

# House Legislative Oversight Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 8, 2021

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# AGENDA

South Carolina  
House of Representatives



Legislative Oversight Committee

April 8, 2021

Room 110 - Blatt Building

1:00 or 30 minutes after the House adjourns, whichever is later

*The meeting will stream online and be archived.*

*Members of the public may follow the meeting via the following link:*

<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/video/schedule.php>

**REVISED AGENDA – PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITY**  
(REVISED DUE TO CANCELLATION OF MARCH 18 MEETING)

- I. Approval of minutes
- II. Discussion of Committee administrative matters
- III. Opportunity for public input about nine agencies under study

**MEETING PROTOCOL:** To provide testimony, you must register in advance no later than 9:00 a.m. on April 6, 2021. Please plan to limit comments to three to five minutes.

- Click [here](#) to register online to provide testimony.
  - *(Rescheduled from March 18)* – Opportunity to provide input about the Attorney General’s Office; Department on Aging; Department of Commerce; and Jobs Economic Development Authority. If you previously registered for the March 18 meeting, please register again to indicate you are available to testify on April 8.
  - *(Original agencies scheduled for April 8)* - Opportunity to provide input about the Arts Commission; Department of Health and Human Services; Ethics Commission; State Accident Fund; and State Library.
    - Registration asks for the name and contact information for the individual providing testimony.
    - Testimony may be provided via digital means upon request in the registration.
  - Click [here](#) for general information about providing testimony to the Committee.
- An ongoing opportunity to submit anonymous public input is available on the Committee’s website by clicking [here](#).

- IV. Adjournment

INFORMATION FOR CONSTITUENTS  
PROVIDING TESTIMONY TO THE COMMITTEE

# Providing Testimony to the House Legislative Oversight Committee

The House Legislative Oversight Committee conducts studies and investigations of state agencies in order to determine if agency laws and programs are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of the General Assembly and whether those programs should be continued, curtailed, or eliminated. It also works to inform the public about the agencies it studies.

**Public input is a cornerstone of the oversight process.** Input from people who interact with state agencies may help direct the Committee to potential areas for improvement.

## Opportunities to provide testimony to the Committee

The Committee periodically holds public input meetings to hear testimony on agencies that are under study. The bulk of each study takes place at the Subcommittee level. Public testimony may be allowed at Subcommittee meetings, with permission of the Subcommittee chair. To see scheduled meetings, sign up for Committee updates, or contact the Committee, please visit

<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee.php>.

If you choose to testify before the Committee or one of its Subcommittees, please bear the following in mind:

1. All Committee and Subcommittee meetings are open to the public, and whenever technologically feasible, a video of each meeting is made available online.
2. To allow for safe and accessible public participation during the COVID-19 pandemic, persons interested in providing testimony may choose to participate virtually using Microsoft Teams.
3. You may be asked to keep testimony within a certain timeframe, often between three and five minutes.
4. You may provide written materials to supplement oral testimony.
5. Committee members may ask questions during testimony.
6. All testimony must be given under oath.
7. While the Committee cannot intervene in any individual's ongoing matter with an agency, the following are examples of topics that may be particularly helpful to the Committee:
  - The agency's communication of information to the public;
  - Experiences with the agency that reflect on its overall ability to fulfill its mission;
  - Multiple similar experiences with the agency that may indicate a pattern;
  - Specific concerns about actions of agency leadership; and
  - Ideas about ways in which an agency could better (i.e., more effectively or efficiently) fulfill its mission.

### Other opportunities to provide input to the Committee

Providing public testimony under oath is not the only way to contribute to the oversight process. Other options include:

- Providing input by way of online public surveys;
- Emailing the Committee at [HCommLegOv@schouse.gov](mailto:HCommLegOv@schouse.gov); and
- Calling or meeting with Committee staff, who will provide a summary of your comments to the Committee.

**If you have any questions** about providing input to the House Legislative Oversight Committee, please contact the Committee by telephone at (803) 212-6810 or by email at [HCommLegOv@schouse.gov](mailto:HCommLegOv@schouse.gov).

