



AGENDA

APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022 – 10:30 AM
APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OFFICES
WITH A ZOOM OPTION

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Meeting ID: 893 6571 7876 - Passcode: 450852 - Dial In Number (301) 715 8592

10:30

I. Call to Order – Mr. Mike Forrester, Chair

- A. Invocation
- B. Introduction of Guests
- C. Approval of October 28, 2022 Board Minutes (Section 1, Board Packet)
- D. October 31, 2022 Financial Statement [**Information Only**] (Section 2, Board Packet)

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II. Resolution to Honor Representative Rita Allison for a Lifetime of Service to the Appalachian Region – Mr. Mike Forrester, Chair (Section 3, Board Packet)

Briefing: The board will consider the adoption of a resolution to honor former ACOG Board Chair and long-time board member Representative Rita Allison for a lifetime of service to the people of the Appalachian region.

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III. Recognition of ACOG Board Members whose Terms will Expire at the End of December – Mr. Mike Forrester, Chair

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IV. Recognition of an Employee who has Recently Celebrated a Milestone Anniversary with ACOG – Mr. Mike Forrester, Chair

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V. City of Simpsonville Economic Development Initiatives – Mayor Paul Shewmaker and Ms. Dianna Gracely, City Administrator, City of Simpsonville

Briefing: Mayor Shewmaker and Ms. Gracely will discuss economic development initiatives of the city, including the development of a performing arts center, which was opened earlier this year.

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VI. 2023 South Carolina Legislative Preview – Mr. Casey Fields, Manager for Municipal Advocacy, Municipal Association of South Carolina, and Mr. Kent Lesesne, Director of Governmental Affairs, South Carolina Association of Counties

Briefing: Mr. Fields and Mr. Lesesne will address legislative priorities of MASC and SCAC for the 2023 session of the South Carolina General Assembly.

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VII. Appalachian Council of Governments FY 2022 Annual Audit – Ms. Marcy Loucks, Shareholder, McKinley, Cooper and Co. To request a printed version, please contact Cheryl Bentley at cbentley@scacog.org. A digital copy of the audit and management report is available at the following link [ACOG Audit](#).

Briefing: *Ms. Loucks will present the ACOG FY 2022 audit report.*

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VIII. Appalachian Region 2023-2028 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) – Mr. Don Godbey, Chair, Regional Economic Development Committee, and Ms. Brooke Ferguson, Economic Development Director (The draft document is available for review on the ACOG website at <https://www.scacog.org/economic-development-services>. To request a printed copy, please contact Cheryl Bentley at cbentley@scacog.org.)

Briefing: As the federally designated EDD (Economic Development District) for the SC Appalachian region, ACOG is responsible for the development and maintenance of the CEDS, which identifies the economic character of the region and identifies goals and priorities for economic development. The CEDS is required for entities in the region to be eligible for several federal grants. The Regional Economic Development Committee will present the CEDS for board consideration.

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IX. Executive Director Report – Mr. Steve Pelissier, Executive Director

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X. Adjourn