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## AGENDA

### APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021 – 10:30 AM

#### ZOOM MEETING

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Meeting ID: 840 8630 2597 - Passcode: 473092 - Dial In Number (929) 205 6099

#### 10:30

- I. Call to Order – Rep. Neal Collins, Vice-Chair
  - A. Invocation
  - B. Introduction of Guests
  - C. Approval of September 24, 2021 Board Minutes (Section 1, Board Packet)
  - D. September 30, 2021 Financial Statements [**Information Only**] (Section 2, Board Packet)

#### 10:35

- II. Recognition of Employees who have Recently Celebrated Milestone Anniversaries with the Agency – Rep. Neal Collins, Vice-Chair

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- III. Greenville Spartanburg International Airport, Recovery and Resiliency – Mr. Dave Edwards, President & CEO and Mr. Scott Carr, Vice-President - Commercial Business and Communications, Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport

Briefing: While COVID-19 brought unprecedented challenges to the Upstate, nation and the world, the Greenville/Spartanburg Airport District successfully weathered the aviation and economic disruptions, and is well positioned to continue its mission to advance the economic prosperity of the region by providing safe, convenient, user friendly and cost competitive air transportation. GSP recently completed its 5-year Strategic Business Plan, which outlines GSP's Vision, Mission and Core Values and Strategic Goals. Mr. Edwards and Mr. Carr will provide a summary of the Strategic Business Plan and offer their thoughts on the future operations and development needs of GSP and its environs.



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**11:10**

**IV. South Carolina Ports Authority – Growth and Expansion through the Pandemic and Beyond – Mr. Mike Hoffman, General Manager of Intermodal Operations, South Carolina Ports Authority**

Briefing: The South Carolina Ports Authority continues to advance infrastructure projects and attract new business, securing its position as the preferred U.S. container port ahead of an incredibly significant year. SC Ports Authority has seen great success with its rail-served inland ports. Inland Port Greer and Inland Port Dillon expand the port's reach inland, providing access to U.S. population centers and global markets through the Port of Charleston. Mr. Hoffman will speak on the importance of the state's Inland Ports, current trends, and plans for future expansion.

**11:40**

**Consideration of the 2021 Annual Performance Report for the 2018-2022 SC Appalachian Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) – Mr. Don Godbey, Chair, Regional Economic Development Committee and Ms. Brooke Ferguson, Economic Development Director (A link to the report is located on the ACOG website at [www.scacog.org](http://www.scacog.org). The link below will also direct you to the document or you can request an individual copy by contacting Brooke Ferguson at [bferguson@scacog.org](mailto:bferguson@scacog.org).**

[https://www.scacog.org/files/files/CEDS\\_2021\\_AnnualPerfRpt\\_DRAFT\\_Web.pdf](https://www.scacog.org/files/files/CEDS_2021_AnnualPerfRpt_DRAFT_Web.pdf)

Briefing: The CEDS is required by the US Economic Development Administration. In order for a project to receive EDA funding, it must be consistent with the regional CEDS. Likewise, CEDS consistency is considered in grant application reviews by other agencies, such as the Appalachian Regional Commission. As the EDA designated economic development district for the SC Appalachian Region, ACOG is responsible for the plan. Mr. Godbey and Ms. Ferguson will provide an overview of the 2021 CEDS Annual Performance Report and will present a recommendation for action from the Economic Development Committee.

***Action item***



**11:50**

**V. Executive Director Report – Mr. Steve Pelissier, Executive Director**

**11:55**

**VI. Member Reports**

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

**12:00**

**VII. Adjourn**