



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 13, 2016
12:00 - 2:00 P.M.
Walter A. Scheiber Board Room

AGENDA

- 12:00 P.M.** **1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Kenyan McDuffie, COG Vice Chairman Pro Tem
- 12:05 P.M.** **2. ELECTION OF 2016 COG BOARD OFFICERS AND POLICY COMMITTEE'S LEADERSHIP**
Kenyan McDuffie, COG Vice Chairman

Chairman Bill Euille chaired the 2016 Nominating Committee for both the COG Corporate and COG Board Officers. The Corporate Officers were elected at the COG Annual Membership and Awards Luncheon on December 9, 2015. Vice Chairman McDuffie will submit for approval of the proposed slate of policy committee leadership and the COG Board officers for 2016: Chairman Roger Berliner, Vice Chairman Kenyan McDuffie, and Vice Chairman Matt Letourneau.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution R1-2016.
- 12:10 P.M.** **3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Roger Berliner, COG Board Chairman

A. Board of Directors Calendar for 2016
B. Welcome New Board Members
- 12:15 P.M.** **4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
Chuck Bean, COG Executive Director
- 12:20 P.M.** **5. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**
Roger Berliner, COG Board Chairman
- 12:25 P.M.** **6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 12, 2015**
Roger Berliner, COG Board Chairman

Recommended Action: Approve minutes.
- 12:30 P.M.** **7. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**
Roger Berliner, COG Board Chairman

A. Resolution R2-2016 – Resolution authorizing COG to enter into a contract for Global Cities Initiative leadership and management

Recommended Action: Ratify Resolution R2-2016.

12:35 P.M. 8. FY 2015 AUDIT AND SOLICITATION OF PROPOSALS FOR FY 2016 AUDIT

*John Foust, Chairman, COG Audit Committee
Leta Simons, COG Chief Financial Officer*

SB & Company, LLC, provided a draft FY-2015 audit report to the Audit Committee at its November meeting, and subsequently issued an unqualified or “clean” audit for COG. As per Board Resolution R20-2015, the Audit Committee is required to solicit informal quotes or formal proposals at least every five (5) years from at least three (3) qualified audit firms to assess competitive pricing of audit services. The Board will be asked to accept the 2015 Audit and authorize the solicitation of formal proposals from at least three (3) independent audit firms for the annual fiscal year-end audit for FY 2016.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution R3-2016.

12:40 P.M. 9. FY 2017 WORK PLAN & BUDGET

Chuck Bean, COG Executive Director

The Executive Director presented a proposed FY-2017 (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017) Work Program and Budget to the COG Budget and Finance Committee, which met in October and November of 2015. The Committee recommended COG Board approval of the FY-2017 Work Program and Budget. The proposed FY-2017 budget was also reviewed by the Chief Administrative Officers at their meeting in November of 2015. Bean will summarize the proposed FY-2017 Work Program and Budget.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution R4-2016.

12:50 P.M. 10. BRIEFING FROM WMATA GENERAL MANAGER

Paul Wiedefeld, WMATA General Manager

The board will be briefed by Paul Wiedefeld, General Manager, WMATA, about his initial observations as the head of WMATA and his priorities in 2016.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing.

1:20 P.M. 11. 2016 STATE OF THE REGION: ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS REPORT

*Emmett Jordan, COG Region Forward Coalition Chairman
Paul DesJardin, COG Community Planning and Services Director
Bob Sweeney, Global Cities Initiative Managing Director*

In 2015 the COG Board of Directors and Region Forward Coalition adopted a joint focus on Economic Competitiveness for policy makers, planners and business leaders to collectively assess the current economic state and potential of the region. DesJardin will brief the board on the results from the Economic Competitiveness report. Following the report Bean will update the board on the Global Cities Initiative.

Recommended Action: Review report and adopt Resolution R5-2016.

1:40 P.M. 12. 2016 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Roger Berliner, COG Board Chairman

Monica Beyrouti, COG Government Relations and Member Services Coordinator

Enhancing COG's legislative priorities and strengthening relationships with state and federal elected officials continues to be a focus of COG Board leadership and COG staff. Staff has worked with COG's policy committees and the Legislative Committee to draft the region's 2016 legislative platform. Beyrouti will brief the COG Board on the 2016 legislative priorities.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution R6-2016.

1:55 P.M. 13. OTHER BUSINESS

2:00 P.M. 14. ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, 2016.

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