

# 2025 Annual Accountability Report

**State Board of Financial Institutions** 

**Agency Code: R230** 

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#### **AGENCY'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

The State Board of Financial Institutions (the Board) is composed of eleven members, one of whom is the State Treasurer as an ex officio member and as the Chairman. The remaining ten members must be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Board's supervision is handled through its two divisions (the Agency) – the Banking Division and the Consumer Finance Division. The Board appoints a Commissioner of Banking who examines and supervises State-chartered banks, trust companies, savings and loan associations, savings banks, and credit unions. The Board is also authorized to designate or appoint a Commissioner of Consumer Finance who examines and supervises non-depository mortgage lenders/servicers and their branches, loan originators, consumer finance companies, deferred presentment service companies, and check cashing service companies. The Board's oversight includes the promulgation of regulations and instructions related to the supervision of financial institutions; the consideration of applications for new banks, trust companies, savings and loan associations, savings banks, credit unions, non-depository mortgage lenders/servicers and their branches, loan originators, consumer lenders, deferred presentment providers, and check cashing service providers; and the consideration of applications of banks, savings and loan associations, savings banks, credit unions, and trust companies that require Board approval per statute.

The key goals of the Agency are to ensure that procedures are in place to adequately monitor the safety and soundness of financial institutions under the Board's jurisdiction, to ensure that statutory responsibilities are met, and to ensure that the interests of the citizens of the State are protected. The Agency strives to keep abreast of changes in financial products and services in order to conduct thorough and comprehensive examinations. The Chairman, Board Members, and the Commissioners of the two Divisions are participants in the planning process. Programs and procedures are periodically reviewed, and measures are implemented to address changes in the financial industry and the economic environment.

The Commissioners strive to take advantage of all opportunities available to fulfill the Agency's mission and achieve its strategic goals. Since having a competent and effective staff is crucial to fulfilling the mission of the Agency, the Commissioners seek new opportunities for staff development, effective recruitment procedures, and diversity in the workforce. Because of the travel required for the Agency's examiners, attracting and retaining qualified, high-performing employees is a major challenge. Major barriers include competition from other employers for experienced workers and the increasing complexity of financial products, which requires more training and more detailed review. The Commissioners continually evaluate the strategic challenges the Agency faces and alter the Agency's plans accordingly.

The Agency's main service is to preserve a sound State-chartered financial community and protect the borrowing public. Major products offered by the Board are licenses/charters to operate banks, savings and loan associations, savings banks, credit unions, trust companies, mortgage lenders/servicers and their branches, loan originators, consumer finance companies, deferred presentment service companies, and check cashing service companies. In addition to the licenses, the Agency evaluates and monitors the condition of the institutions and determines compliance with applicable statutes and regulations. The citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and the Governor are the key customers of the Board of Financial Institutions. Regulated institutions are secondary customers of the Board. The Board's customers expect the Board to ensure the safety of deposits and protect the borrowing public by ensuring

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that the State banking and consumer finance laws and regulations are followed. The Board's key stakeholders are the taxpayers of South Carolina.

Since the Board of Financial Institutions is a regulatory Agency, the employees of the Board are the key suppliers. Offices of the Agency are located in Columbia, but employees travel throughout the State examining institutions under the Board's jurisdiction. The Board has two unclassified and 54 classified full-time positions. Other regulatory agencies such as the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the Federal Reserve Bank, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), and the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs are the Agency's partners in ensuring safe and sound State-chartered financial institutions and protecting the borrowing public.

In accordance with Section 1-13-110 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the Agency has adopted an Affirmative Action Plan (AAP) and implemented a program to ensure fair employment for all race/sex groups. The AAP has been approved by the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission (SCHAC), and the Agency achieved 89.8% of its goal.

