

MINUTES

FULL BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONFERENCE ROOM
APRIL 25, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Judy Gilstrap, Wallace Shaw, Larry Greer, Michael Thompson, James Batchler, Ed Elliott, Janie Wilson, Grady Butler, Joe Dill, Thomas Alexander, Bob Gaillard, Bennie Cunningham, Ernest Riley, Craig Brandon, G. Neil Smith, J. Connie Bowers, Heyward McDonald, Tom Hendricks, Lib Fleming, Dale Culbreth, O'Neal Mintz, Elbert Tillerson, and Loretta Smith.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Joe Davenport, Anderson; Lamar Bailes, Oconee; Dell Bagwell, Town of Blacksburg Administrator; Terry Culbertson; Dr. Kathleen Brady, USC Upstate Metropolitan Studies Institute; and Dr. Peggy Torrey, Deputy Secretary of Commerce for Workforce Development.

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Pelissier, Joe Newton, Dirk Reis, Becky Hall, Vickie Williams, Julia Hoyle, Chip Bentley, and Debbie Courson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwomen Gilstrap. The invocation was offered by Rev. Butler. On motion by Mr. Gaillard, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, the minutes of the March 28, 2008, meeting were unanimously approved.

University of South Carolina Upstate Metropolitan Studies Institute

Dr. Kathleen Brady introduced herself as the new Director of the Metropolitan Studies Institute. She is looking forward to working with ACOG and local governments in the near future.

Overview of Workforce Development and the Role and Responsibility of ACOG as the Administrative Entity for WorkLink

Dr. Peggy Torrey, the Deputy Secretary of Commerce for Workforce Development, gave an extensive overview of the WorkLink program and the role and responsibilities of ACOG as the administrative entity. She stated that Chief Elected Officials of the three participating counties designate the administrative entity and appoint the local board members. The administrative entity operates the program and manages fiscal affairs and personnel. The local board sets policy and approves funding. The local board is responsible for the selection and operation of service providers. WIA requires that the Consortium counties, through their chief elected officials, shall serve as the local grant recipient. The ACOG is designated by the consortium to serve as the local grant subrecipient/fiscal agent to carry out the administrative provisions of the WIA legislation. The Consortium retains liability for use of WIA funds as required. The ACOG disburses funds at the direction of the WIB as required by the Act.

Dr. Torrey stated that 12 regional Workforce investment Boards in South Carolina work directly with business, local agencies and other partners to deliver services and programs funded by the federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and the Trade Act. Nine use COG's as their administrative entities and three use their county governments.

Request for Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Matter.

Chairwomen Gilstrap request that the Board go into Executive Session. On motion by Mr. Greer, seconded by Mr. Smith, the committee unanimously voted to go into Executive Session.

On motion by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Gaillard, the committee came out of Executive Session.

Legislative Update

This was postponed until the next meeting.

Committee Appointments

Chairwomen Gilstrap read a list of the current committee appointments. (Please see attached).

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Chair

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COMPLIED WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IN SCHEDULING
AND CONDUCTING THIS MEETING.