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Executive Board Meeting
March 16, 2026 | 7:00 p.m.
High Country COG Board Room

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Dennis Aldridge, Executive Board Chairman

II. CONSIDERATION OF FEBRUARY 2026 MINUTES [ACTION]

Dennis Aldridge, Executive Board Chairman

III. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Caroline Briggs, Finance Officer

- Financial Highlights as of February 28, 2026 [ACTION]
- Budget Amendment #5 [ACTION]

IV. FLOOD RISK MITIGATION FOR CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE: A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF PROGRAMMING SUPPORTED BY APPALACHIAN VOICES IN WNC

15 MINUTES

Kristin Stroup, Senior Program Manager, Energy & Climate Resilience

V. OMBUDSMAN ANNUAL REPORT

10 MINUTES

Stevie Welborn, Regional Ombudsman

VI. REPORT FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

10 MINUTES

Julie Wiggins, Executive Director

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

VIII. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

- Welcome New Board Members

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

XI. ADJOURNMENT [ACTION]

EXECUTIVE BOARD GROUP PHOTO - APRIL 20TH AT 6:30 PM