



AGENDA

APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 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 – Mr. Don Godbey, Secretary
 - A. Invocation
 - B. Introduction of Guests
 - C. Approval of August 23, 2024, Board Minutes (Section 1, Board Packet)
 - D. June 30, 2024, and September 30, 2024, Financial Statements [**Information Only**] (Section 2, Board Packet)

10:35

- II. Presentation to Family in Honor of Dennis Claramunt – Mr. Don Godbey, Secretary

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- III. Nursing Home Personal Needs Allowance – Ms. Anne-Marie Coogler, Long-Term Care Ombudsman

Briefing: Ms. Coogler will address the federal Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) credited to residents in Medicaid-funded nursing homes, including its impact on residents.

10:55

IV. WorkLink Workforce Development Board – Ms. Jennifer Kelly, Executive Director (Section 3, Board Packet)

Briefing: The WorkLink Workforce Development Board develops the link between employers and employees in Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens Counties. The board is responsible for meeting employment and training needs of businesses and job seekers through a comprehensive SC Works system. Ms. Kelly will present an overview and discuss the services and programs.

11:10

V. Appalachian Region 2023-2027 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) – Mr. Don Godbey, Chair, Regional Economic Development Committee, and Mrs. Brooke Ferguson, Economic Development Director. (CEDS is located at scacog.org/econ-dev-svcs.)

Briefing: As the federally designated Economic Development District (EDD) for the SC Appalachian Region, ACOG is responsible for the development and maintenance of the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. A new CEDS is required every five years, with annual performance reports completed in the intervening years. ACOG staff has been monitoring economic development activity in the region as it pertains to the 2023-2027 CEDS adopted in December 2022. Mrs. Ferguson will provide an overview of the 2024 Annual Performance Report. The Board of Directors will be asked to approve the document for submittal to the Economic Development Administration.

Action Item

11:25

VI. American Flood Coalition – Mr. Tony McEwen, Carolinas Director (Section 4, Board Packet)

Briefing: The American Flood Coalition is a nonpartisan coalition that advances solutions that support and protect flood-affected communities. Mr. McEwen will provide the board with an overview of the organization and its current initiatives in the Carolinas.



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VII. Executive Director Report – Mr. Steve Pelissier, Executive Director (Section 5, Board Packet)

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VIII. Member Updates – Mr. Don Godbey, Secretary

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

12:00

IX. Adjourn