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**Executive Board Meeting**  
**May 18, 2026 | 7:00 p.m.**  
**High Country COG Board Room**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION**

*Larry Fontaine, Executive Board Vice-Chairman*

**II. CONSIDERATION OF APRIL 2026 MINUTES [ACTION]**

*Larry Fontaine, Executive Board Vice-Chairman*

**III. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

*Caroline Briggs, Finance Officer*

- Financial Highlights as of April 30, 2026 [ACTION]
- Budget Amendment #6 [ACTION]
- Dogwood Health Trust Regional Marketing Grant Project Ordinance Amendment [ACTION]
- FY 2026 HCCOG Audit Contract [ACTION]

**IV. NORTH CAROLINA RESILIENT COMMUNITIES PLANNING GUIDE**

**15 MINUTES**

*Brian Byfield, Resilient Communities Program Manager - NCDEQ*

**V. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**5 MINUTES**

*Chris Wall, Principal - EQVstrategic*

**VI. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

**5 MINUTES**

*Misty Bishop-Price, Workforce Development Director*

**VII. HCCOG FY 26-27 BUDGET PRESENTATION**

**15 MINUTES**

*Julie Wiggins, Executive Director*

**VIII. REPORT FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**10 MINUTES**

*Julie Wiggins, Executive Director*

**IX. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

**X. VICE-CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

**XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

**XII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT [ACTION]**