



AGENDA

APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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 – Rep. Neal Collins, Chair
 - A. Invocation
 - B. Introduction of Guests
 - C. Approval of September 22, 2023, Board Minutes (Section 1, Board Packet)
 - D. September 30, 2023, Financial Statements **[Information Only]** (Section 2, Board Packet)

10:35

- II. Recognition of Employee Milestone Anniversary with ACOG – Rep. Neal Collins, Chair

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- III. OneSpartanburg, Inc. – Mr. Jay Jenkins, Director of Small Business & Minority Business Development (Section 3, Board Packet)

Briefing: Mr. Jenkins will provide an overview of Power Up Spartanburg, Spartanburg County's small business and minority business development initiative. Power Up Spartanburg, led by OneSpartanburg, Inc. and funded by Spartanburg County, offers support to start, sustain, and grow a small or minority business.

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- IV. Regional Transportation Updates – Mr. Chip Bentley, Deputy Executive Director (Section 4, Board Packet)

Briefing: Mr. Bentley will brief the board on the status of projects in our Transportation Improvement Program and the final changes to MPO and COG transportation planning boundaries.

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- 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. (The document is available for review on the ACOG website at <https://www.scacog.org/economic-development-services>.)

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 2023 Annual Performance Report. The Board of Directors will be asked to approve the document for submittal to the Economic Development Administration.

Action Item

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

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- VII. Member Updates – Rep. Neal Collins, Chair

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

12:00

- VIII. Adjourn