# MEETING MINUTES

*Chair Wm. Weston J. Newton*

*First Vice-Chair:  
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.*

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### **Legislative Oversight Committee**

**Wednesday, December 2, 2020  
45 minutes after adjournment of the House  
Blatt Room 110**

#### **Archived Video Available**

- I. Pursuant to House Legislative Oversight Committee Rule 6.8, South Carolina ETV was allowed access for streaming the meeting. You may access an archived video of this meeting by visiting the South Carolina General Assembly's website (<http://www.scstatehouse.gov>) and clicking on *Committee Postings and Reports*, then under *House Standing Committees* click on *Legislative Oversight*. Then, click on *Video Archives* for a listing of archived videos for the Committee.

#### **Attendance**

- I. The Legislative Oversight Committee meeting was called to order by Representative William M. "Bill" Hixon, on Wednesday, December 2, 2020, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building. All members except: Representative Travis A. Moore; Representative Tommy Stringer; and Representative Bill Taylor were present for all or a portion of the meeting.

**Minutes**

- I. House Rule 4.5 requires standing committees to prepare and make available to the public the minutes of committee meetings, but the minutes do not have to be verbatim accounts of meetings.

**Election of Committee Officers**

- I. Representative Hixon opens the floor for nominations to fill the Committee chair position. Representative John Taliaferro “Jay” West nominates Representative Wm. Weston J. Newton and moves to close the nominations. The motion to close the nominations is completed by acclamation. Chairman Newton expresses gratitude for his election and asks Representative Hixon to temporarily continue to serve as chair. Without objection, it is noted the minutes will reflect an affirmative vote of all those present for the election of committee officers.

| <b>Chairman Election</b> | Yea | Nay | Not Voting  |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-------------|
| Rep. Garvin              | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Gatch               | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Henderson-Meyers    | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Hixon               | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Jefferson           | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. K.O. Johnson        | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Magnuson            | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. McCravy             | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. McGinnis            | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Morgan              | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Moore               |     |     | Not Present |
| Rep. Newton              | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Oremus              | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Ott                 | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Pendarvis           | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Rivers              | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Stringer            |     |     | Not Present |
| Rep. Taylor              |     |     | Not Present |
| Rep. West                | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Wooten              | ✓   |     |             |

II. Representative Hixon opens the floor for nominations to fill the Committee First-Vice Chair position. Chairman Newton nominates Representative Jefferson and moves to close the nominations for election by acclamation. The motion to close the nominations is completed by acclamation. Committee First-Vice Chair Jefferson expresses gratitude for his election. Without objection, it is noted the minutes will reflect an affirmative vote of all those present for the election of committee officers.

| <b>Chairman Election</b> | Yea | Nay | Not Voting  |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-------------|
| Rep. Garvin              | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Gatch               | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Henderson-Meyers    | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Hixon               | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Jefferson           | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. K.O. Johnson        | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Magnuson            | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. McCravy             | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. McGinnis            | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Morgan              | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Moore               |     |     | Not Present |
| Rep. Newton              | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Oremus              | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Ott                 | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Pendarvis           | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Rivers              | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Stringer            |     |     | Not Present |
| Rep. Taylor              |     |     | Not Present |
| Rep. West                | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Wooten              | ✓   |     |             |

**Adoption of Vision and Mission Statements**

- I. Chairman Newton announces that further organizational matters to discuss include the committee’s vision, mission, rules, and standard practices.
- II. Representative West shares the vision and mission statements used in prior General Assemblies and nominates them for adoption for the 124<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. Chairman

Newton announces that no second motion is required for the mission statements. No questions or comments on the vision and mission statements are provided by Committee members.

| <b>Rep. West's motion to adopt the two committee mission statements for the 124<sup>th</sup> General Assembly</b> | Yea | Nay | Not Voting  |
|---|-----|-----|-------------|
| Rep. Garvin   | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Gatch  | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Henderson-Meyers   | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Hixon  | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Jefferson  | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. K.O. Johnson   | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Magnuson   | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. McCravy  | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. McGinnis   | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Morgan   | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Moore  |     |     | Not Present |
| Rep. Newton   | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Oremus   | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Ott  | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Pendarvis  | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Rivers   | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Stringer   |     |     | Not Present |
| Rep. Taylor   |     |     | Not Present |
| Rep. West   | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Wooten   | ✓   |     |             |