As part of the Agency's continued commitment to maintaining a robust cybersecurity posture and ensuring reliable IT infrastructure, the Agency engaged a cybersecurity consulting firm to conduct a comprehensive risk assessment of its information security program. All recommendations and findings from the assessment were thoroughly reviewed and addressed. In addition to implementing these improvements, the Agency upgraded critical software and hardware systems to enhance operational efficiency and ensure staff have access to modern, capable IT resources, including new workstations and monitors to assist in staff productivity. Additionally, in collaboration with the Department of Technology, the Agency completed a full upgrade of its network wiring to support high-speed, modern cat-6 network connectivity standards. The Agency's data closet was also relocated to a more secure, climate-controlled environment within the Agency's suite, significantly enhancing both security and system reliability.

The Agency has identified a potential negative impact on the public that would result from the Agency's failure to accomplish its goals and objectives. This potential impact on the public is that customer protections could be compromised. For the Banking Division, third-party assistance would be required if the Division fails to meet statutory responsibilities. If the Division were unable to meet its statutory responsibilities, it could request assistance from Federal regulatory agencies to complete examinations. For the Consumer Finance Division, third-party assistance would be required if the Division fails to meet statutory responsibilities; however, no assistance is currently available to mitigate the negative impact.

The General Assembly can assist the Agency in preventing these outcomes by providing support to statutory amendments as needed, considering increasing the Agency's Other Funds authorization or by increasing salary bands or travel reimbursement amounts to make vacancies more attractive.

#### I. Banking Division

The primary responsibility of the Banking Division is to charter and supervise State-chartered banks, savings and loan associations, savings banks, trust companies, and credit unions. In addition to meeting

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the statutory requirements to carry out these responsibilities, the Banking Division achieved the following accomplishments in Fiscal Year 2025 which helped the Agency fulfill its mission more effectively and efficiently.

#### Fiscal Year 2025 Accomplishments

In Fiscal Year 2024, the Division began a multi-year process of performing a comprehensive review of its regulations to ensure the regulations are relevant and to incorporate Operational Instructions and Policy Statements issued by the Board of Financial Institutions into regulations. It is anticipated that this review will be completed in phases over four years. During Fiscal Year 2024, eleven regulations were repealed, three regulations were amended, and one regulation was ratified. In Fiscal Year 2025, ten regulations were repealed, seven regulations were amended, and one regulation was ratified.

During Fiscal Year 2025, the Banking Division continued to conduct hybrid examinations in which examiners performed some examination procedures onsite in the institutions while other examination procedures were conducted offsite. Examiners were able to complete examinations in a timely manner while working from home, from the Division's office and/or from the institutions. A review of capital adequacy, earnings, liquidity, and past due and nonaccrual loans was performed quarterly on all South Carolina State-chartered institutions. The reviews were used to monitor changes in individual institutions as well as to identify trends in the financial performance of South Carolina State-chartered institutions as a whole. In addition, the Division's Risk Identification Committee met quarterly to identify current risk levels, trends, and emerging risks; identify data needs and sources; and develop supervisory strategies for ensuring safe and sound State-chartered institutions.

In addition to on-the-job training and computer-based training, examiners attended schools sponsored by the FDIC, Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS), and the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC). Employees also attended several training conferences sponsored by the FDIC, CSBS, the National Association of State Credit Union Supervisors (NASCUS) and the South Carolina Bankers Association. These schools and conferences covered a wide variety of topics including emerging risks and banking trends, challenges faced by smaller financial institutions, cyber risks to the United States financial sector and asset/liability management and strategies for assessing liquidity risk. Additionally, in March 2025, the Division co-hosted the Carolinas Bank Directors and Executives Summit with the South Carolina Bankers Association, the North Carolina Bankers Association and the North Carolina Commissioner of Banks. Experts in various fields presented on an array of topics important to the banking industry during the two-day conference.

The Division continued to develop its training program specifically to help new employees gain the knowledge necessary to perform their job duties effectively and efficiently and to allow new examiners to practice examination procedures in the office. The Division also continued to cross-train its bank examiners in the examination of credit unions, with the goal to have all examiners capable of examining both banks and credit unions.

