Executive Department

Personnel—"The Governor and Lieutenant Governor, the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, the Attorney General and the Solicitors, the Adjutant General, the Comptroller General, the State Superintendent of Education, the Commissioner of Agriculture, and the Director of the Department of Insurance" (1976 Code, Sec. 1-1-110).

Terms of Office—"All terms 4 years. Under Constitution, Governor eligible to be elected to two successive terms." Art. IV, Secs. 3, 4.

Vacancies—In case of vacancy in the office of Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Comptroller General, Attorney General, or Adjutant General the vacancy shall be filled by election by General Assembly, unless they occur during legislative recess, when Governor shall fill by appointment until election at next session.—1976 Code, Sec. 1-1-120.

In case of vacancy in the office of Solicitor, State Superintendent of Education, the Commissioner of Agriculture, or the Director of Department of Insurance the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Governor.—1976 Code, Secs. 1-1-110 and 1-3-220.

GOVERNOR

Nikki Randhawa Haley

(for biography and picture see p. 15)

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Henry D. McMaster (for biography and picture see p. 17)

SECRETARY OF STATE

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The Secretary of State is responsible for the statewide registration of corporations, Uniform Commercial Code interests, business opportunities, employment agencies, trademarks, notaries, apostilles, and cable franchise authority. This office handles the incorporation of municipalities and special purpose districts, the annexation of land, and the escheatment of real property in South Carolina. The Secretary of State is the administrator and regulator of all charitable laws of this State. The Secretary of State is the custodian of Acts ratified each year by the General Assembly and handles the publication of

positions within certain statewide boards and commissions. The Secretary of State is an ex officio member of the Legislative Council and the Commission on Consumer Affairs.

Secretary of State—MARK HAMMOND (2003–15)
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HAMMOND, J. Mark [R]—(Spartanburg Co.)—*b.* Nov. 29, 1963 in Lancaster; *s.* John G., Jr. and Bonnie Hammond; *g.* Newberry Coll., B.A., 1986; Clemson Univ., M.Ed., 1988; June 23, 1990 *m.* Ginny Hudson, 3 children; Spartanburg Co. Clerk of Court, 1997–03; 7th Circuit Solicitor's Off., Criminal Investigator, 1991–96; Special Basic Training, S.C. Criminal Justice Academy, 1991; Juvenile Probation Off., 1988–89; Del., Rep. Natl. Convention, 2004, 2008; Chm., Intl. Relations Com. of the Natl. Assn. of Secys. of State (NASS), 2006–07, 2010–11; Outstanding Alumni, Shrine Bowl Award for Public Serv., 2006; Henry Toll Fellow, Council of State Govt., 2007; Colonel, Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, 2007; Sesquicentennial Medal of Honor Award; Outstanding Alumni, Newberry Coll., 2007; Chm., Bus. Servs. Com. (NASS), 2008–09; rising State Leader, Canadian Embassy & Canadian Consulates Gen., 2008; Trustee, Spartanburg Methodist Coll., 2009; mem., Westminster Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg; elected Secy. of State Nov. 5, 2002, serving continuously since.

Chief of Staff & Gen. Counsel . . . . . .Melissa W. Dunlap
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Division of Business Filings

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The Division of Business Filings is responsible for the registration of business entities including corporations and nonprofit organizations, and filing Uniform Commercial Code documents.

Dir. of Bus. Filings . . . . . .Jody Steigerwalt

Division of Notaries, Boards and Commissions

Tel. (803) 734-2512

The Division of Notaries, Boards and Commissions is responsible for the registration of notaries, authentications, filing executive orders and ratified acts, and monitoring State boards and commissions.

Dir. . . . . . .Tracy C. Sharpe

Division of Public Charities

Tel. (803) 734-1790

The Division of Public Charities is responsible for the regulation of charitable organizations pursuant to the South Carolina Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act.

Dir. . . . . . .Kimberly S. Wickersham

STATE TREASURER

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The State Treasurer is the "private banker" for South Carolina. He is responsible for the investment, cash management, and safekeeping of the State's general and restricted funds and the assets of the South Carolina Retirement Systems. The State Treasurer also coordinates all banking relationships for the State; issues all state debt including the payment of and principal and interest on outstanding debt issues; communicates with bonding rating services; and is trustee for abandoned property holdings; the South Carolina Tuition Prepayment Program and the South Carolina College Investment Program.

