



MINUTES

LOWER SAVANNAH COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FULL BOARD MEETING

James Brandt Building - Allendale
October 9th, 2025

LSCOG Board Members Present:

Aiken County: Gary Bunker, Danny Feagin (Vice Chair), Ron Felder, Lessie Price, John Simmons

Allendale County: John Chaney, Willa Jennings (Chairwoman), Deshawn Maner, William Robinson, Albert (Butch) Sauls

Bamberg County: Jerry Bell, Wilma Edmonds, Sharon Hammond, Larry Haynes (Past Chair), Harold Johnson

Barnwell County: Andy Hogg, Travis Hooper (Treasurer), Freddie Houston, Enterick Lee, Thomas L. Williams, Lonnie Hosey

Calhoun County: Richard Carson, James Haigler, John McLauchlin

Orangeburg County: Joseph Garvin, Johnny Ravenell, Vernon Stephens, Harry Wimberly

LSCOG Board Members Excused:

Aiken County: Det Haislip

Allendale County: Tawni Major

Barnwell County: David Kenner

Calhoun County: Virgil Jacobs, Josh Rabon

Orangeburg County: Michael Butler, Janie Cooper-Smith

LSCOG Board Members Absent:

Aiken County: Andrew Siders

Bamberg County: Marvin Dueck

Calhoun County: Helen Carson

Orangeburg County: Deloris Frazier

LSCOG Staff Present:

Dr. William Molnar, Nora Sanders, Ashley Baker, Jessica Coleman, Emory Langston, and Sydney Kinard

Guests Present: Lil Hutchinson *Allendale County*, Judy Kinard *Allendale County*, Anna Chappell *Bamberg County*, Verna Ravenell *Orangeburg County*, Dorothy Kennedy *Fairfax Town Council*, Hattie Jackson *Town of Allendale*, Joyce Landrum *Allendale*, Artheen Fitts *Allendale County*, Donella Robinson *Allendale*, Mary Jane Williamson *Allendale*, Roger Riley *Barnwell EMD*, Eric Turner *SCEMD*, Linda Bell *Bamberg*, Rob Bedenbaugh *JMT*, Tom Carter *Mayor Town of Allendale*, Lorraine James *Orangeburg*, Shambra Garvin *Orangeburg*, Rose Bryant *Orangeburg*, Dorothy Riley *Allendale County*, Vera Owens, Shelton Quiller, *Allendale-Fairfax JROTC*

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Willa Jennings called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

INVOCATION

Mr. William Robinson gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Albert Sauls and the Allendale-Fairfax JROTC Color Guard led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL AND RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Dr. William Molnar, Executive Director, conducted the rollcall. A quorum was present. Guests and LSCOG staff were introduced.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairwoman Willa Jennings asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

Mr. Freddie Houston made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Larry Haynes. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chairwoman Jennings asked for approval for the August 14th, 2025, Full Board Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Danny Feagin motioned to approve the meeting minutes for August 14th, 2025, seconded by Ms. Sharon Hammond. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chairwoman Jennings asked for approval for the September 11th, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. Note: Only Executive Committee Members can vote.

Mr. James Haigler motioned to approve the meeting minutes for September 11th, 2025, seconded by Mr. Danny Feagin. The motion passed unanimously.

LSCOG REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Mr. Nathan Slaughter, ESP Associates, Inc., provided an overview of the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, outlining the planning process, participating counties, and the transition from individual county plans to a unified regional approach. He discussed mitigation techniques, strategies to enhance community resilience, and opportunities for public input through a project website and survey.

SC INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAMS UPDATES

Ms. Sydney Kinard, Community Development Manager, presented updates on SC Infrastructure Investment Program (SCIIP) projects throughout the Lower Savannah region. She provided construction progress reports, funding amounts, and estimated completion dates for multiple water

and wastewater improvement projects, along with updates on current RIA and CDBG grants and upcoming application timelines.

BUDGET AMENDMENT FY 2025-2026

Ms. Ashley Baker, Finance Director, presented the amended Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Budget, outlining updates to revenues and expenditures. She highlighted adjustments in state and federal funding allocations, increases in aging services contracts, and overall budget revisions reflecting a net positive balance for the fiscal year. Discussion followed regarding the separation of federal and state funds for clearer tracking and reporting purposes.

Mr. Freddie Houston motioned to approve the Budget Amendment for FY 2025-2026, seconded by Mr. Thomas L. Williams. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Chairwoman Jennings asked Dr. Molnar to present the Executive Director's Report.

Dr. Molnar reported on the following:

- Long-Range Transportation Plan Public Meeting, Tuesday, October 21, 5 – 7 PM, Williston Town Hall
- TAC Meeting, October 22nd beginning at 10 AM in Orangeburg
- NADO Annual Training Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 14-17, 2025
- Executive Committee & TRC All Members' Meeting, Blackville, SC, November 13, 2025
- T-Bred Country Advisory Committee Meeting, Allendale, SC, November 18, 2025
- SC COGs Annual Meeting, Myrtle Beach, SC, November 23-25, 2025
- Workforce Development Board Meeting, Location TBD, December 2, 2025
- LSCOG Annual Banquet, Blackville, SC, December 11, 2025

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Freddie Houston seconded by Mr. Vernon Stephens. The motion passed unanimously. Chairwoman Jennings adjourned the meeting at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

William Molnar, Ph.D.
Executive Director