In an effort to remain informed of current trends and emerging issues that affect financial institutions, the Commissioner and senior management attended several conferences during the fiscal year with other state and federal regulators. The Division actively engages with the CSBS and the NASCUS, which have missions of enhancing financial institution supervision. In addition to attending conferences sponsored by these organizations, examiners of the Division participate in CSBS committees such as the

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State Examiner Review Team, the IT Advisory Team, the Technology Committee, the Risk ID Team, the Trust Advisory Group, and the Data Analytics Task Force.

The Division continued its partnership with the South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) through participation in SCEMD's Emergency Support Function-24. The Division has continued to maintain an Emergency Preparedness Plan and Playbook to establish a framework to provide assistance and coordinate preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities with the supervised institutions during emergencies (including cyber events).

#### I. Consumer Finance Division

The Consumer Finance Division's (Division) main responsibility is to oversee the licensing and examination processes for non-depository mortgage lenders/servicers, consumer finance companies, deferred presentment entities, and check cashing businesses. Alongside meeting statutory requirements for these examinations, the Division achieved several notable milestones in Fiscal Year 2025.

The Division proactively monitored technological and regulatory developments to maintain operational readiness and efficiency. Strategic adjustments were made to stay aligned with industry trends and evolving regulations. Regular reviews and updates were conducted to optimize the Division's approach, including reallocating resources and refining action plans as necessary.

A central priority for the Division was to fulfill its statutory responsibilities while ensuring that the institutions under its oversight were not unduly burdened. The Commissioner engaged in periodic meetings with industry leaders and stakeholders to enhance communication and address the needs and concerns of regulated financial entities.

Continuous improvement remained a cornerstone of the Division's operations. A comprehensive review of policies and procedures led to targeted updates, ensuring greater effectiveness and relevance. Building on prior initiatives, the Division further expanded its electronic workflow integration and extended the scope of examinations to include information security.

Key accomplishments for the fiscal year included conducting 1,387 examinations, facilitating \$927,351 in examination refunds, and investigating 200 complaints.

The Division remained committed to strengthening the knowledge and capabilities of its workforce through ongoing development initiatives. Team members participated in training programs offered by the National Association of Consumer Credit Administrators (NACCA), American Association of Residential Mortgage Regulators (AARMR), and Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS). These programs covered industry trends, examination findings, and updates on federal and state regulatory requirements. Additionally, Division representatives attended conferences with organizations such as the Independent Consumer Finance Association, and Mortgage Bankers Association of the Carolinas to stay informed on pertinent issues.

Professional growth was encouraged through the South Carolina Department of Administration's accredited professional development program for supervisors and managers in State government. Nine members of the Division have earned the distinction of South Carolina Certified Public Managers upon successful completion of this program.

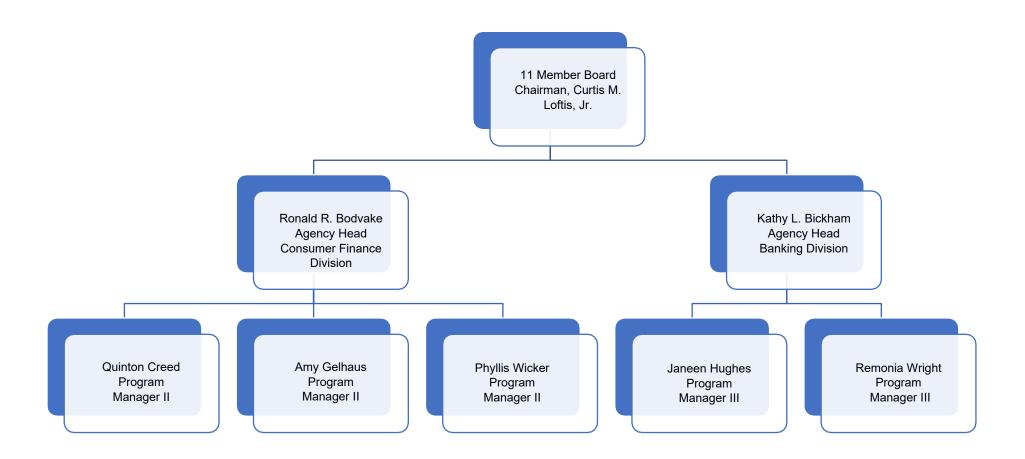
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Overall, the Division's commitment to regulatory oversight, continuous improvement, and workforce development supported its effective stewardship of the industries under its jurisdiction.

