

## **TOURISM EXPENDITURE REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, August 2, 2022, 10 a .m.  
Via Conference Call

### **ATTENDANCE:**

**Committee Members in Attendance Via Conference Call:** Olivia Young, Toni Nance Doug McFarland, Fox Simons, Mark Nix, Ed Riggs, Daniel Prentice, Daniel Blumenstock, Tony Tam, Jason Rapp

**Others:** Damita Holcomb, TERC Staff and John Hoefler, TERC Legal Counsel

### **CALL TO ORDER /ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS/UPDATES:**

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Ed Riggs called the meeting to order.
- 2. Minutes:** Doug McFarland made a motion to approve the minutes from the TERC meeting on April 25, 2022. Daniel Blumenstock seconded and minutes were approved.
- 3. Revision of Reporting Forms:** Damita Holcomb reported that she has been in contact with Tyler Technologies, who manages the TERC website about utilizing the website in order to complete reports. Many grant applications and grant reports are completed online through a web-based reporting system. After some research this is not a possibility with TERC's current website. TERC forms will be revised so that there is a 30 percent reporting form in lieu of local governments sending marketing reports from the DMO agencies.
- 4. Statehouse Updates:** Toni Nance provided the Committee with an update concerning potential legislation that would affect accommodations taxes and tourism. This report is provided as a courtesy from Parks, Recreation and Tourism and as informational only, as TERC as a Committee takes no stance on potential legislation. Ms. Nance reported that no legislation passed that impacts the use of state accommodations tax revenue.
- 5. Discussion with Attorney:** A motion was made by Daniel Blumenstock to enter into executive session with legal counsel in order to discuss Attorney General's Opinion dated May 31, 2022 in regards to TERC's question as to whether a municipality or county could create a nonprofit DMO for the purpose of expending 30 percent funds when an organization already exists in the geographic area for that purpose. The motion was seconded by Douglas McFarland and passed unanimously by TERC. TERC members entered into executive session. A motion was made by Doug McFarland to exit executive session which was seconded by Daniel Prentice and passed unanimously by TERC. No action was taken as a result of executive session.

### **REPORTS REVIEWED BY TERC**

TERC reviewed the following reporting forms. Should the report warrant, more information will be asked, including questions about 30 percent and 65% funding, mathematical errors, additional information to determine validity of funding and the local governments' accommodations tax committee list and composition. After TERC questions reports, general policy is to discuss the report again at the next committee meeting. If no further action is needed during the initial review, TERC does not communicate with the local government and the report is filed and no further action taken.

**Reporting Forms (or Additional Information Requested after Reports Filed) Reviewed by Olivia Young, John Taylor and Daniel Prentice:** City of Aiken, Bluffton, Greenville, Greenwood, Hardeeville, Jasper county, Lancaster County, Oconee county, Pickens county, Simpsonville, City of York, York County

**Reporting Forms (or Additional Information Requested after Reports Filed)Reviewed by Mark Nix and Jason Rapp:** Blythewood, Cayce, Cherokee County, Gaffney, Kershaw County, Town of Lexington, Spartanburg, West Columbia,

**Reporting Forms (or Additional Information Requested after Reports Filed) Reviewed by Reviewed By Dan Blumenstock and Tony Tam:** Chesterfield, City of Clinton, Conway, Town of Duncan, City of Dillon, City of Georgetown, Hartsville, North Myrtle Beach, Port Royal

**Reporting Forms (or Additional Information Requested after Reports Filed) Reviewed by Doug McFarland, Ed Riggs, Fox Simons:** Berkeley County, City of Charleston, Charleston County, Chester County, Dorchester County, Folly Beach, Isle of Palms, Moncks Corner, Mount Pleasant, Seabrook Island, Sullivan's island, Walterboro,

**Forthcoming Reports:** Camden, Fairfield County\*, Hanahan\*, James Island, Lake City, McCormick\*, McCormick County\*, Orangeburg County, Richland County, Springdale, St. George, Winnsboro\*

\*These are new to reporting, some of which county areas barely collected more than the required \$50,000. Verifying with SC Department of Revenue that they must report.

There being no other business, Dan Blumenstock to adjourn, seconded by Doug McFarland.

There being no opposition, the motion was passed unanimously and TERC motioned to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted

Damita S. Holcomb

TERC Support Manager