

Central Midlands Council of Governments

Board Meeting

Thursday, August 24th, 2023



Call to Order

Foster Senn, Chair

Determination of Quorum

Approve Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda

Invocation

Introduction of Guests and New Board Members

Vivian Clark – City of Columbia

Recognition of Steve MacDougall

Will Brennan

Chairman's Introduction

Will Brennan

Good News from CMCOG - Around the Region

Will Brennan



**Good News
Around the Midlands**

Walt McLeod honored

College Street Bridge in Newberry was renamed to Representative Walton J. McLeod Bridge.



Photo Credit: Andrew Wigger | The Newberry Observer



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Senator Ronnie Cromer and Representative Joe White wanted to honor the retired house member for all he has done for Newberry County in his many decades of public service

FCCOA wins award

Fairfield County Council on Aging was awarded the Phillips-Edenfield Community Partner Award by the Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce because of their dedication to the community and impact on the citizens of Fairfield County

Photo Credit: FCCOA



Photo Credit: Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce

Governor McMaster was on hand to help present the award to Angi Connor, FCCOA Executive Director and her staff

Senior Resources Unification with Lourie Center

August 1 marked the unification of Senior Resources and The Lourie Center. As a result of the unification, plans are underway to expand membership access and programming. Along with program enhancements there will also be facility improvements.



Photo Credit: Senior Resources

“This momentous step forward exemplifies our unwavering commitment to enhancing services and support for our active senior community,” said Chris Zecopoulos, Chair of the Senior Resources Board of Directors.

City of Columbia Ribbon Cutting Point Break Cola

Councilmen Will Brennan and Howard Duvall, Jr. helped welcome Break Point Cola to the Five Points District and to the City of Columbia. The new retail store will be selling pickleball and tennis products



Photo credit: City of Columbia



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The South Atlantic Region has the highest number of pickleball players at over 1,000,000. 30% of pickleball players are over 55 years old
-Pickleball USA 2023 Fact Sheet

14 Mile Creek Wastewater Discharge Eliminated

The Town of Lexington connected the Watergate Wastewater Treatment Plant to the regional system, eliminating wastewater discharge of 290,000 gallons per day into 14 Mile Creek and ultimately the Lower Saluda River.



Photo credit: Town of Lexington



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This effectively completes the decades-long process of regionalizing wastewater treatment in the Town's management area, utilizing the City of Cayce's state-of-the-art waste water treatment facility.

Dr. Ronald Rhames Announces Retirement

Dr. Ronald L. Rhames has announced his plans to retire as president of one of the largest technical colleges in South Carolina. Rhames has been a part of the MTC family for 35 years: two years as a student and 33 as an employee, which includes eight years as the college president.

“We impact lives here at MTC. Little did I know back then how much MTC would impact mine. During my time here, we’ve done some remarkable things, and I am confident that when I retire, the college will continue to do remarkable things on behalf of our students, their families, and our community,” said Rhames.

