CALL TO ORDER
Chairwoman Dorothy Riley called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

ROLL CALL
The following board members were on the call:

Aiken County
Roger Boyd

Allendale County
Dorothy Riley, Chair
Larry Cohen (MM)
Bill Robinson (Alt)

Bamberg County
Larry Haynes, Past Chairman
Jerry Bell
Sharon Hammond (MM-Alt)

Barnwell County
David Kenner, Treasurer
Freddie Houston (MM-Alt)

Calhoun County
Roger Hill

Orangeburg County
Harry Wimberly
Janie Cooper-Smith (MM)

The following members were absent or excused:
Aiken County - Andrew Siders (Vice Chairman) (Ex), Allendale County - Theresa Taylor (Ex), Barnwell County - Ben Kinlaw (Ex)

The following staff were on the call: William Molnar, Executive Director, Frances Owens, Finance Director, Nora Sanders, Assistant Executive Director, and Rhonda Mitchell, Transit Manager

Title VI Compliance Requirement
Chairwomen Riley requested approval of the tri-annual Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Mandatory Review and Update of the Title VI Plan. The Plan ensures that no person using the Best Friend Express fixed route or Dial-A-Ride paratransit services are denied the benefits of public transit based on race, color or national origin.

Motion made by Larry Haynes, second by Roger Boyd. The motion carried unanimously.

Retaining Auditor for an Additional Year
Dr. Molnar requested that LSCOG retain the current auditing firm, McKinley, Cooper & Co., for one more year because the LSCOG is in the process of converting our financial software and timekeeping systems over. Retaining the auditing firm for an additional year would make the transition smoother.

There was discussion concerning keeping the auditor due to some past issues. There was a request from Mr. Larry Cohen to retain the auditing firm for another year with conditions that need to be discussed with the board prior to signing the extension.
Mr. Larry Haynes made the motion to extent the contract for the auditor for an additional year, seconded by Ms. Janie Cooper-Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

**Executive Director’s Report:**
Dr. Molnar reported that the next meeting of LSCOG Board would be Thursday, February 13, 2020 in Orangeburg. Once the location has been confirmed, information will be sent out. The SC Power Team and Edisto Electric have been asked to present that night.

The board members on the call were ask to think about ways to increase LSCOG board member attendance at future meetings. It was requested that this topic be brought up at the next full board meeting.

**General Discussion:**
There was no general discussion.

Chairwoman Riley adjourned the meeting at 12:18 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

Dr. William Molnar
Executive Director

NOTICE OF THE MEETING AND A COPY OF THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING WAS DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL NEWS MEDIA PRIOR TO THE MEETING AND A NOTICE OF THE MEETING POSTED ON LOWER SAVANNAH COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BULLETIN BOARD AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.