**Adoption of Committee Rules**

- I. Chairman Newton notes the former committee rules and suggests the committee adopt these. Rep. McCravy makes a motion to adopt the committee rules as presented in the meeting packet. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

| <b>Rep. McCravy’s motion to adopt the committee rules stated in the meeting packet for the 124<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.</b> | Yea | Nay | Not Voting  |
|---|-----|-----|-------------|
| Rep. Garvin   | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Gatch  | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Henderson-Meyers   | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Hixon  | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Jefferson  | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. K.O. Johnson   | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Magnuson   | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. McCravy  | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. McGinnis   | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Morgan   | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Moore  |     |     | Not Present |
| Rep. Newton   | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Oremus   | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Ott  | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Pendarvis  | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Rivers   | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Stringer   |     |     | Not Present |
| Rep. Taylor   |     |     | Not Present |
| Rep. West   | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Wooten   | ✓   |     |             |

- II. Chairman Newton notes the former committee standard practices and requests Committee members review these prior to the next full committee meeting.

**Discussion of recommendations for agencies to study in 2021**

- I. Chairman Newton explains the agency study process and explains the public surveys about state agencies. He encourages Committee members to have constituents provide feedback.

- II. Chairman Newton states that a schedule of agencies to be studied must be published in the House Journal on the first day of session. He suggests holding on naming additional agencies for study as the Committee currently has 11 agencies under study with limited resources. Also, he requests comments or feedback from members regarding agencies that are currently under study.

**Approval of Minutes from October 14, 2020 meeting**

- I. Representative Hixon makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the prior full committee meeting.

| <b>Rep. Hixon’s motion to approve the October 14, 2020, meeting minutes.</b> | Yea | Nay | Not Voting  |
|--|-----|-----|-------------|
| Rep. Garvin  |     |     | Not Voting  |
| Rep. Gatch   |     |     | Not Voting  |
| Rep. Henderson-Meyers  |     |     | Not Voting  |
| Rep. Hixon   | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Jefferson   | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. K.O. Johnson  |     |     | Not Voting  |
| Rep. Magnuson  |     |     | Not Voting  |
| Rep. McCravy   |     |     | Not Voting  |
| Rep. McGinnis  |     |     | Not Voting  |
| Rep. Morgan  |     |     | Not Voting  |
| Rep. Moore   |     |     | Not Present |
| Rep. Newton  | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Oremus  |     |     | Not Voting  |
| Rep. Ott   |     |     | Not Voting  |
| Rep. Pendarvis   | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Rivers  |     |     | Not Voting  |
| Rep. Stringer  |     |     | Not Present |
| Rep. Taylor  |     |     | Not Present |
| Rep. West  | ✓   |     |             |
| Rep. Wooten  | ✓   |     |             |

**Adjournment**

- I. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.

# Office of the Attorney General

### Agency Mission

To serve the citizens of the State of South Carolina by providing legal representation of the highest quality to state government entities, by supporting the law enforcement communities and the legal and judicial branches through the legislative process, and by honorably and vigorously carrying out the constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the Attorney General

### Successes Identified by the agency

- Increasing efficiency and outreach of services to victims after separate state Crime Victim entities were merged into a single division of the AG.
- Creating regularly occurring self-evaluation practices.
- Upgrading technology hardware and desktop software

### History

- 1776 – The first State Constitution identifies the Attorney General (AG) and provides that the position is elected by the General Assembly
- 1868 – Revised State Constitution provides for a general election of the AG
- 1929 – State and US Supreme Courts affirm the authority of the AG as “the chief law enforcement officer”
- 1974 – Criminal Appeals section is formed
- 1978 – Post Conviction Relief actions primarily handled by the Office
- 1983 – Opinions section is created
- 1992 – AG statutorily responsible for litigation involving any state entity
- 1995 – Capital and Collateral Litigation section is formed
- 2004 – Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division is formed
- 2017 – South Carolina Crime Victim Services Division is created

### Organizational Units

- Legal Services Division
- Opinions Division
- Criminal Litigation Division
- Criminal Prosecution Division
- Victim Services Division
- Administration Division
- Executive

