



MINUTES

LOWER SAVANNAH COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE/BUDGET COMMITTEE **Special Called Meeting**

**Calhoun County Museum
313 Butler Street
St. Matthews, SC 29135**

April 9, 2026 @ 5:00 PM

LSCOG Executive Board Members present:

Aiken County: Danny Feagin (Vice Chair), Ron Felder, John Simmons,
Allendale County: John Chaney, Willa Jennings (Chairwoman), Tawni Major, William Robinson
Bamberg County: Larry Haynes (Past Chairman)
Barnwell County: Travis Hooper (Treasurer), Freddie Houston
Calhoun County: James Haigler, John McLauchlin
Orangeburg County: Joseph Garvin, Vernon Stephens, Harry Wimberly

LSCOG Executive Board Members excused:

Aiken County: Gary Bunker
Barnwell County: David Kenner, Thomas L. Williams

LSCOG Executive Board Members absent:

Bamberg County: Wilma Edmonds, Sharon Hammond

LSCOG staff present:

Dr. William Molnar, Ashley Baker, Jessica Coleman

Guests present:

Judy Kinard, *Allendale County Clerk to Council*

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Willa Jennings called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

INVOCATION

Mr. Joseph Garvin gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Dr. William Molnar, LSCOG Executive Director, conducted a roll call. A quorum was present.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Chairwoman Jennings requested the adoption of the agenda.

Ms. Freddie Houston made the motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Mr. Vernon Stephens. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Matt Phillips presented the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. He reported that the audit resulted in an unmodified (clean) opinion, with no findings, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses identified. Mr. Phillips also provided a brief overview of the organization's financial activity and highlighted key changes in revenues, expenditures, and fund balance.

Mr. Danny Feagin made the motion to accept the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and forward them to the Full Board for approval, seconded by Mr. Freddie Houston. The motion carried unanimously.

990 TAX RETURNS FOR LSRIAC AND LSRDC

Mr. Matt Phillips presented the Form 990 tax returns for LSRIAC and LSRDC for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, which require Executive Committee approval prior to submission to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Mr. Freddie Houston made the motion to approve the 990 tax returns for LSRIAC and LSRDC for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, for submission to the IRS, seconded by Mr. William Robinson. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. William Molnar reported that this marks the organization's 10th consecutive year receiving a clean audit and expressed appreciation to staff for their continued efforts.

He announced the upcoming budget meeting on May 14, where both a budget revision for the current year and the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year will be discussed.

An update was provided on funding, noting reduced federal and state revenues compared to prior years, particularly in aging programs, though other funding sources have remained stable. Staff continue to manage operations based on available funding.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mr. Danny Feagin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Vernon Stephens. Chairwoman Jennings adjourned the meeting at 5:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William Molnar, Ph.D.
Executive Director