The Treasurer is Vice Chairman of the State Budget and Control Board. The Budget and Control Board (Agency) is at the core of South Carolina's State Government, handling functions such as: the South Carolina Retirement System, State Procurement, State Insurance Programs, The Budget Office, State Auditor's Office, State Human Resources' Office, General Services, The Budget Office, and the State Technology Office.

The Treasurer is a member of the South Carolina Retirement System Investment Commission, which manages the System's approximately twenty-five billion dollar investment pool. The South Carolina Retirement System Investment Commission's

goal is to maximize the return of the System's assets while safeguarding capital for the System's capital for its retirees.

The Treasurer is the Chairman of the State Board of Financial Institutions. The Board supervises financial institutions under its jurisdiction through the Bank Examining Division and supervises mortgage originators and lenders, finance companies, pay day lenders, and title lenders through its Consumer Finance Division.

The Treasurer is the Vice Chairman of the South Carolina Tobacco Authority. The South Carolina Tobacco Authority administers the tobacco settlement funds. The Treasurer is also the custodian of these funds.

The Treasurer is the Vice Chairman of the South Carolina Education Authority. The Treasurer is also the custodian of the Authority's funds.

State Treasurer—CURTIS M. LOFTIS, JR. (2011–15)

LOFTIS, Curtis M., Jr. [R]—(Lexington Co.)—Businessman; *b.* Sept. 8 in Columbia; *s.* Curtis M. and Mary Knox Loftis; *g.* Univ. of S.C., A.A., 1981; Dir., S.C. Off. on Aging, 2007–08; Dir. of Transparency, S.C. Comptroller Gen. Off., 2008–09; elected State Treas. Nov. 2, 2010, serving continuously since.

Chief of Staff . . . . . .Clarissa T. Adams
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Legis. Liaison & Exec. Asst. to Treas. . . . . .Edward Fraizer

ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Duties—The Attorney General is the head of the legal department of the State of South Carolina; supervises all litigation in which the State or any of its departments, boards, commissions, or institutions are parties; advises all state officers, departments, agencies, and institutions on legal matters; required to attend the sessions of the General Assembly when requested and advise the members thereof. In addition to representing the State and its departments and agencies, he represents certain county officers in litigation against them and supervises Statewide Grand Jury. While the 16 Solicitors of the State generally conduct prosecutions in criminal matters, the Attorney General has general supervisory responsibility in the prosecutorial area.

The Attorney General also serves as the State's Securities Commissioner, overseeing the registration of all persons engaged in the sale of securities in the State of South Carolina, investigating allegations of fraud or other violations of securities laws, and taking appropriate enforcement action.

Attorney General—ALAN MCCRORY WILSON (2011–15)
P.O. Box 11549, Columbia 29211

WILSON, Alan McCrory [R]—(Lexington Co.)—Atty.; *b.* July 16, 1973 in Ft. Wolters, Tex.; *s.* Joe and Roxanne Wilson; *g.* Francis Marion Univ., B.S., 1996; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 2002; Sept. 30, 2006 *m.* Jennifer Miskewicz, 2 children, Michael and Anna Grace; Eagle Scout recipient, Boy Scouts of America, 1991; Charter mem., West Metro Rotary Club, West Columbia, 2002–; Bd. mem.: Midlands Mental Health Assn., 2001–02; World Affairs Council, 2002–07; Asst. Solicitor, 11th Judicial Circuit, 2003–06; Asst. Atty. Gen., 2007–09; Chm., Chinquapin Dist. of the Indian Waters Council, 2008; lifetime mem., Natl. Rifle Assn.; Chm., The Rep. Atty. Gen. Assn. (RAGA), 2013–; mem., First Presbyterian Church, 1978–; mil. serv.: SCNG, 1996–; Lt. Col.; Operation Iraqi Freedom II, 2005–06; elected Atty. Gen. Nov. 2, 2010, serving continuously since.

Chief Dep. Atty. Gen. . . . . . .John W. McIntosh
Chief of Staff . . . . . .Barry Bernstein
Communications Dir. . . . . . .J. Mark Powell
Dir. Govt. Relations . . . . . .Adam Piper
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COMPTROLLER GENERAL

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The Comptroller General is the State's chief fiscal and accounting officer and serves on the South Carolina Budget and Control Board. The Comptroller's Office serves as "watchdog of the public purse." The Office oversees and processes all state spending and administers and processes the payrolls of state agencies. The Office controls the receiving and disbursing of public funds; reports annually on the financial operations and condition of state government; maintains the statewide fiscal transparency website (see link at www.cg.sc.gov) that includes state agencies, school districts, and colleges and universities; and advises state agencies on fiscal and accounting matters. The Office maintains the State's centralized accounting system. At the close of every fiscal year its staff of professional accountants produces the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

