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## AGENDA

APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 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 – Mr. Mike Forrester, Chair
  - A. Invocation
  - B. Introduction of Guests
  - C. Approval of February 24, 2023 Board Minutes (Section 1, Board Packet)
  - D. February 28, 2023 Financial Statement **[Information Only]** (Section 2, Board Packet)

### 10:35

- II. Recognition of an Employee Celebrating a Milestone Anniversary with ACOG – Mr. Mike Forrester, Chair

### 10:40

- III. Clemson University Rutland Institute for Ethics – Dr. William McCoy, Director, Clemson University Rutland Institute for Ethics (Section 3, Board Packet)

Briefing: The purpose of the Rutland Institute for Ethics is to encourage discussion on how ethical decision-making can be the basis of both personal and professional success. Dr. McCoy will present an overview of the institute's mission and current initiatives.

### 11:10

- IV. Greer Development Corporation – Mr. Reno Deaton, Executive Director, Greer Development Corporation (Section 4, Board Packet)

Briefing: The Greer Development Corporation's mission is to target quality development to secure Greer's future. Mr. Deaton will discuss Ignite Greer and other small business and entrepreneurship initiatives in Greer. He will also give a general update from an economic development perspective.

**11:40**

- V. Appalachian Development Corporation Update – Mr. Connally Bradley, Executive Director, Appalachian Development Corporation (Section 5, Board Packet)

Briefing: The Appalachian Development Corporation (ADC) administers the Small Business and Entrepreneurial Revolving Loan Fund for ACOG. The program promotes economic development by providing gap funding to local start-up and expanding businesses. Mr. Bradley will provide a report on the status and current activities of the program.

**12:00**

- VI. South Carolina Legislative Report – Ms. Brooke Ferguson, Economic Development Director

Briefing: Ms. Ferguson will provide a report on activity from the 2023 term of the South Carolina legislature, emphasizing items of interest to local governments.

**12:05**

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

**12:10**

- VIII. Board Chair Remarks – Mr. Mike Forrester, Outgoing Chair, Rep. Neal Collins, Incoming Chair

**12:15**

- IX. Adjourn