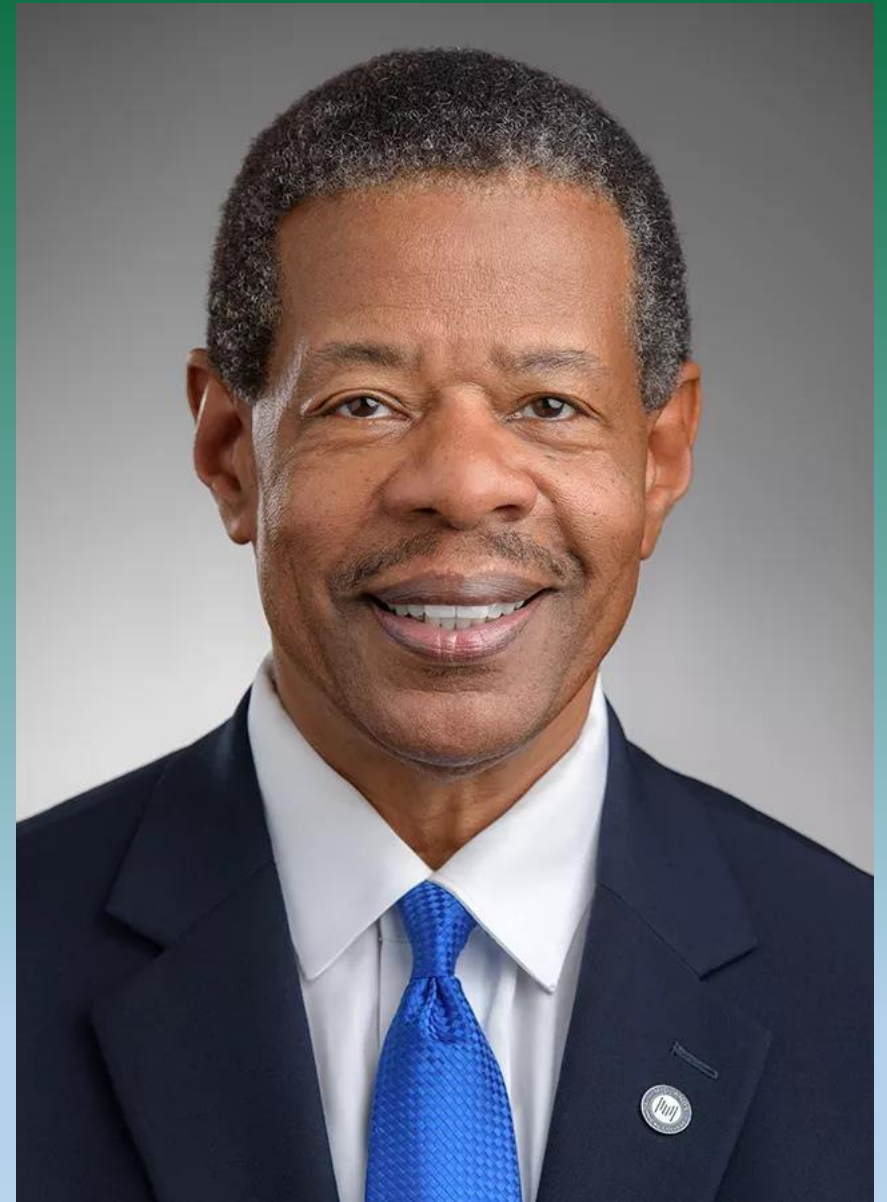


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ACTION

Consent Agenda Items

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting – 22 June 2023 (*Enclosure 1*)
2. * 2020-2027 TIP Amendment – SC 6 Corridor Feasibility Study (*Enclosure 2*)
3. * 2020-2027 TIP Amendment – Section 5310 Projects (*Enclosure 3*)

** Denotes item is a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Urbanized Area Request*

ACTION

Regular Agenda Items

1. Year End Financial Status Report (thru June 30, 2023) *(Enclosure 4)*
2. Briefing on Financial and Compliance Report for FY 2022 *(Enclosure 5)*
3. Resolution on the CMCOC Board of Directors Bylaws *(Enclosure 6)*
4. * 2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – Assembly St. Railroad Separation Project *(Enclosure 7)*
5. Resolution on the EDA Authorized Representative Designation *(Enclosure 8)*

** Denotes item is a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Urbanized Area Request*

ACTION

**Year End Financial Status Report
(thru June 30, 2023)**

(Enclosure 4)

*Missi Labbe,
Finance Director*

ACTION

Briefing on Financial and Compliance Report for FY 2022

(Enclosure 5)

*Missi Labbe,
Finance Director*

ACTION

Resolution on the CMCOG Board of Directors Bylaws

(Enclosure 6)

Will Dillard

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors, Central Midlands Council of Governments

From: William C. Dillard, Jr., Esq.

Re: Bylaws Amendments

Date: August 17, 2023

Subject: Summary of Proposed Bylaws Amendments

- a. References to the “Council” are replaced by the “Board” where appropriate.
- b. Voting requirements for election of officers (4.3) and amendment of the Bylaws (16.2) are revised to be consistent with the requirement specified in 6.10 that these votes be by majority of the entire membership (not just members present at a meeting).
- c. The Executive Committee membership description is revised to be consistent with the Agreement creating CMCOG (5.1).
- d. Details are added to the description of the Executive Committee’s functions (5.2).
- e. Member attendance requirements are established, and the Chairman would be required to notify appointing bodies of failure to satisfy attendance requirements (8.1).
- f. Procedures are established for agenda setting (9.2 – 9.4) and strategic planning (11.1 - 11.4).
- g. An article is added for the “Executive Director and Other Personnel”, to include:
 1. Executive Director authority over personnel, including authority to enter the Council into term employment contracts and to adopt/revised employee handbooks (12.2 – 12.4)
 2. Requirement that Board communications be directed to the Executive Director (12.5 – 12.6)
 3. Deletion of the requirement that the Chairman countersign checks (12.7)
- h. Board adoption of a procurement policy would be required (13.1).
- i. A code of civility (based on the S.C. Municipal Association’s “Civility Pledge”) is adopted (14.1).

