



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, January 14, 2025
12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.
National Association of Counties

AGENDA

- 12:00 P.M. 1. CALL TO ORDER**
Rodney Lusk, 2025 COG Board Chair
- 2. ELECTION OF 2026 COG BOARD OFFICERS**
Rodney Lusk, 2025 COG Board Chair
The board will consider approval of the 2026 COG Board officers.
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution R1-2026.
- 12:05 P.M. 3. ELECTION OF 2026 POLICY & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP**
Reuben Collins, 2026 COG Board Chair
The board will vote on the proposed policy and administrative committee leadership.
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolutions R2-2026.
- 12:10 P.M. 4. CHAIR'S REPORT**
Reuben Collins, 2026 COG Board Chair
A) 2026 COG Boards and Policy Committees Meeting Dates
- 12:15 P.M. 5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
Clark Mercer, COG Executive Director
- 6. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**
Reuben Collins, 2026 COG Board Chair
- 12:25 P.M. 7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 8 AND NOVEMBER 17, 2025**
Reuben Collins, 2026 COG Board Chair
Recommended Action: Approve minutes.
- 8. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**
Reuben Collins, 2026 COG Board Chair
A. Resolution R30-2025 – Approving Updates to COG's Procurement Policy

- B. Resolution R31-2025 – Authorizing COG to Procure and enter into a contract to install technology cabling in the office building
- C. Resolution R32-2025 – Authorizing COG to procure and enter into a contract for 24/7 security monitoring and support in the office building
- D. Resolution R3-2026 – Authorizing an amendment to the COG by-laws to increase state general assembly representation on the COG board
- E. Resolution R4-2026 – Authorizing COG to enter into a construction loan with Pinnacle Bank
- F. Resolution R5-2026 – Authorizing COG to procure and enter into a contract to conduct the Blue Plans service area billing meters desktop review/assessment study
- G. Resolution R6-2026 – Authorizing COG to procure and enter into a contract to update the Regional Wastewater Flow Forecast Model
- H. Resolution R7-2026 – Authorizing COG to procure and enter into a contract to perform Hydraulic modeling for the Potomac Interceptor (PI) Points of Connection

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolutions R30-2025-R7-2026

12:30 P.M.

9. FY2025 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Emmett Jordan, COG Audit Committee Chair

The auditor presented the FY-2025 audit report to the Audit Committee, issuing an unmodified or “clean” opinion of COG’s financial statements. The Audit Committee reviewed the audit report and recommends approval.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R8-2026.

12:35 P.M.

10. 2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Reuben Collins, 2026 COG Board Chair

Monica Beyrouti Nuñez, COG Government Relations Manager

The board will be briefed on the draft 2026 legislative priorities for transportation, environment, housing, health and human services, and public safety and food security proposed by the COG Legislative Committee.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R9-2026.

12:55 P.M.

11. HOUSING AFFORDABILITY PLANNING PROGRAM GRANTS

Hilary Chapman, COG Housing Program Manager

The board will be briefed and vote on the recommended 2026 recipients of COG’s Housing Affordability Planning Program (HAPP) grants. The program, funded by a grant from the Amazon Housing Fund, awards small, flexible grants to area local governments and non-profit developers engaged in the planning, approval, or development of housing near transit stations.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R10-2026.

- 1:15 P.M. 12. IMPACTS OF POTENTIAL FUNDING CHANGES TO HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)**
Christine Hong, Montgomery County Chief of Homeless Services - COG Homeless Services Committee Chair
Hilary Chapman, COG Housing Program Manager
Sam Kenney, COG Regional Homeless Systems Coordinator

In November–December 2025, HUD issued and then withdrew a FY2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), disrupting the typical CoC funding timeline. Litigation followed, and a federal court issued a preliminary injunction that pauses implementation of the disputed NOFO conditions while the case proceeds. While FY2025 CoC funds are appropriated, uncertainty remains about award timing, grant execution, and fund availability for renewals that expire on fixed dates in early and mid-2026. In a region where CoC funding is overwhelmingly used to renew existing housing and services, this is not a marginal administrative concern. Disruptions at this scale would directly affect people who are already housed or actively being served, undermine system performance, and increase costs for local governments and providers that must respond to the consequences of funding instability. The Board will discuss the risk of funding gaps for existing housing and services and consider adopting a resolution and transmitting letters to HUD and Congress urging prompt, time-limited continuity measures to prevent avoidable disruption during the FY2025 transition.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R11-2026.

- 1:55 P.M. 13. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 2:00 P.M. 14. ADJOURN**

The next meeting is scheduled to take place in-person at the WMATA Headquarters on Wednesday, February 11, 2025.