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## AGENDA

APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2023 – 10:30 AM  
APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OFFICES  
WITH A ZOOM OPTION

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Meeting ID: 854 3897 2642 - Passcode: 279782 - Dial In Number (309) 205 3325

### 10:30

- I. Call to Order – Mr. Mike Forrester, Chair
  - A. Invocation
  - B. Introduction of Guests
  - C. Approval of January 27, 2023 Board Minutes (Section 1, Board Packet)
  - D. January 31, 2023 Financial Statement **[Information Only]** (Section 2, Board Packet)

### 10:35

- II. Furman University Shi Institute for Sustainable Communities Racial Displacement Initiative – Mr. Mike Winiski, Director, Center for Applied Sustainability Research, Shi Institute, Furman University

Briefing: As Greenville grew and developed to meet the labor demand of local industries and associated businesses during the post-World War II textile boom, growth and prosperity differed in various communities based on racial character. Mr. Winiski will discuss findings of a Furman University Shi institute initiative focusing on local development during that period, which has the purpose of helping the community to look back, as well as to look ahead.



**11:10**

- III. Appalachian Region Area Plan for Aging Services – Mr. Joe Dill, Chair, Regional Aging Advisory Committee, and Mr. Tim Womack, Aging Services Director

Please Note: A link to the plan will be available by February 20<sup>th</sup> from the ACOG website at [www.scacog.org](http://www.scacog.org). To request a printed copy of the plan, please contact Tim Womack at [twomack@scacog.org](mailto:twomack@scacog.org), or by phone at (864) 242-9733.

Briefing: As the designated AAA (Area Agency on Aging) for the SC Appalachian region, ACOG is required to develop a plan to identify the greatest needs for aging services in the region, as well as to identify priorities and strategies for meeting those needs. The Regional Aging Advisory Committee will present a draft plan for board consideration.

**Action Item**

**11:30**

- IV. SC Best Initiative – Ms. Jill Francisco, Senior Project Manager

Briefing: Catawba Regional Council of Governments (CRCOG) has received a sub grant from SC DHEC for the implementation of the SC BEST program to fund environmental assessments of brownfield sites across the state of South Carolina. As the Program Administrator CRCOG will allocate funding to the ten COG regions in the state. An Environmental Consultant has been procured by the Administrator and will conduct assessments selected for funding under the BEST.

**11:40**

- V. South Carolina Legislative Report – Ms. Brooke Ferguson, Economic Development Director

Briefing: Ms. Ferguson will provide a report on activity from the 2023 term of the South Carolina legislature, emphasizing items of interest to local governments.

**11:50**

- VI. Executive Director Report – Mr. Steve Pelissier, Executive Director

**11:55**

- VII. Member Reports

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

**12:00**

- VIII. Adjourn