

# FRCOG MEETING AGENDA



## Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee

**Date:** Monday, March 20, 2023

**Time:** 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

**Location:** Virtual Meeting on Zoom.

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Agenda Item	Presenter
1. Call the meeting to order.	Gary Dillensneider, Chair
2. Vote on minutes from November 14, 2022 meeting and January 9, 2023 meeting. [Roll call vote]	Gary Dillensneider, Chair
3. Presentation and Discussion of Broadband & Digital Equity Planning in Franklin County [40 minutes]	Jessica Atwood, FRCOG
4. Update on Greenfield Community College's work with the Center for Rural Innovation [15 minutes]	Max Fripp, GCC
5. Other business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance, and adjourn.	Gary Dillensneider, Chair

Next meeting date: Monday, May 22, 2023 at 1:30 pm **in-person** in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room at JWO Transit Center

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