



AGENDA

APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025 – 10:30 AM
APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OFFICES
WITH A ZOOM OPTION

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Meeting ID: 872 0061 9596 - Passcode: 566094 - Dial In Number (309) 205 3325

10:30

- I. **Call to Order** – Rep. Neal Collins, Chair
 - A. Invocation
 - B. Introduction of Guests and New Board Member
 - C. Approval of December 13, 2024, Board Minutes (Section 1, Board Packet)
 - D. December 31, 2024, Financial Statements [**Information Only**] (Section 2, Board Packet)

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- II. **Recognition of ACOG Board Members Whose Terms are Ending** – Rep. Neal Collins, Chair

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- III. **International Transportation Innovation Center (ITIC)** – Ms. Liz Griffith, Chief Operations Officer (Section 3, Board Packet)

Briefing: Ms. Griffith will discuss ITIC, an independent, non-profit proving ground for automotive OEMs, suppliers, technology providers and research universities to test and validate mobility innovations. ITIC is headquartered in Greenville at the SC Technology & Aviation Center (SCTAC) and offers a multi-configuration test bed capable of serving multiple customers at once. It is gaining a reputation as one of the most popular and reliable test beds for commercial vehicles in the U.S.

11:00

IV. South Carolina Legislative Report – Mr. Jason Zacher, President, Bridge Public Strategy Group and Mrs. Brooke Ferguson, Economic Development Director

Briefing: As the 126th Session of the General Assembly gets underway, Mr. Zacher will share his insights into how the session is taking shape, informed by years of work on behalf of the Upstate business community. Mrs. Ferguson will address pending legislation of interest to local governments.

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V. Annual Update of Transportation Safety Targets in the Appalachian Region – Ms. Jane Hall, Chair, Regional Transportation Committee, and Mr. Jake Whitmire, Transportation Planner (Section 4, Board Packet)

Briefing: Each year, ACOG adopts the newest SCDOT safety targets for motorized and non-motorized fatalities, as well as serious injuries into the Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan (LTRP) and Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). The Regional Transportation Committee will present a recommendation to the Board for new safety targets in compliance with FHWA requirement.

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VI. Election of 2025 Board Officers – Mr. Ed Elliott, Chair, Board Officer Nominating Committee

Briefing: The board will act on recommendations from the committee for members to serve in the roles of chair, vice-chair, and secretary for a term running from April 2025 through March 2026.

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VII. Nominations for 2025 Regional Board Members – Rep. Neal Collins, Chair

Briefing: Nominations for Regional Members to the board shall be considered. Nominations from each county are presented by board members from that county and are presented to the Board Chair in the form of a recommendation. The Chair considers recommendations for approval.

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VIII. Executive Director Report – Mr. Steve Pelissier, Executive Director

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IX. Member Updates – Rep. Neal Collins, Chair

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

12:00

X. Adjourn