Comptroller General—RICHARD ECKSTROM, CPA (2003–15)

ECKSTROM, Richard A. [R]—(Lexington Co.)—Certified Public Accountant; *b.* June 23, 1948 in Duluth, Minn.; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1971, M.B.A., 1977, Master of Accountancy, 1978; Adjunct Faculty, Queens Coll., Charlotte, 1979–80; Pres., Greenville Breakfast Rotary Club, 1986–87, 1993–94; Chm., Greenville Mental Health Center Bd., 1987–90; Chm., Greenville Voc. Rehab. Bus. Adv. Bd., 1989–90; mem., State Mental Health Comm., 1991–94; Chm., Univ. of S.C. Friends of Accounting Dept., 2001–02; mem., Gov.'s MAP Comm., 2003; Chm., State Mil. Base Task Force, 2003–13; Chm., S.C. Fourth Congressional Dist. Rep. Party, 1991–93; State Del., Rep. Natl. Convention, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008; Life mem.: Naval Reserve

Assn.; Natl. Rifle Assn.; mil. serv.: commissioned in USN, 1971; served 3 years active duty, 1971–73, performed oceanographic research; USNR, 1973–95; achieved rank of Capt.; Comdr., S.C. State Guard, 2011–; State Treas., 1994–98; elected Comptroller Gen. Nov. 2002, serving continuously since.

Chief of Staff . . . . . .Eddie Gunn
Senior Asst. Comptroller Gen.,
Fin. Reporting . . . . . .David Starkey, CPA
Senior Asst. Comptroller Gen.,
Statewide Accounting . . . . . .Anjali Griffin, CPA
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Statewide Payroll/AP . . . . . .Ronnie Head, CPA
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STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) provides leadership and services to ensure a system of public education through which all students will become educated, responsible, and contributing citizens. In addition, the Department administers the annual appropriation for education in compliance with laws and directives passed by the General Assembly and rules and regulations passed by the State Board of Education. It also administers funds received from the federal government and from other sources in compliance with federal and state regulations. Other items included in the appropriation are for the administration of the SCDE and for instruction, special services, planning, research, publications, school building, transportation, instructional materials, food services, and assessment of student achievement.

State Supt. of Education—MOLLY M. SPEARMAN (2015–19)
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SPEARMAN, Molly M. [R]—(Saluda Co.)—Educator; *b.* Jan. 23, 1954 in Saluda; *d.* Rudolph and the late Lenora (Werts) Mitchell; *g.* Lander Univ., B.A., 1976; George Washington Univ., M.A., 1981; post graduate work, Educ. Admin., Univ. of S.C.; July 17, 1976 *m.* William E. Spearman III, 2 children, Mitchell and Katie;

Pres., Lander Univ. Student Govt. Assn., 1975–76; Teacher of the Year, Chapin Elementary, 1986; Natl. Legis. Chm., Amer. Legion Auxiliary, 1992; Natl. Educ. Chm., Amer. Legion Auxiliary, 1992; Pres., S.C. Amer. Legion Auxiliary, 1990–91; Chm. and Dir., Palmetto Girls State, 1989, 1990, 1992; Girls Nation Dir. & Natl. Girls State Chm., 1994; Delta Kappa Gamma Hon. Soc.; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Amer. Legion, 1996; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Dept. of Health & Environmental Control, 1998; church organist, Hickory Grove Advent Christian Church; S.C. House of Reps., 1993–98; Dep. Supt., Dept. of Educ., 1998–05; Exec. Dir., S.C. Assn. of School Admins., 2005–14; elected State Supt. of Educ. Nov. 4, 2014.

Chief Operating Off. . . . . . .Elizabeth Carpentier
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Chief Info. Off. . . . . . .Don Cantrell

ADJUTANT GENERAL

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The Adjutant General is head of the Military Department of the State. He administers the affairs of the South Carolina Army and Air National Guard, the Emergency Management Division, and the State Guard. The Governor, by law, is the Commander-in-Chief. The Adjutant General is a Constitutional Officer and has the rank of Major General. The Army National Guard maintains 68 armories throughout the State with a strength of 9,920 as of early 2011. All Air Guard units are located at McEntire Joint National Guard Base in Eastover, S.C. and have a strength of 1,376 as of early 2011. The Emergency Preparedness Division was established as a separate entity of the Adjutant General's Office by Act 199, Sec. 21, 1979. The Division is responsible for coordinating the efforts of all state, county, and municipal agencies in developing state Emergency Response Plans and conducting statewide

emergency preparedness efforts to ensure the safety of the citizens of the State.

