



MEMORANDUM

To: Appalachian Council of Governments Board Members

From: Mike Forrester, Chair

Date: November 30, 2022

Subject: Board Meeting Notice, Friday, December 9, 2022 – 10:30 AM
At the Appalachian Council of Governments Offices with a Zoom Option

The Board of Directors of the Appalachian Council of Governments will meet at 10:30 AM, Friday, December 9th. The meeting will be held at the ACOG offices, with a Zoom option provided as well.

For those who will participate by Zoom, the login information for the meeting is on the agenda. You will also receive a reminder with the login information the day before the meeting. If you have any technical issues with joining the session, staff will be available to provide assistance. Please call the main number at (864) 242-9733 for help.

We have a full agenda for our final meeting of 2022. We will honor Representative Rita Allison for her lifetime of service to the Appalachian region. We will express appreciation to several board members whose terms will expire at the end of this month. We will receive a presentation from Simpsonville Mayor Paul Shewmaker and administrator Dianna Gracely on several initiatives of the city, including its performing arts center and senior center. We will also receive a presentation on our FY 2022 annual audit. In addition, representatives from the Municipal Association of South Carolina and the South Carolina Association of Counties will provide a preview of the upcoming session of the South Carolina General Assembly. Finally, we will consider a recommendation from the Regional Economic Development Committee on the adoption of Appalachian Region 2023-2028 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

Thank you for your on-going participation and support of the Appalachian Council of Governments. I look forward to seeing you again on December 9th.





AGENDA

APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022 – 10:30 AM
APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OFFICES
WITH A ZOOM OPTION

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89365717876?pwd=Ni9BQitzOTNiWVlvOGJ4eEJpTE9XQT09>

Meeting ID: 893 6571 7876 - Passcode: 450852 - Dial In Number (301) 715 8592

10:30

I. Call to Order – Mr. Mike Forrester, Chair

- A. Invocation
- B. Introduction of Guests
- C. Approval of October 28, 2022 Board Minutes (Section 1, Board Packet)
- D. October 31, 2022 Financial Statement [**Information Only**] (Section 2, Board Packet)

10:35

II. Resolution to Honor Representative Rita Allison for a Lifetime of Service to the Appalachian Region – Mr. Mike Forrester, Chair (Section 3, Board Packet)

Briefing: The board will consider the adoption of a resolution to honor former ACOG Board Chair and long-time board member Representative Rita Allison for a lifetime of service to the people of the Appalachian region.

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III. Recognition of ACOG Board Members whose Terms will Expire at the End of December – Mr. Mike Forrester, Chair

10:45

IV. Recognition of an Employee who has Recently Celebrated a Milestone Anniversary with ACOG – Mr. Mike Forrester, Chair



10:50

V. City of Simpsonville Economic Development Initiatives – Mayor Paul Shewmaker and Ms. Dianna Gracely, City Administrator, City of Simpsonville

Briefing: Mayor Shewmaker and Ms. Gracely will discuss economic development initiatives of the city, including the development of a performing arts center, which was opened earlier this year.

11:15

VI. 2023 South Carolina Legislative Preview – Mr. Casey Fields, Manager for Municipal Advocacy, Municipal Association of South Carolina, and Mr. Kent Lesesne, Director of Governmental Affairs, South Carolina Association of Counties

Briefing: Mr. Fields and Mr. Lesesne will address legislative priorities of MASC and SCAC for the 2023 session of the South Carolina General Assembly.

11:40

VII. Appalachian Council of Governments FY 2022 Annual Audit – Ms. Marcy Loucks, Shareholder, McKinley, Cooper and Co. To request a printed version, please contact Cheryl Bentley at cbentley@scacog.org. A digital copy of the audit and management report is available at the following link [ACOG Audit](#).

Briefing: *Ms. Loucks will present the ACOG FY 2022 audit report.*

11:55

VIII. Appalachian Region 2023-2028 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) – Mr. Don Godbey, Chair, Regional Economic Development Committee, and Ms. Brooke Ferguson, Economic Development Director (The draft document is available for review on the ACOG website at <https://www.scacog.org/economic-development-services>. To request a printed copy, please contact Cheryl Bentley at cbentley@scacog.org.)

Briefing: As the federally designated EDD (Economic Development District) for the SC Appalachian region, ACOG is responsible for the development and maintenance of the CEDS, which identifies the economic character of the region and identifies goals and priorities for economic development. The CEDS is required for entities in the region to be eligible for several federal grants. The Regional Economic Development Committee will present the CEDS for board consideration.

