Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments Audit/Finance Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 25, 2019 9:00 am Conference Call

Committee Members Attending- by phone: Senator Kevin Johnson, Jim McCain, Vivian McGhaney and Dwight Stewart

Staff: Kathy Powell

- I-II. **Welcome/Call to Order and Invocation**: Chairman Alfred Mae Drakeford could not be on the call, so staff member Kathy Powell called the meeting to order. After obtaining committee approval to chair the meeting, Mrs. Powell opened with an invocation.
- III. **Determination of Quorum**: A roll call of committee members was performed to verify four of seven members in attendance via phone. With this count, a quorum was established.
- IV. **Adoption of Agenda**: Vivian McGhaney moved to adopt the meeting agenda. The motion, seconded by Jim McCain, was unanimously approved.
- V. **Approval of Minutes:** Kevin Johnson moved for approval of the minutes from the May 16, 2019 meeting. Dwight Stewart seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- VI. **Selection of Audit Firm for FY 2018-2019:** Mrs. Powell referenced the briefing paper included with the agenda and meeting package, noting the paper outlined the process used to solicit, review and rank proposals for audit services. Mrs. Powell asked if members had questions about the process as outlined, noting that the highest-ranking proposal was from the firm of Mauldin Jenkins. Committee members had no questions regarding the process and confirmed with staff that this is the firm utilized for the COG and RDC audit work for the past two years. When asked, Mrs. Powell noted there were no staff concerns or issues with the performance of this firm. Mr. Stewart moved to accept the review committee's ranking and the staff recommendation to engage the firm of Mauldin Jenkins for audit services for FY 18-19. Mr. McCain seconded the motion which then passed unanimously.

Mrs. Powell indicated, as noted in the briefing paper, that the procurement team will complete a review of the entire procurement process to assure all agency procurement processes were followed. Once the team completes their review and authorizes the award of an audit engagement, Mauldin Jenkins will be notified.

VII. Other Business: None

VIII. Adjourn: The committee meeting adjourned at 8:35 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy E. Powell, Deputy Executive Director and CFO