



Atlanta Regional Commission

Meeting Notes

Strategic Relations Subcommittee
Eric Dial, Chair
Wednesday, February 23, 2022
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Virtual: Microsoft Teams
Atlanta Regional Commission
229 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 100
Atlanta, GA 30303

Subcommittee Members in attendance:

Mayor Eric Dial, Chair
Kali Boatright
Angelia O'Neil
Bob Reeves
Betty Willis

Subcommittee Members absent:

Julie K Arnold
Alex Wan
Mayor Vince Williams

1. Welcome

Mayor Eric Dial opened meeting with a warm virtual welcome and inquired of public comments, there were no public comments.

2. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

ARC staff member, Keri Stevens, provided an overview on the CEDS policy framework and the intended approach to engagement.

3. Legislative Update

ARC staff member, John Bayalis provided an update on the 2022 Legislative Session and ARC Priorities. Highlights of this update are as follows:

- *20 legislative days into the 2022 Session, leaving 20 legislative days on the calendar. Crossover Day is currently scheduled for Tuesday, March 15th. Sine Die remains scheduled for Monday, April 4th.*
- ***HB 873**, the redrawing of Gwinnett County Commission Districts, is now with the Governor for signature.*

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- ***SB 437*** passed the House Governmental Affairs Committee earlier this week with a new map. ***HB 1154***, the redrawing of Cobb County Commission Districts is now in the Senate. As with the Gwinnett Commission District legislation, the map that comprises ***HB 1154*** is not supported by any Democrats from the Cobb Delegation. More on this Cobb legislation can be found [here](#).
- ***HB 907*** passed the Senate and signed by the Governor this week.
- ***HB 1037***, introduced by Rep. William Boddie (D-62, East Point), received a Hearing in the House Industry & Labor Committee on Tuesday. the potential for this bill to move beyond the hearing it received this week and will engage accordingly should it go forward.
- **HB 841**, was signed by the Governor this week.
- **HB 840-Vinings** close to signature from the Governor
- **HB 826 - Lost Mountain** are close to signature from the Governor.
- **HB 839** (Mableton) passed out of the House Governmental Affairs Committee.
For a great overview of all 4 bills and where they're at in the process, 11Alive has comprehensive write-up [here](#).
- **HB 1044** passed the House unanimously.
Mr. Bayalis stated that a more comprehensive update can be received if needed and any l questions feel free to reach out to him directly via email.

4. ARC Website Refresh Project

ARC Staff member Paul Donsky provided information on the plans to refresh the ARC homepage and gathered feedback from the committee to assist with the updates. Mr. Donsky stated that the current website launched in 2016 and it is time for a refresh. He was pleased to add, that the Board & Committee portal was an added feature and is very well received. Top priority for this refresh is better navigation, impactful messaging, as well as to consider your suggestions.

5. General ARC Updates

ARC Staff member Dr. Malika Wilkins provided the following information as a general update:

- ARC's re-integration plan is underway for all staff with February 28 as the official re-integration date. A hybrid schedule began on February 15.
 - ARC's new Executive Director will begin work on
 - In person meetings will begin in March.
 - Save the date - 2022 State of the Region will be held on October 28.
 - Regional Communicator's Alliance meets quarterly - next meeting is April 22 if interested in attending - reach out to Paul Donsky via email.
 - Liz Sanford will take on a greater role with Board and committee engagement - she will seek you out for your input on future topics for discussion.
- No other items for discussion, meeting adjourned at 2:30p.m.