Action Item



12:10

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

12:15

X. Adjourn



Section 1

Minutes



MINUTES

APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2022 – 10:30 A.M.

COUNCIL BOARD ROOM WITH ZOOM OPTION

GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

Members Present:

Bob Briggs, Rockey Burgess, Rep. Mike Burns, David Cauthen, Dennis Claramunt, Rep. Neal Collins, Roy Costner, Rick Danner, Joe Dill, John Elliott, Ensley Feemster, George Fletcher, Mike Forrester, Sandra Gantt, Don Godbey, Jane Hall, Henry Jolly, Butch Kirven, Willis Meadows, Charles Pinson, E Riley, Jeff Roberts, Russell Stall, Mildred Tillerson, Cindy Wilson

Guests Present:

Jennifer Calabria, Michael Christopher, Lily Cogdill, Joel Dill, Daniel Gambrell, Libba King, Connie Munn, Angie Omer

Staff Present:

Chip Bentley, Lance Estep, Trey Eubanks, Brooke Ferguson, Jill Francisco, Shelly Mitchell, Steve Pelissier, Kim Reyes, Arlene Young

Call to Order

Chairman Forrester called the meeting to order. Mr. Riley offered the invocation. Mr. Pelissier introduced speakers and guests from the State Department on Aging and Pacolet Milliken. Chairman Forrester asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2022, board meeting. Mr. Godbey made a motion to adopt the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Riley. The motion was unanimously approved. The financial statement was accepted as information.

Recognition of an ACOG Employee Who Recently Celebrated a Milestone

Chairman Forrester acknowledged SHIP Counselor, Kim Reyes, for ten years of service. She received a plaque and recognition for her years of senior advocacy associated with Medicare, senior benefits, and fraud protection.

South Carolina Department on Aging

Chairman Forrester introduced Connie Munn, Director of SC Department on Aging. Ms. Munn presented information on the vision and current status of the Department on Aging. She gave projections of the adult population and statistics and data points on seniors. Ms. Munn presented highlights from 2022, including agency growth, new funding, projects addressing social isolation due to COVID-19, and the agency's long range plan. She noted funds received from HUD for an Older American Home Modification Project for minor home repairs and a Workforce Program for seniors 55+ who want to work.

Regional Transportation Committee Report

Chairman Forrester called on Regional Transportation Committee Chair, Jane Hall, and Planning Director, Lance Estep, to give the committee report. The committee asked for a reallocation of funds for the TIP for the Anderson County Jockey Lot project. This project requires an increase in funding to increase the right of way and increased construction costs associated with that. The changes will not impact the budget due to contingency built in for unexpected costs. The committee recommended: 1.) an increase in the right of way funding from \$500,000 to \$1,300,000 and shift from FY 2024 to FY 2023. 2.) an increase in the construction funding from \$3,500,000 to \$6,500,000 and shift from FY 2024 to FY 2023. Chairman Forrester called for a vote. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Estep reported that SCDOT recently approved an increase in the ACOG's annual funding allocation for the Regional Planning Work Program (RPWP). As a result, the RPWP needs to be amended to show the revised allocation. The committee recommended to amend SCDOT's annual funding allocation to the ACOG transportation program (for program administration) from \$85,000 to \$125,000. Chairman Forrester called for a vote. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Pelissier asked Mr. Estep to discuss a recent meeting about the US 29 Corridor Study in Anderson County. Mr. Estep explained that it is a study concerning mostly industrial land and will focus on how land use patterns affect roadways. The project will involve various funding sources.

Action Item

Regional Economic Development Committee Report

Chairman Forrester called on Regional Economic Development Committee Chair, Don Godbey, and Economic Development Director, Brooke Ferguson, to present a request for a special distressed area designation. Ms. Ferguson reviewed the board's responsibility and criteria used to establish the original distressed areas, as required by amendments to the SC Textiles Communities Revitalization Act in 2018. Jennifer Calabria, Director of Development with Pacolet Milliken, spoke on the current condition of the property and surrounding area, how they would like to see the land developed, and answered questions from the board. The committee recommended that the request for a special distressed area designation be approved. Chairman Forrester called for a vote. The motion was unanimously approved.