ACTION

2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – Assembly Street Railroad Separation Project

(Enclosure 7)

*Reginald Simmons,
Deputy Executive Director / Director - Transportation*

ACTION

Resolution on the EDA Authorized Representative Designation

(Enclosure 8)

*Gregory Sprouse,
Research, Planning & Development - Director*

INFORMATION

Area Agency on Aging Program Update

*Anna Harmon,
Area Agency on Aging Director*

Central Midlands Area Agency on Aging



Getting to Know the Family Caregiver Support Program

Central Midlands Family Caregiver Support Program provides respite assistance. It is designed to give unpaid caregivers a temporary break. Respite services are available to:

- Caregivers 18 and older providing care to individuals 60 years and older
- Caregivers of individuals of any age with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, and related disorders
- Older relatives, including parents, aged 55 or older providing care to adults ages 18-59 with disabilities

For more information, reach out to Artellia Shaw, Family Caregiver Advocate:

Telephone: 803-376-5390

Fax: 803-376-5394



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Caring for the Caregiver Lunch and Learns

There are 4 more Caring for the Caregiver Lunch and Learns in 2023. They are held at 11:00 AM at 236 Stoneridge Drive, Columbia, SC 29210, in the large conference room. Dates are as follows:

- September 21
- October 19
- November 16
- December 21

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INFORMATION

Executive Director's Report

(Enclosure 9)

*Britt Poole,
Executive Director*

SC WORKS MIDLANDS ANNUAL CAREER FAIR

Dutch Square Center



*Wednesday
20th September from
10am-1pm*



*421 Bush River Rd,
Columbia, SC 29210*

Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities. All voice telephone numbers may be reached using TTY/TDD equipment via South Carolina Relay Service at 711. For program funding details in compliance with the Stevens Amendment, please visit www.dew.sc.gov/funding



CALLING ALL MIDLANDS BUSINESSES WITH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

JOIN US AT THE MIDLANDS
APPRENTICESHIP FAIR ON
OCTOBER 12TH, 2023 FROM
9-1:30, AT DUTCH SQUARE
CENTER



Are you passionate about nurturing talent and investing in the future workforce? Look no further than the Midlands Apprenticeship Fair.

Should We Participate?

The event is intended to showcase the wide variety of careers available through apprenticeship. This event will give you an opportunity to highlight your company to a diverse group of potential and current job seekers and build your talent pipeline.

Why Attend?

- **Access top-tier talent:** Attract ambitious individuals who are eager to kick-start their careers and learn from industry experts within your organization.
- **Boost your workforce:** Bridge the skills gap by nurturing young apprentices who can be trained to meet your specific business needs.
- **Strengthen your brand:** Demonstrate your commitment to local development and showcase your company's dedication to investing in the community.
- **Network with peers:** Connect with other businesses that share your passion for apprenticeships, exchange best practices, and explore potential collaborations.



bbuchanan@midlandsworkforce.org or Call 803.744.1680.

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**CENTRAL MIDLANDS AREA
AGENCY ON AGING**

COVID-19 OUTREACH EVENT

Join us for information about the prevention and aftermath of COVID-19 in seniors. There will be a speaker, lunch, and prevention supplies.

**MIDLANDS
KICKOFF**

AUG. 23, 2023
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**FAIRFIELD
COUNTY**

SEP. 13, 2023
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**RICHLAND
COUNTY**

SEP. 7, 2023
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM


**LEXINGTON
COUNTY**

SEP. 15, 2023
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**NEWBERRY
COUNTY**

SEP. 20, 2023
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT AND RECEIVE LOCATION
DETAILS, CALL OR EMAIL LINDSEY WOOLLEY

 803-744-5152

 Lwoolley@centralmidlands.org



**Thank you,
Midlands Technical College!!**

- Special Thanks to Midlands Technical College for hosting the CMCOG Board Meetings!

Old/New Business

Other Business

Next Meeting – 28 September 2023

Adjourn