

AGENDA

APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022 – 10:30 AM APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OFFICES AND ZOOM OPTION

ZOOM LINK

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Meeting ID: 876 2710 4389 - Passcode: 795606 - Dial In Number (301) 715 8592

10:30

- I. Call to Order Mr. Mike Forrester, Chair
 - A. Invocation
 - B. Introduction of New Members and Guests
 - C. Approval of February 25, 2022 Board Minutes (Section 1, Board Packet)
 - D. February 28, 2022 Financial Statements [Information Only] (Section 2, Board Packet)

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II. Recognition of ACOG Employees who Recently Celebrated Milestone Anniversaries with the Agency – Mr. Mike Forrester, Chair

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- III. <u>Broadband Opportunities in South Carolina</u> Ms. Nanette A. Edwards, Executive Director, SC Office of Regulatory Staff, Mr. Michael Herzberger, Deputy Director, SC Broadband Office
 - Briefing: Ms. Edwards and Mr. Herzberger will provide an overview of broadband availability in South Carolina. They will also address programs, resources, and funding opportunities for improving access to broadband. (Section 3, Board Packet)



11:15

IV. <u>Fountain Inn, Managing Growth and Development</u> – Mr. Shawn M. Bell, Fountain Inn City Administrator

Briefing: Fountain Inn has experienced considerable growth over the last 20 years as the Upstate has prospered. That growth and development has never been more intense than it is right now with downtown improvements, new schools and public parks, along with a handful of major private developments ongoing. Mr. Bell will report on how the city is managing the growth and development of the community, as well as challenges it faces during this unprecedented period of growth. (Section 4, Board Packet)

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V. <u>South Carolina Legislative Report</u> – Ms. Brooke Ferguson, Economic Development Director

Briefing: Ms. Ferguson will provide a report on activity from the 2022 term of the South Carolina legislature, emphasizing items of interest to local governments.

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VI. <u>Executive Director Report</u> – Mr. Steve Pelissier, Executive Director

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VII. Member Reports

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

12:00

VIII. Adjourn