



AGENDA

APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2026 – 10:30 AM
APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OFFICES
WITH A ZOOM OPTION

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Meeting ID: 846 1608 0945 - Passcode: 336903 - Dial In Number (309) 205 3325

10:30

- I. Call to Order – Don Godbey, Chair
 - A. Invocation
 - B. Introduction of Guests
 - C. Approval of June 26, 2026, Board Minutes (Section 1, Board Packet)

10:35

- II. Recognition of ACOG Employees' Milestone Anniversaries – Mr. Don Godbey, Chair

10:40

- III. Upstate Greenways & Trails Alliance (UGATA) – Mr. Matt Hudson-Flege, Executive Director (Section 2, Board Packet)

Briefing: Mr. Hudson-Flege will provide an overview of the organization, highlighting its mission, current priorities, and future projects, as well as the economic and community benefits these initiatives bring to the Upstate region.

11:05

- IV. SCDOT Transportation Update – Mr. Darren Ledbetter, SCDOT Program Manager

Briefing: Mr. Ledbetter will provide a brief overview of current SCDOT projects in our region and share updates on upcoming initiatives, future transportation improvements, and anticipated timelines.



11:25

- V. Report on Data Centers** – Mr. Chip Bentley, Deputy Executive Director (Section 3, Board Packet)

Briefing: Mr. Bentley will report on the demand for large-scale data centers in the Upstate, and what questions local governments should be asking about economic opportunities and community impacts.

11:40

- VI. Legislative Report** – Ms. Brooke Ferguson, Economic Development Director

Briefing: Ms. Ferguson will provide a report on activity from the 2026 term of the South Carolina legislature, emphasizing items of interest to local governments.

11:45

- VII. Executive Director Report** – Mr. Steve Pelissier, Executive Director

11:55

- VIII. Member Updates** – Don Godbey, Chair

Briefing: Board members will report on items of interest from their communities.

12:00

- IX. Adjourn**