The Adjutant General—ROBERT E. LIVINGSTON, JR.
(2011–15)
1 National Guard Rd., Columbia 29201-4766

LIVINGSTON, Robert E., Jr. [R]—(Lexington Co.)—*b.* July 17, 1956 in Columbia; *s.* Robert E., Sr. and Raye Hutto Livingston; *g.* Hampden Sydney Coll., B.S., 1978; Georgia Inst. of Technology, B.S., 1980, M.S., 1981; Univ. of S.C., M.B.A., 1988; USA War Coll., M.S., 2001; Dec. 27, 1976 *m.* Barbara Flora, 4 children, Robert E. III, Rachel, Rebekah, and Roxanne; past Bd. of Dirs. mem. and Small Bus. Task Force Chm., S.C. Chamber of Commerce; Gov.'s Task Force on School to Work; past Pres., Army Engineer Assn. of S.C.; past Pres., Capital Rotary Club; Professional Engineer; First Honor Graduate, Palmetto Mil. Academy, off. Candidate School, 1980; Phi Beta Kappa, 1976; Defense Superior Serv. medal; Legion of Merit; Bronze Star Medal; Army Superior Unit Award; French Gold Natl. Defense Medal; Combat Action Badge; Parachutist Badge; Silver DeFleury Medal; Sgt. William Jasper Freedom Award, 2009; past Secy. of Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church; mil. serv.: SCARNG, 1978–; Comdr., Task Force 218, Ft. Jackson, 2004; Comdr., 218th Infantry Brigade, Newberry, 2005–07; Comdr., combined Jt. Task Force Phoenix (VI), Kabal, Afghanistan, 2007–08; Dir., Strategic Plans and Policy (J5), Natl. Guard Bureau, Arlington, Va., 2008; Dir., Coalition; elected Adjutant Gen. Nov. 2, 2010, serving continuously since.

Dep. Adjutant Gen. . . . . . .BG R. Van McCarty
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Comdr., McEntire ANG Base . . . . . .COL David Meyer
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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The South Carolina Department of Agriculture was created in 1879 for the purpose of fostering agriculture in South Carolina and is responsible for the enforcement of more than 30 statutes relating to agriculture. These activities range from providing consumer protection in weights and measures to bonded storage for non-perishable agricultural products and marketing programs of an objective motive such as grading, inspection and market news programs on livestock, fruits, vegetables, grain, and poultry products. It also provides for the establishment and supervision of marketing authorities in communities throughout the State, the development and construction of grading, storage, and other facilities necessary for optimum performance of the agricultural marketing processes. Agriculture and agri-business is a growth industry in South Carolina.

Commissioner—HUGH E. WEATHERS (2005–15)
Bowman

WEATHERS, Hugh Ervin [R]—(Orangeburg Co.)—3rd generation dairy farmer, Weathers Farms, Inc., Partner, Circle W. Farms, Owner, Weathers Trucking, Inc.; *b.* June 27, 1956; *s.* Lawrence and Frances Weathers; *g.* Univ. of S.C., *magna cum laude*, B.S., 1978; *m.* Blanche Gramling Weathers, 3 children, Gill, Edward, and Julius; past Pres., Amer. Dairy Assn. of S.C., 1987–04; Chm., S.C. Farm Bureau Legis. Comm., 2000–04; S.C. Farm Bureau PAC Comm., 2001–04; Bd. mem., United Dairy Industries Assn., 1994–98; S.C. Dairy Assn., 1996–01; S.C. Conservation Bank, 2001–04; AgSouth Farm Credit Assn., 1997–11; Greater Bowman Bus. Dev. Council, 2002–04; mem., S.C. DHEC Task Force on Livestock Regulations, 1996; NASDA mem.; Pres., Southern United States Trade Assn., 2007–09; Pres., Southern Assn. of State Depts. of Agric., 2011–12; S.C. Dairy Hall of Fame Inductee, 2011; Bd. mem. & choir mem., Bowman Southern Methodist Church; apptd. interim Comr. Sept. 14, 2004; apptd. Comr. Jan. 17, 2005, elected Comr. Nov. 7, 2006, serving continuously since.

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