### Resources (FY 18-19)

#### Employees

275.2  
authorized FTEs

#### Funding

\$78,758,364  
appropriated and authorized

### Challenges Identified by the agency

#### Current:

- Providing competitive attorney salaries
- Retaining attorneys in the Post-Conviction Relief section
- Funding to implement the S.C. Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2016
- Obtaining a seat on the Commission on Prosecution Coordination

#### Emerging:

- Raising the salary of the Attorney General which has been stagnant for over 28 years and is less than half that of a circuit solicitor
- Lacking office space to accommodate the current size of the agency
- Aging case management system that needs updating

# Department on Aging

### Agency Mission

Working to meet the present and future needs of seniors and to enhance the quality of life for seniors through advocating, planning, and developing resources in partnership with federal, state, and local governments, nonprofits, the private sector and individuals.

### Successes

Identified by the agency

- Receiving two grants that will aid the respite, caregiver, and Alzheimer’s programs
- Developing “break rooms” in four SC churches
- Receiving an Alzheimer’s Disease Program Initiative Grant that focuses on the rural African American population
- Implementing South Carolina Vulnerable Adult Guardian ad Litem Program

### History

- 1965 - Passage of the federal Older Americans Act, which mandates and authorizes programs, services, and structure which the Department on Aging now implements.
- 1965-2018 - The Department on Aging was known as the Commission on Aging, Division on Aging in the Governor’s Office, Bureau on Aging in S.C. Health and Human Services, and Lieutenant Governor’s Office on Aging.
- 2018 - Passage of legislation establishing the Department on Aging as a cabinet agency.

### Organizational Units

- Administration
- Community Resources
- Vulnerable Adult Guardian ad Litem Program
- Ombudsman
- Finance, Grants, and Budgets
- Information Technology/Security/Business Analysis

### Resources (FY 19-20)

#### Employees

43  
at end of the fiscal year

#### Funding

\$52,250,492  
appropriated and authorized

### Challenges

Identified by the agency

#### Current:

- Transitioning to a new independent department of government
- Growing aging population in South Carolina
- Funding for aging services

#### Emerging:

- Senior population will double by 2030 and approximately 11.5% of that population lives in poverty
- At least 10% of state’s population has Alzheimer’s disease or dementia
- One in 11 of state’s seniors are at risk for hunger and state ranks third in the nation for food insecurities

# Department of Commerce

## Agency Mission

Working together to create opportunities by promoting job creation, economic growth and improved living standards for all South Carolinians.

## History

The Department of Research, Planning and Development, created in 1945, changed to the State Development Board in 1954, and, during reorganization of state government in 1993, was replaced by the Department of Commerce, which also assumed duties of other entities including the Coordinating Council for Economic Development.

## Organizational Units

- Administration
- Global Business Development
- International Strategy and Trade
- Small Business and Existing Industry
- Community and Rural Development
- Marketing and Communications
- Research
- Grants
- Workforce
- Innovation
- Palmetto Railways
- Military Base Task Force

## Resources (FY 19-20)

### Employees

98 filled FTE positions at the end of the year

### Funding

\$256,919,111  
Cash and available funds

## Successes

Identified by the agency

Jan. 2011-2020

- 151,800+ new jobs recruited
- \$41.3 billion+ capital investment
- 1,429 projects (i.e., new or expanding company, recruited and managed by agency to facilitate the creation of new jobs and taxable investment in South Carolina)

## Challenges

Identified by the agency

### Current:

- COVID-19
- Succession planning
- Economic development in rural South Carolina
- Infrastructure

### Emerging:

- Diversification of economy
- Trade environment
- Adaptability to a changing economy

# S.C. Jobs-Economic Development Authority

**Agency Mission**

To advance the economic welfare of the state with focus on job creation and retention

**Successes**

*Identified by the agency*

**Organizational Unit**

**Administration**

- Executive leadership and operation of agency
- Management and administration of entire bond issuance process
- Collaboration with all bond finance professionals and state agencies involved in approval processes
- Compliance & due diligence
- Training and seminar planning

