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REVISED AGENDA

APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2026 – 10:30 AM
APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OFFICES
WITH A ZOOM OPTION

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Meeting ID: 846 1608 0945 - Passcode: 336903 - Dial In Number (309) 205 3325

10:30

I. **Call to Order – Don Godbey,** Chair
   - A. Invocation
   - B. Introduction of Guests
   - C. Approval of June 26, 2026, Board Minutes (Section 1, Board Packet)

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II. **Recognition of ACOG Employees' Milestone Anniversaries – Mr. Don Godbey,** Chair

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III. **Upstate Greenways & Trails Alliance (UGATA) – Mr. Matt Hudson-Flege,** Executive Director (Section 2, Board Packet)

Briefing: Mr. Hudson-Flege will provide an overview of the organization, highlighting its mission, current priorities, and future projects, as well as the economic and community benefits these initiatives bring to the Upstate region.

11:05

IV. **Report on Data Centers – Mr. Chip Bentley,** Deputy Executive Director (Section 3, Board Packet)

Briefing: Mr. Bentley will report on the demand for large-scale data centers in the Upstate, and what questions local governments should be asking about economic opportunities and community impacts.

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V. **OMB Proposed Rules Change on Federal Financial Assistance – Mr. Steve Pelissier,** Executive Director

Briefing: The federal Office of Management and Budget has published proposed rule changes that are scheduled to become effective on October 1, 2026. If implemented, these changes would significantly impact federal grants to local governments and other service providers. Mr. Pelissier will provide a summary of a presentation developed by the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) that addresses the proposed rules and their impacts.

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

Briefing: Ms. Ferguson will provide a report on activity from the 2026 term of the South Carolina legislature, emphasizing items of interest to local governments.

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

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VIII. **Member Updates – Don Godbey,** Chair

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

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IX. **Adjourn**