



AGENDA

APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024 – 10:30 AM
APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OFFICES
WITH A ZOOM OPTION

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Meeting ID: 889 9240 3593 - Passcode: 450706 - Dial In Number (309) 205 3325

10:30

- I. Call to Order – Rep. Neal Collins, Chair
 - A. Invocation
 - B. Introduction of Guests
 - C. Approval of January 26, 2024, Board Minutes (Section 1, Board Packet)
 - D. January 31, 2024, Financial Statements **[Information Only]** (Section 2, Board Packet)

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- II. Spartanburg Baseball Stadium Project – Mr. Chris Story, City Manager, Spartanburg, SC
Briefing: Mr. Story will present a summary of the Spartanburg economic development project focusing on the Minor League Baseball stadium. He will include how this project will affect future tourism and impact the city of Spartanburg.

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- III. Apprenticeship Carolina – Dr. Kathy Dickson, Senior Apprenticeship Consultant, and Ms. Emily Hodge, Apprenticeship Consultant & Data Reporting Manager (Section 3, Board Packet)
Briefing: Dr. Dickson and Ms. Hodge will provide an overview of the registered apprenticeship programs offered for youth and adults through the SC Technical College System. Apprenticeship Carolina works to create and strengthen career pathways that enrich and enhance South Carolina's existing and future workforce.

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- IV. Regional Transportation Update and TIP Amendment – Ms. Jane Hall, Chair, Regional Transportation Committee and Mr. Jake Whitmire, Transportation Planner (Section 4, Board Packet)**

Briefing: Mr. Whitmire will provide a report from the Regional Transportation Committee. The Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is being amended to extend the planning period to 10 years through 2033. This is being done to coordinate with SCDOT changes to their Statewide TIP document. The committee will provide a recommendation to the board on these proposed amendments.

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- V. Annual Update of Transportation Safety Targets in the Appalachian Region – Ms. Jane Hall, Chair, Regional Transportation Committee, and Mr. Chip Bentley, Deputy Executive Director**

Briefing: Each year, ACOG adopts the newest SCDOT safety targets for motorized and non-motorized fatalities, as well as serious injuries into the Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan (LTRP) and Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). The Regional Transportation Committee will present a recommendation to the Board for new safety targets in compliance with FHWA requirement.

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

Briefing: Mrs. Ferguson will provide a report on activity from the 2024 term of the South Carolina legislature, emphasizing items of interest to local governments.

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- VII. Nominations for 2024 Board Officers – Mr. Dennis Claramunt, Chair, Board Officer Nominating Committee**

Briefing: The board will act on recommendations from the committee for members to serve in the roles of chair, vice-chair, and secretary for a term running from April 2024 through March 2025.

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

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IX. Member Updates – Rep. Neal Collins, Chair

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

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X. Adjourn