



AGENDA

APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019 – 10:30 A.M.
COUNCIL BOARD ROOM
GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

10:30

I. Call to Order – Mr. Joe Dill, Chair

- A. Invocation
- B. Introduction of New Board Members and Guests
- C. Approval of October 25, 2019 Board Minutes
 - > (Section 1, Board Packet)
- D. October 31, 2019 Financial Statements [**Information Only**]
 - > (Section 2, Board Packet)

II. Appalachian COG FY 2019 Audit Report – Ms. Marcy Loucks, Principal, McKinley, Cooper and Associates (A copy of the audit is enclosed in the agenda packet.)

Briefing: Ms. Loucks will provide a brief presentation on the ACOG FY 2019 audit. She will provide a full audit presentation at the Finance Committee Meeting, which will be held at 9:30 AM, immediately preceding the board meeting. The Finance Committee Meeting is open to all board members and the public.

10:45

III. Furman University Richard W. Riley Institute – Ms. Jacki Martin, Deputy Director, Riley Institute (Section 3, Board Packet)

Briefing: The Riley Institute broadens community perspectives on issues critical to South Carolina's progress. It builds and engages present and future leaders, creates and shares data-supported information about the state's core challenges, and links the leadership body to those solutions to drive sustainable solutions. Ms. Martin will provide an overview of the institute's programs and activities.

11:15

IV. Opportunities and Challenges Facing Local Governments in South Carolina - Mr. Trey Eubanks, Government Services Director, ACOG

Briefing: Mr. Eubanks will report on items of interest to local government officials and will provide an overview of ACOG's local government services and training programs.

11:40

V. Consideration of the 2019 Annual Performance Report for the 2018-2022 SC Appalachian Region CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) – Mr. Don Godbey, Chair, Regional Economic Development Committee and Ms. Brooke Ferguson, Economic Development Director (A link to the report is located on the ACOG website at www.scacog.org. To request an individual copy, please contact Denise Ernul at dernul@scacog.org or at (864) 242-9733.)

Briefing: The CEDS is a US Economic Development Administration required plan. In order for a project to receive EDA funding, it must be consistent with the regional CEDS. Likewise, CEDS consistency is considered in grant application reviews by other agencies, such as the Appalachian Regional Commission. As the EDA designated economic development district for the SC Appalachian Region, ACOG is responsible for the plan. Mr. Godbey and Ms. Ferguson will provide an overview of the 2019 CEDS Progress Report and will present a recommendation for action from the Economic Development Committee.

Action Item

11:55

VI. Executive Director's Report – Mr. Steve Pelissier, Executive Director

12:00

VII. Adjourn to Lunch