**History**

- 1983 - The General Assembly created the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority (JEDA)
- 1985 - Joint Resolution approved JEDA regulations relating to loan eligibility requirements, terms of loan agreements, application costs, and bond issue
- 2011 - Joint Resolution designated JEDA as the authorized agency to implement State Small Business Credit Initiative

**Resources (FY 18-19)**

Employees  
2

Funding  
\$0

Pursuant to Section 41-43-280 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, no money flows directly between the state and the agency

- Job creation and increased volume of bond issues
- State Small Business Credit Initiative Program
- Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds and Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds programs
- Accelerator Program for startup companies

**Challenges**

*Identified by the agency*

**Current:**

- Transaction loss to national issuers of conduit debt
- Obsolete process for volume cap allocation
- Threat of private activity bond elimination by federal government
- Obsolete federal rules regarding industrial revenue bonds

# South Carolina Arts Commission

### History

- 1965- Congress created the National Endowment for the Arts
- 1967- Governor Robert McNair signs law creating the S.C. Arts Commission
- 1976 -Spoleto USA held in Charleston for the first time
- 1993- Sponsored the first statewide Design Arts Conference
- 2018- the Agency awarded grants in 46 counties, awarding \$4.3 million through 458 grants

### Agency Mission

The mission of the South Carolina Arts Commission is to promote equitable access to the arts and support the cultivation of creativity in South Carolina.

### Successes

Identified by the agency

- Awarding grants in all 46 counties
- Increasing outreach to rural communities
- Securing \$1 million in recurring EIA funds
- Creating the *Education Pilot Projects*
- Releasing a new study of the economic impact of the arts

### Organizational Units

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <p><b>Accounting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage budget and finances</li> </ul> <p><b>Administration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administer overall agency functions</li> </ul> <p><b>Artist Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage artist development programs and grants</li> </ul> <p><b>Arts Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage arts education programs and grants</li> </ul> | <p><b>Communications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote agency programs and services</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Arts Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage community arts development programs and grants</li> </ul> <p><b>Grants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage and Process Grants</li> </ul> |
|--|---|

### Resources (FY 18-19)

#### Employees

17 filled FTE positions at the start of the year

#### Funding

\$6,941,498 appropriated and authorized

### Challenges

Identified by the agency

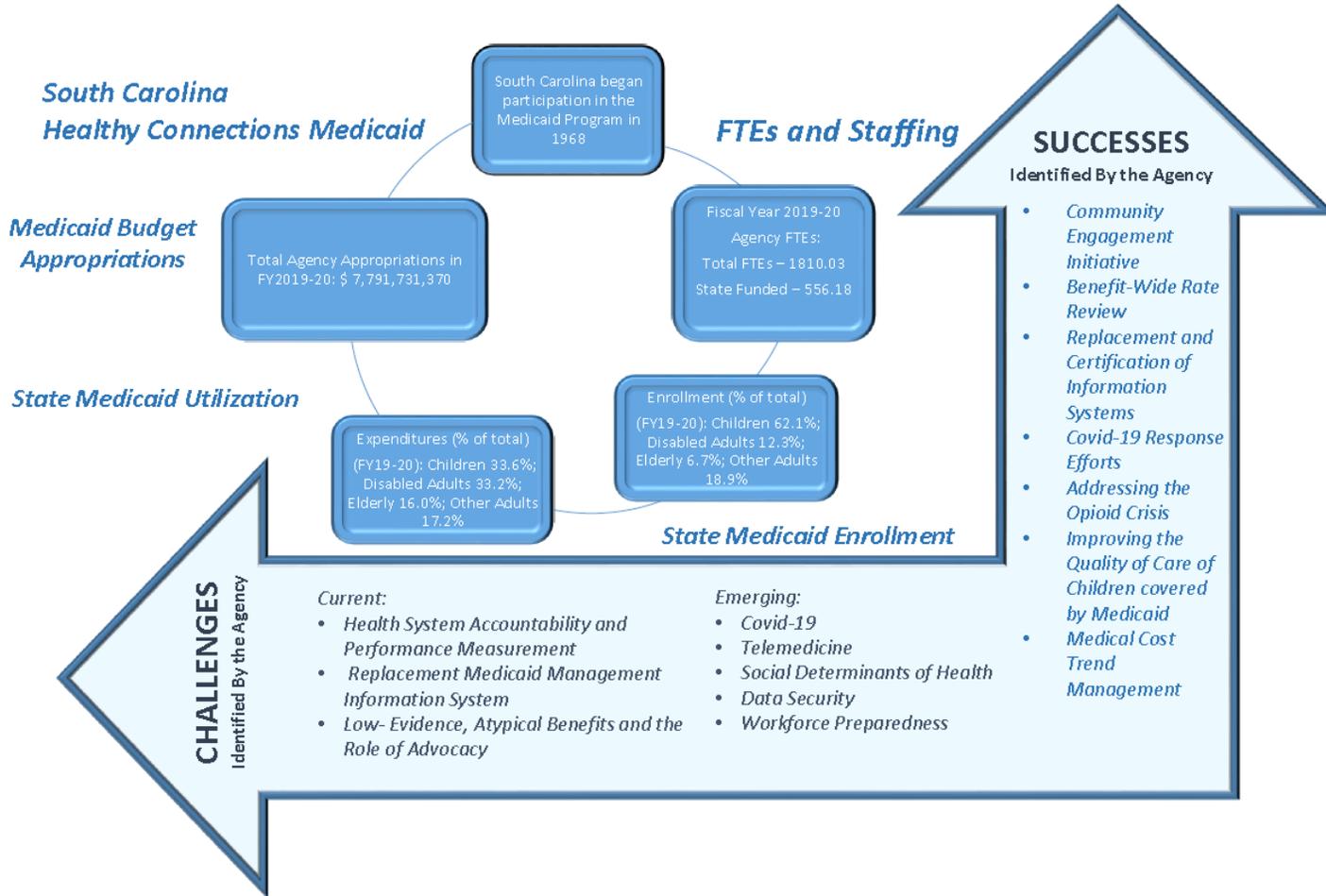
#### Current:

- Revamping the Art and Basic circular program
- Increasing staff
- Funding to reach more communities

#### Emerging:

- Reaching 100% of the agency's affirmative action goals
- Launching a new, customer friendly online grant system
- Securing funds for arts therapy to member of the military and their families

# Department of Health and Human Services



# South Carolina Ethics Commission

## History

- 1975-Governor James Edwards signed the Ethics Acts which created the State Ethics Commission.
- 1978-First statewide election year the Commission accepted Campaign disclosure forms from candidates and committees.
- 1982-Ethics Act amended to include prohibiting an employment offer to influence a public official and prohibiting a public official from representing clients on matters in which the official was directly and substantially involved.
- 1991-Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act of 1991 makes comprehensive ethics reform (prior to filing Operation Lost Trust had criminally convicted 27 legislators and lobbyists)
- 2011-H.3183 signed into law, capping late filing penalties at \$5,000 per report, allowing multiple offenses to be tried in magistrate's court, and requiring lobbyists to pay all outstanding fines prior to reregistration or resuming lobbying activities.

## Agency Mission

The mission of the State Ethics Commission is to work diligently to develop and enhance public trust in all levels of government.

## Organizational Units

### Administration

- Implements Commission's mission

### Compliance

- Oversee the day-to-day operations of the electronic filing system for campaign financé, financial disclosure and lobbying disclosure

### Investigation

- Investigates alleged violations

### Disclosures

- Notifies those who fail to file required forms, handle all non-compliance matters

### Legal

- Administratively prosecutes alleged violations of the Act, represents the Commission in Court, advises and trains public officials under the Act, and drafts formal opinions.

## Resources (FY 18-19)

### Employees

16 filled FTE positions at end of the fiscal year

### Funding

\$2,051,750 appropriated and authorized

## Successes

Identified by the agency

- Increasing efforts towards "going green," resulting in increased efficiency and a reduction in both costs and environmental impact.
- Training, in the past two years, more than two thousand individuals subject to the act.
- Resolving backlog of 120 cases since March 2018, leaving 16 cases currently pending.

