



**Southwest Missouri Council of Governments
Board of Directors Meeting Notice
Friday, March 28, 2025
9:00 a.m.
Kentwood Hall, 700 E. St. Louis St., Springfield, MO
[Join via Zoom](#)**

AGENDA

Open Meeting

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Cindy Stephens, Chair
2. Introductions and Announcements – All
3. Approval of March 28, 2025 Meeting Agenda – Cindy Stephens, Chair
4. Approval of January 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes – Cindy Stephens, Chair

Legislative Reports

1. State Legislative Reports – State Legislators & Staff
2. US Senator Hawley's Office – Erin Engelmeyer/Tanner Wallace
3. US Senator Schmitt –Tucker Jobes/Mike Ussery
4. US Congressman Burlison's Office – Jered Taylor
5. US Congressman Alford's Office – Tianna Brooks
6. Regional Legislative Updates – Open Discussion

Business

1. Program Updates – SMCOG Staff

Other Business

1. N/A

Partner Updates

- A. USDA-Rural Development – Ashley Venolia/Cody Green
- B. MoDOT SW District – Frank Miller/Beth Schaller
- C. Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) – Natasha Longpine/David Knaut
- D. Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MoDNR) – Randall Willoughby
- E. Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) – Ronda Burnett
- F. Ozark Region Workforce Development Board (ORWDB) – Cynthia Collins/Andrea Sitzes
- G. Workforce Development Board of SW Missouri (SW WIB) – Sherrie Rhuems
- H. MO Higher Education & Workforce Development – Jessica Tate
- I. Missouri Department of Economic Development (MoDED) – Theresa Sampaio/Brian Schwarz
- J. Community Foundation of the Ozarks (CFO) – Alice Wingo/Joe Kammerer
- K. Other Partners

Member Updates

Regional Roundtable – This is an opportunity for SMCOG members to provide updates regarding activities within their respective jurisdictions or introduce items of regional concern for discussion.

Adjourn

The next SMCOG Meeting: **Wednesday, May 28, 9:00 AM. – Library Center Auditorium.**

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