Action Item

Executive Director's Report

Chairman Forrester asked Mr. Pelissier to give the Executive Director's report. Mr. Pelissier stated that of the \$11.5 million in funding for the Agency on Aging, \$8.7 million is contracted with service providers. \$2.8 million funds direct services at ACOG. Mr. Pelissier asked Mr. Estep to discuss funding for transportation projects. Mr. Estep explained that there was an increase in guideshare funding for the ACOG region from \$8.6 million to \$9.8 million. However, he is still looking for grant funding for two projects in Anderson County for Highway 85, Exit 21, and Highway 81, Exit 27.

Every year the Ombudsmen adopt a Long Term Care Facility to adopt for their Holiday Project. This year, they have chosen to adopt two small facilities in Spartanburg County. Board member's financial donations are needed to help the residents in these facilities with everyday necessities as well as a holiday gift. Donations may be made by giving cash at the December 9th board meeting, mailing a check to Jessica Winters at the ACOG address, or using the Venmo app @OmbudsmanHolidayProject. Gifts will be distributed the week of December 11, 2022.

The next board meeting will be held on December 9, 2022, at 10:30 AM in the ACOG Board Room. Members may also attend through Zoom.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Mike Forrester, Chairman

The South Carolina Appalachian Council of Governments has complied with the Freedom of Information Act in scheduling and conducting this meeting.

Section 2

October 31, 2022
Financial Statements

**SC Appalachian Council of Governments
Revenue and Expenditure Report**

For Fiscal Year 2023 Through Month Ending October 31, 2022

Revenues and Other Financing Sources	Original Projection	Amended Projection	EARNED TO DATE		Uses	Original Projection	Amended Projection	EXPENDED TO DATE	PERCENT
			AMOUNT	PERCENT					
General Fund and Special Revenue Funds									
Revenues					Expenditures				
EDA - District Planning Assistance	73,428	73,428	36,714	50.00%	Personnel	2,735,492	2,735,492	855,777	31.28%
CBDG & ARC Grants	363,000	363,000	111,194	30.63%	Fringe Pool Applied	1,112,241	1,112,241	335,531	30.17%
Aging P & A	674,194	674,194	185,013	27.44%	Director's Car Allowance	10,000	10,000	3,333	33.33%
HCBS Support	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	Travel Expense	121,000	121,000	38,610	31.91%
Assessment Program	373,334	373,334	126,195	33.80%	Supplies - Consumable/Non-consumable	71,500	71,500	47,550	66.50%
Ombudsman Program - Seniors	592,256	592,256	175,986	29.71%	Computer Software, License Fees & Parts	12,500	12,500	12,798	102.38%
Ombudsman Program - Disabled	155,000	155,000	51,418	33.17%	Data	95,000	95,000	21,343	22.47%
Volunteer Ombudsman Program	98,316	98,316	29,604	30.11%	Audit and Legal	24,500	24,500	7,642	31.19%
Seniors Insurance Program	209,220	209,220	72,809	34.80%	Consulting and Other Outside Services	437,770	437,770	105,724	24.15%
Information Referral Assistance Prog	177,000	177,000	58,360	32.97%	Insurance	38,377	38,377	12,741	33.20%
Family Caregiver P & A	163,657	163,657	47,439	28.99%	Postage	23,000	23,000	6,136	26.68%
Family Caregiver Support	376,919	376,919	80,416	21.34%	Printing	64,500	64,500	12,726	19.73%
Alzheimer's Assoc. Respite Admin	7,447	7,447	0	0.00%	Telephone, Fax, Cellphone and Internet	49,500	49,500	14,696	29.69%
ARC - LDD	220,284	220,284	100,728	45.73%	Memberships/Dues/Professional Activities	34,750	34,750	20,254	58.28%
Training by Government Services	32,400	32,400	6,435	19.86%	Training	26,474	26,474	3,306	12.49%
Other Government Services	32,400	32,400	1,500	4.63%	Rent for Off-site Storage	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
InfomLentum/EDIS	192,631	192,631	77,195	40.07%	SCWC Facilities Costs (W/OA)	75,000	75,000	57,990	77.32%
CDBG Planning Grant	50,000	50,000	0	0.00%	Utilities	24,000	24,000	6,325	26.35%
SCDHEC Water Quality Management	12,500	12,500	12,500	100.00%	Building and Grounds Upkeep	36,500	36,500	8,070	22.11%
Water Quality Review Fees	28,230	28,230	8,215	29.10%	Repair, Maint & Maint Agreements - Equipment	32,500	32,500	11,385	35.03%
SCDOT Intermodal Transportation	125,000	125,000	51,506	41.20%	Repair, Maintenance, Gas - Autos	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Transportation Modeling	29,000	29,000	0	0.00%	IT Maintenance Support - VC3	130,000	130,000	33,518	25.78%
Planning Service Contracts	100,000	100,000	67,025	67.03%	Recruitment/Employee Relocation	12,000	12,000	0	0.00%
Anderson Education Program	3,500	3,500	1,285	36.71%	Advertising	28,500	28,500	7,693	26.99%
Anderson Home Consortium	74,000	74,000	34,777	47.00%	In-house Meeting Expenses	38,750	38,750	4,135	10.67%
Workforce Development	715,733	715,733	229,678	32.09%	Unemployment Claims	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Six-county Appropriations	539,701	539,701	179,900	33.33%	Bank charges	5,450	5,450	1,540	28.26%
State Appropriation	98,256	98,256	32,752	33.33%	Miscellaneous	5,000	5,000	3,999	79.98%
Interest and Miscellaneous	2,500	2,500	9,813	392.52%	Capital Outlay	10,000	10,000	0	0.00%
					Increase(Decrease) in Accrual for:				
					Unused Annual Leave	12,000	12,000	4,000	33.33%
					Fringe on Unused Annual Leave	3,200	3,200	1,067	33.33%
Total Revenues	5,519,906	5,519,906	1,788,457	32.40%	Total Expenditures	5,269,504	5,269,504	1,637,889	31.08%
Revenues from Other Sources					Expenditures from Other Sources				
Operating Trans from Spec Rev Funds for use of office space	60,000	60,000	20,157	33.60%	Operating transfers to General Fund for use of office space, equip, fleet	60,000	60,000	20,157	33.60%
Total Revenues and Other Sources	5,579,906	5,579,906	1,808,614	32.41%	Total Expenditures and Other Uses	5,329,504	5,329,504	1,658,046	31.11%
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures - Operating Funds						250,402	250,402	150,569	

