

**Delaware Coalition for Open Government  
Virtual Board Meeting by Zoom  
Tuesday, April 1, 2025**

**Meeting Minutes (Draft #1)**

The DelCOG monthly board meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 pm on April 1, 2025, via Zoom.

A quorum was present including the following officers and board members: John Kowalko III, president; Al Jackson, vice president; Anita Rush, treasurer, Coralie Pryde, John Flaherty, Keith Steck, and Nick Wasileski. Also in attendance were DelCOG advisory members Katherine Ward and John Kowalko Jr.

The following guest attendees present were: Amy Roe, Connie Merlet, Bill Shields, and Warren Rosenkranz.

**Committee Reports**

The Inspector General Committee reported on the progress of SB 4, which was released from the Senate Executive Committee on March 26, 2025. It was agreed that John Flaherty would write a letter urging the Senate to bring SB 4 up for a vote, and Keith Steck would write an editorial about the urgent need to pass SB 4. The IG Committee will meet in a week to discuss ideas to move SB 4 forward.

The Technology Committee reported on the need for a contact management system for outreach and relationship building among DelCOG's membership and other nonprofit partners. John Kowalko III made a motion to use the vendor "Constant Contact" at a cost of approximately \$100.00 per year, and the motion was approved unanimously by the DelCOG board.

**Business**

Under the topic of SB 13, concerning the Hospital Assessment Commission, Amy Roe described a FOIA issue pertaining to the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee. Their February 13, 2025 meeting included discussion of several entities in addition to the one posted on the published agenda. A petition to the Attorney General returned the determination that the General Assembly is not subject to the agenda requirements in Title 29, Chapter 100. Next steps include forwarding the FOIA packet to DelCOG members, and discussion on next month's agenda. A motion to approve a letter written by Amy Roe was forwarded by John Flaherty, and the board approved the motion unanimously by the DelCOG board.

Nick Wasileski was nominated to be the DelCOG secretary by John Kowalko III, and the board voted unanimously to elect Nick as secretary.

Bill Shield brought up the topic of nuclear power and the need for affordable electricity, and he suggested that the state look at getting 2 sites (one in NCC + one in Sussex County) & then it would leave plenty of power for future requirements.

The DelCOG board meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.