

**Southern Growth Policies Board
31st Annual Meeting**

**Beau Rivage
Biloxi, MS**

**Sunday, June 1, 2003
10:00 AM**

AGENDA

I. Welcome and Call to Order (Governor Ronnie Musgrove)

Governor Musgrove:

Let me officially call to order the 2003 of the Southern Growth Policies Board. Although I will welcome you to Mississippi officially at the kickoff of the Conference this afternoon, we are so glad that you have chosen to join us in Biloxi. I think that you will find that the hospitality of the people of Mississippi is unsurpassed. We certainly hope that you will spend a few extra days with us after the conference.

I am joined at the head table this morning by (List to follow). Now we will move directly into the business of the Board.

II. Approval of Minutes—page 1-7(Governor Ronnie Musgrove)

Governor Musgrove:

Your agenda books include a set of the Minutes from the 2002 Annual Meeting, which was held in Hilton

Head, South Carolina last June. I would entertain a motion for their approval. Is there a second? There is a motion for approval and a second—are there any changes to be made to the minutes. If there are no changes, then will all those in favor of their approval, please say “Aye.” All opposed by the same sign. The Minutes stand approved.

III. Annual Report and Work Plan—pages 8-18
Governor Musgrove:

It’s been an exciting year for Southern Growth Policies Board. We’ve had the Southern Technology Council publishing the Southern Innovation Index, the Council for a New Economy Workforce following up on the success of the Mercedes and the Magnolia, the Global Strategies Council developing a long-term strategic plan, and the Council on the Southern Community developing the 2003 Report on the Future of the South. We’ll first here an update on the Southern Technology Council from its Chairman, Governor Mark Warner of Virginia.

- a. Southern Technology Council (Governor Mark Warner will report)

Governor Musgrove:

Thank you Governor. Next we’ll hear a report on the Global Strategies Council which is chaired by Governor Bob Holden. (Information on who will give this report will be provided later)

- b. Global Strategies Council
(Someone will report)

Governor Musgrove:

Thank you. Our next report is on the Council for a New Economy Workforce. Governor Bob Wise of West Virginia was scheduled to attend and give this report, but had to cancel due to a conflict. Instead _____ will provide this report.

- c. Council for a New Economy Workforce
(Again, someone will report)

Governor Musgrove:

And finally, we'll hear from the Council that's responsible for this year's conference and the 2003 Report on the Future of the South. That report comes from the Council's Chairman, Governor Mike Huckabee of Arkansas.

- d. Council on the Southern Community (Governor Mike Huckabee)
(Governor Huckabee will report and introduce Jim Clinton for the next report)
 - e. Pathways to Prosperity Forum Results (Jim Clinton)
 - f. Other activities (Jim Clinton)
- (Jim Clinton will report on the Pathways and other activities)

Governor Musgrove:

Thank you, Jim. As a part of its Charter, Southern Growth Policies Board is responsible for developing and maintaining a Statement of Regional Objectives. In the past, we have not always been diligent about fulfilling this responsibility. However, following a series of organizational changes carried out by the Board and the Executive Committee, we have used the standing council structure to keep the Statement current by updating it each year. This year, the Council on the

Southern Community has made recommendations to add to the Statement. Jim will explain those:

IV. Amendment to Statement of Regional Objectives—pages 19-20
(Jim will report briefly)

Governor Musgrove:

You have in front of you a recommendation to add one new goal and two new objectives to the Statement of Regional Objectives. Do I hear a motion to do so? Is there a second? Is there any discussion on the motion? Is there objection to the motion? Hearing none, the motion stands approved.

V. Treasurer's Report and Budget—pages 21-22 (Jim Clinton)

Governor Musgrove:

Our long-time Treasurer, Tom Bulla, could not be with us today because of family commitments. Jim Clinton will make his report.

(Jim reports and presents the budget)

Governor Musgrove:

The budget for fiscal 2004 has been presented for your consideration. Do I hear a motion for its approval? A second? Are there any questions or discussion on the budget? Is there objection to the motion? Hearing none, the budget stands approved.

VI. Election of Executive Committee and Officers—page 23
(Governor Ronnie Musgrove)

Governor Musgrove:

Now it's time for us to elect our officers and Executive Committee for the coming year. Jim would you review the proposed slate for us?

(Jim reviews the slate of officers and executive committee members)

Governor Musgrove:

If there is no objection, we will act on the slate as a whole. Is there a motion for the election of these officers and executive committee members? Is there a second? Is there any discussion on the motion? Is there objection to the motion? Hearing none, the proposed slate of officers and executive committee members stands approved.

VII. Other Business (Governor Ronnie Musgrove)

Governor Musgrove:

We appreciate the service of all the officers and directors during the past year. I'd like to particularly thank our outgoing Vice Chairman, Senator Cal Hobson, who served a two-year term. And I'd also like to thank, although he's not with us today, Tom Bulla. Tom has served as Treasurer of Southern Growth Policies Board for a number of years. He was particularly instrumental in the very successful reorganization of the Board four years ago and has provided great service to the Board for a long time.

Thank you all again for attending and participating in the business meeting. It's been an honor for me to serve as Southern Growth's Chairman, an honor that I continue to hold until the ceremony at the end of the

Conference on Tuesday morning. We have a great lineup of speakers and panelists set for you for the next two days. And, we have a very nice reception tonight and banquet tomorrow night—I think you'll find the whole experience very rewarding.

Is there any other business to bring before the Board? If not, I'll invite you to join us for the opening ceremonies of the Conference at 1 PM. And we'll declare the business meeting officially adjourned.

VIII. Adjourn