<i>Pass-through Funds</i>									
Aging Program	8,746,534	8,746,534	1,614,729	18.46%	Aging Program	8,746,534	8,746,534	1,614,729	18.46%
Workforce Development	1,795,000	1,795,000	258,131	14.38%	Workforce Development	1,795,000	1,795,000	258,131	14.38%
Total Pass-through Revenues	10,541,534	10,541,534	1,872,860	17.77%	Total Pass-through Expenditures	10,541,534	10,541,534	1,872,860	17.77%
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures - Pass-through Funds	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	

<i>Total Budget</i>									
General Fund and Special Revenue Funds	5,579,906	5,579,906	1,808,614	32.41%	General Fund and Special Revenue Funds	5,329,504	5,329,504	1,658,046	31.11%
Pass-through Funds	10,541,534	10,541,534	1,872,860	17.77%	Pass-through Funds	10,541,534	10,541,534	1,872,860	17.77%
Total Revenues	16,121,440	16,121,440	3,681,474	22.84%	Total Expenditures	15,871,038	15,871,038	3,530,906	22.25%

	Original Projection	Amended Projection	Year to Date
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures - Total Budget	250,402	250,402	150,569

Section 3

Draft Resolution to Honor
Representative Rita Allison



RESOLUTION 2022-1

A RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION OF REPRESENTATIVE RITA ALLISON'S SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA APPALACHIAN REGION

WHEREAS, Representative Rita Allison has provided a lifetime of service to the citizens of her community, Spartanburg County, the South Carolina Appalachian Region, and the state of South Carolina, and

WHEREAS, Representative Allison's contributions includes serving on the Appalachian Council of Governments Board of Directors for nine years, from 1996 through 2003,

WHEREAS, Representative Allison provided outstanding leadership to the Appalachian Council of Governments as Chair of the Board of Directors from 2000 through 2002, and

WHEREAS, Representative Allison has been a strong advocate of the Appalachian Council of Governments, its programs, and the people it serves through her twenty-four years of service as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives, and

WHEREAS, Representative Allison worked to enhance the education of South Carolina as an education advisor and legislative advisor to Governor Mark Sanford from 2003 through 2007, and

WHEREAS, Representative Allison's tireless efforts as a member of the Appalachian Council of Governments Board of Directors, as a State Representative, as a member of the Spartanburg School District Five Board of Trustees, along with numerous other civic and church related positions, have tremendously enhanced the education, prosperity, and quality of life for the people of the South Carolina Appalachian Region.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Appalachian Council of Governments does hereby recognize, appreciate, and honor Representative Rita Allison for her service to the South Carolina Appalachian Region.

RESOLVED, this 9TH day of December, 2022.

Mike Forrester, Chair

