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

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Dennis Aldridge, Executive Board Vice-Chairman

II. CONSIDERATION OF DECEMBER 2025 MINUTES [ACTION]

Dennis Aldridge, Executive Board Vice-Chairman

III. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Caroline Briggs, Finance Officer

- Financial Highlights as of January 31, 2026 [ACTION]
- Budget Amendment #4 [ACTION]
- Workforce Grant Project Ordinance Amendment – ARPA Work-Based Learning [ACTION]
- Planning Grant Project Ordinance Amendment – NCDIT Digital Champion [ACTION]
- Planning Grant Project Ordinance – EDA 2025 Partnership Planning Grant [ACTION]
- Corrected Grant Project Ordinances (Clerical Corrections Only)

IV. HCCOG AUDIT PRESENTATION [ACTION]

15 MINUTES

Hunter Wiseman, Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co. P.A.

V. HEALTHY BLUE PRESENTATION

15 MINUTES

Keith Cradle, Ph.D. - Director of Judicial Program | Healthy Blue Care Together

Kristin Stout - Judicial Program Treatment Court Specialist | Healthy Blue Care Together

LaDonte Lee- Judicial Program Liaison | Healthy Blue Care Together

VI. REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

5 MINUTES

Nominating Committee

- Officer Nominations & Elections [ACTION]

VII. RECESS OF HCCOG EXECUTIVE BOARD SESSION AND CONVENING OF REGION D DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION SESSION [ACTION]

5 MINUTES

Chris Grubb, Deputy Executive Director/Planning & Development Director

- Consideration of February 17, 2025 Minutes [ACTION]

VIII. CLOSING OF REGION D DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION SESSION AND OPENING OF HCCOG EXECUTIVE BOARD SESSION [ACTION]

IX. REPORT FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

10 MINUTES

Julie Wiggins, Executive Director

X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

XI. VICE-CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

- Welcome New Board Members

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

XIV. ADJOURNMENT [ACTION]