## Challenges

Identified by the agency

### Current:

- Receiving a constitutional definition of committee to enforce applicable state statutes
- Increasing staffing to decrease backlog and provide timelier accountability for late filers
- Securing case management software

### Emerging:

- Regulating potential campaign contributions that occur through cryptocurrency
- Replacing the current filing system for accountability and reporting
- Increasing staffing to regulate local lobbyists

# State Accident Fund

## Agency Mission

Providing cost-effective, guaranteed workers' compensation insurance for state agencies and other governmental entities along with exceptional service to our state workers.

## History

- 1943 - The State Workers' Compensation Fund created as a division of the South Carolina Industrial Commission.
- 1974 - The State Workers' Compensation Fund established as a separate agency.
- 1982 - The State Workers' Compensation Insolvency Fund established within the State Workers' Compensation Fund.
- 1993 - The State Workers' Compensation Fund name is changed to the State Accident Fund.
- 2013 - the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Uninsured Employers' Fund was established within the State Accident Fund.

## Resources (FY 18-19)

### Employees

62  
all types at the start of the fiscal year

### Funding

\$8,863,100  
appropriated and authorized

## Challenges Identified by the agency

### Current:

- Replacing the current case management system
- Moving to a new office location
- Competition from other workers' compensation insurers
- Delays in procurement processes

### Emerging:

- Increased claims costs and premiums resulting from proposed House Bills 4147 & 4777
- Staff retention
- Cyber security and insurance technology changes
- Legalization of medical marijuana

## Organizational Units

### Management Support

- Focuses on the overall operations and high-level decisions that go into running the agency

### Business Support

- Includes Accounting, Human Resources, and Records Management

### Claims

- Receiving and processing all workers' compensation claims from covered policyholders

### Legal

- Provides legal advice and representation

### Policyholder Services

- Compiles and analyzes data to establish premiums

### Special Investigations Unit

- Performs investigations and provides investigative support

### Information Technology

- Supports all critical business applications

### Uninsured Employers' Fund

- Ensures payment of workers' compensation benefits to injured employees with underinsured employers

### Information Technology

- Supports all critical business applications

### Military Disability Program

- Provides settlements for National Guard members permanently disabled during the October 2015 weather event

## Successes

Identified by the agency

- Improving the workplace by adding new positions and hiring more personnel
- Providing advancement opportunities by revamping its working organization
- Minimizing case expenses with new settlement and mediation processes
- Producing better rates with new Actuaries

# South Carolina State Library

## History

- 1929- South Carolina state library board was created
- 1943 –General Assembly began funding the South Carolina State Library Board.
- 1969- By order of the General Assembly, the South Carolina State Library Board was officially reorganized and became the South Carolina State Library.
- 2004- DISCUS launched a billboard campaign to promote databases for children
- 2017- The Inclusive Services Center created to provide services relating to diversity and inclusion.

## Agency Mission

We serve the people of South Carolina by supporting state government and libraries to provide opportunities for learning in a changing environment.

## Organizational Units

- Administration
- Finance
- Statewide Development
- Library Development
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- Info Technology
- Communications
- Talking Book Services
- Library Services and Resources
- Library Collections and Services
- Electronic Resources

## Resources (FY 18-19)

### Employees

44 filled FTE positions at the start of the year

### Funding

\$16,231,167 appropriated and authorized

## Successes

Identified by the agency

- Leaders in addressing statewide equity issues relating to broadband connectivity
- Contributing in many areas on a National scale
- Digitizing state documents
- Meeting all goals and objectives

## Challenges

Identified by the agency

### Current:

- Retaining qualified staff
- Lacking funding to procure and sustain necessary resources
- Lacking proper parking in the surrounding capital complex area

### Emerging:

- Lacking authorization to hire staff
- Lacking appropriate parking

# COMMITTEE CONTACT INFORMATION AND UPCOMING MEETINGS

## Legislative Oversight Committee



South Carolina House of Representatives

## Committee Mission

Determine if agency laws and programs are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of the General Assembly and whether they should be continued, curtailed or eliminated. Inform the public about state agencies.

Website: <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee.php>

Phone Number: 803-212-6810

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Education and Cultural  
Subcommittee  
Thursday, April 15th**

**Healthcare and  
Regulatory Subcommittee  
Monday, April 19th**

**Executive Subcommittee  
Thursday, April 29th**