan Tribe: Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation:		

SCCOG staff: Amanda Kennedy. Office of Sen. Murphy: Erin McBride. Legislators: Sen. Osten (remote), Rep. Ackert (remote), Rep. Johnson (remote), Rep. McCarty (remote), Rep. Cheeseman (remote), Rep. Bumgardner (remote), Rep. Wilson, Dubitsky (remote), Rep. Ryan (remote).

1. Call to Order: Chairman Brule called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Brule led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call: A quorum was not present.
3. 2024 Legislative Agenda

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#### Member Municipalities:

Bozrah \* Colchester \* East Lyme \* Franklin \* Griswold \* Borough of Jewett City \* City of Groton \* Town of Groton \* Lebanon \* Ledyard \* Lisbon \* Montville \* New London \* North Stonington \* Norwich \* Preston \* Salem \* Sprague \* Stonington \* Stonington Borough \* Waterford \* Windham

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SCCOG Legislative Chairman Mayor Fred Allyn reviewed the items on SCCOG's list for legislative attention and received comments and questions from legislators, which are listed below the relevant topic.

A) Legal Notice Requirements

Sen. Osten suggested that SCCOG should talk with newspaper organizations to understand their concerns. Rep. Bumgardner asked if SCCOG could share what costs are for each municipality, Ms. Kennedy offered to compile that information.

B) Education

Rep. Dubitsky mentioned prior efforts to address special education funding.

C) Heating Assistance

Rep. Cheeseman noted that there are early efforts to add heating assistance funds.

D) Uniform Assistance Relocation Act

Mayor Allyn suggested a solution to the financial burdens of the uniform relocation act could be a fund held at the state level that towns could access.

E) Municipal Shared Services

F) Solid Waste Disposal

Members discussed solid waste issues and the potential to add processing at the two WTE plants. Rep. Johnson mentioned a forum she's holding in Windham on sustainable strategies. Sen. Osten stated she has proposed bills in the past that would divide DEEP into two agencies, one addressing environmental protection and the other addressing energy. Rep. Bumgardner mentioned potential resources for organic waste diversion. Rep. Ackert asked for information regarding SCRRA's plans for organic waste processing.

G) Planning & Zoning Commission Reporting

H) Public Safety

4. Adjournment.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting (Carlson, Blanchard). So voted unanimously.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.