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#### **AGENCY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**



### **Reorganization and Compliance**

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

Primary Co	ntact	R23	0 - STATE I	BOARD OF FI	NANCIAL INSTIT	UTIONS						
First Name	Last Name	Role/Title		Email Address		Phone						
laneen	Hughes	Deputy Commis Banking	ssioner of	Janeen.Hughes(	banking.sc.gov	803-734-2007						
Secondary Co	ontact											
First Name	Last Name	Role/Title		Email Address		Phone						
Amy	Gelhaus	Gelhaus Deputy Commissioner of Consumer Finance Amy.Gelhaus@bofi.sc.gov										
Agency Missi	o <b>n</b>				Adopted in:	2020						
•		l services, and enco	_		in order to strengthen co							
Agency Vision	n				Adopted in:	2016						
•		njor reorganizatio in the succeeding		departments, or	programs to allow the	agency to operate						
Significant ev	ents related to the	e agency that occi	urred in FY20	25								
Descrip	tion of Event	Start	End	Agency I	Measures Impacted	Other Impacts						
No significant performance n	events affected neasures.											
	tive Services Age				mission of certain report P (See also S.C. Code	rts Yes						
Reason agenc	v is out of											

Is the agency in compliance with to the Department of Archives at through 30-1-180) and the South 10 through 26-10-210).	Yes	
Does the law allow the agency to	promulgate regulations?	Yes
Law number(s) which gives the agency the authority to promulgate regulations:	34-1-60; 34-1-110; 34-21-20; 34-26-210; 34-41-130; 34-39-260; 37-22-260	)
Has the agency promulgated any	regulations?	Yes
Is the agency in compliance with formal review of its regulations e	Yes	
	(End of Reorganization and Compliance Section)	

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### **Strategic Plan Results**

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

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Goal 1 Preserve a sound State-chartered financial community.

Goal 2 Protect the interests of the citizens of South Carolina.

Goal 3 Maintain competent and well-trained staff.

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Measure						Desired		Calculation			Stakeholder Need		State Funded Program	
Number	Description	Base	Target		Value Type		Time Applicable	Method		Data Location		Primary Stakeholder	Number Responsible	Notes
1.1	Monitor the safety and sour	idness of fina	ancial institutions	s and licensee	es under the l	Board's jurisdic	tion.			State Objective:	Public Infrastructure a	and Economic Developme	nt	
1.1.1	Examine State-chartered financial institutions within the timeframes required by law	20	15	17	Count	Equal to or greater than	Calendar Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of calendar year	Excel spreadsheet	SC Office of Technology and Information Services Data Center	Consumer Protection	Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	0504.000000.000	
1.1.2	Examine consumer finance licensees within the timeframes required by law	1,282	1,100	1,139	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	Internal database & Excel spreadsheet	SC Office of Technology and Information Services Data Center	Consumer Protection	Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	1003.000000.000	
1.1.3	Examine mortgage licensees within the timeframes required by law	239	192	248	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	Excel spreadsheet	SC Office of Technology and Information Services Data Center	Consumer Protection	Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	1003.000000.000	
1.1.4	Refunds to consumers from examination findings	\$999,523	\$0.00	\$927,351	Dollar Amount	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	Excel spreadsheet	SC Office of Technology and Information Services Data Center	Consumer Protection	Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	1003.000000.000	
1.1.5	Tracking death claims processed by licensees assists the agency in determining the effectiveness of its examination process	1,493	950	1,408	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	Excel spreadsheet	SC Office of Technology and Information Services Data Center	Consumer Protection	Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	1003.000000.000	
1.2	Ensure that statutory requi	rements are	met.							<b>State Objective:</b>	Public Infrastructure a	and Economic Developme	nt	
1.2.1	Review and evaluate applications for new financial institutions and branches and for financial institution holding company acquisitions within internally-established timeframes	100%	100%	100%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	Excel spreadsheet	SC Office of Technology and Information Services Data Center	Applications processed in a timely manner	Applicants, Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	0504.000000.000	
1.2.2	Consumer finance applications analyzed and reviewed within 30 days	78	50	109	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	Internal database & Excel spreadsheet	SC Office of Technology and Information Services Data Center	Applications processed in a timely manner	Applicants, Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	1003.000000.000	

