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CMRPC Legislative Affairs Committee Minutes

July 8, 2025 – 9:00 am
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Andrew Goals (Chair) – Charlton, William Trifone – Dudley

Absent: Mary Bulso – Blackstone, David Quiroa – Worcester, Jared Grigg – Spencer, Jen Callahan – Oxford

CMRPC Staff: Ethan Melad, Connor Robichaud, Anthony Senesi, Sherrie Haber

Discussion began at 9:07am without quorum.

LAC Forum Update:

- Mr. Melad stated that Ms. Settles suggested a dialogue about energy / battery storage.
 - It was questioned if this would be in a Legislative Affairs Forum or a full CMRPC event
 - Mr. Golas asked if CMRPC could research if any legislators are pushing for it.
 - Mr. Trifone was surprised the bill did not have incentives attached
 - Mr. Golas asked if CMRPC could consider who would be on a panel

DLTA / Chapter 70 funding:

- DLTA was level funded at \$3M
- Chapter 70 was funded at \$150 per pupil – the highest it has been
- Charter reimbursement was funded at 100%
- Free school lunches were funded
- Mr. Trifone added that the state should fund social service agencies that are run through schools

Without a quorum and without further business, the meeting ended at 9:18am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Sherrie Haber, CMRPC