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Measure					Desired		Calculation			Stakeholder Need		State Funded Program	
Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual Value Typ		Time Applicable			Data Location	Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	Number Responsible	Notes
	Consumer finance applications analyzed and reviewed within 30 days	100%	100%	100% Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	Internal database & Excel spreadsheet	SC Office of Technology and Information Services Data Center	Applications processed in a timely manner	Applicants, Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	1003.000000.000	
1.2.4	Consumer finance amendments processed	2,555	1,000	2,070 Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	Internal database & Excel spreadsheet	SC Office of Technology and Information Services Data Center	Amendments processed in a timely manner	Licensees, Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	1003.000000.000	
	Mortgage applications processed within 30 days	4,849	2,500	5,066 Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	NMLS & Excel spreadsheet	NMLS and SC Office of Technology Servicer	Applications processed in a timely manner	Applicants, Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	1003.000000.000	
1.2.6	Mortgage applications processed within 30 days	100%	100%	100% Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	NMLS & Excel spreadsheet	NMLS and SC Office of Technology Servicer	Applications processed in a timely manner	Applicants, Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	1003.000000.000	
	Mortgage amendments processed	26,308	15,000	20,442 Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	NMLS & Excel spreadsheet	NMLS and SC Office of Technology Servicer	Amendments processed in a timely manner	Licensees, Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	1003.000000.000	
2.1	Monitor the concerns of the	ne depositing and	l borrowing p	ublic.					State Objective:	Public Infrastructure a	and Economic Developme	ent	
2.1.1	Consumer finance complaints investigated within 30 days	100%	100%	100% Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	SC DCA & Excel spreadsheet	SC Office of Technology and Information Services Data Center	Consumer Protection	Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	1003.000000.000	
	Mortgage complaints investigated within 30 days	100%	100%	100% Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	SC DCA & Excel spreadsheet	SC Office of Technology and Information Services Data Center	Consumer Protection	Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	1003.000000.000	
2.1.3	Refunds from complaints	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,041 Dollar Amount	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	Excel spreadsheet	SC Office of Technology and Information Services Data Center	Consumer Protection	Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	1003.000000.000	
3.1	Hire and retain qualified,	diverse employe	es.						State Objective:	Government and Citiz	ens		
	Staff diversity (minority and women)	64%	50%	64% Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	SCEIS & Excel spreadsheet	SC Office of Technology and Information Services Data Center	Workforce representative of the citizens of South Carolina	Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	0504.000000.000, 1003.000000.000	
3.2	Provide training opportun	nities for employe	ees.						State Objective:	Government and Citiz	ens		

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
3.2.1	Average training hours	74	50	78	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Total training hours divided by number of employees	Excel spreadsheet	SC Office of Technology and Information Services Data Center	Competent and Skilled Workforce	Applicants, Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	0504.000000.000, 1003.000000.000	
3.2.2	Pass rate of FDIC core schools attended	100%	100%	100%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Total core schools passed divided by total schools attended.	Excel spreadsheet	SC Office of Technology and Information Services Data Center	Competent and Skilled Workforce	Applicants, Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	0504.000000.000	

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#### **Strategic Plan Development**

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

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Goal 1 Preserve a sound State-chartered financial community.

Goal 2 Protect the interests of the citizens of South Carolina.

Goal 3 Maintain competent and well-trained staff.

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Value Target Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location		Primary Stakeholder		Notes
1.1	Monitor the safety and s	sounaness of fina	incial institutions and	ncensees under	tne Board's Juri	saiction.		State Objective:	Public Intrastructu	re and Economic Devel	opment	
1.1.1	Examine State-chartered financial institutions within the timeframes required by law	17	15 Count	Equal to or greater than	Calendar Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of calendar year	Excel spreadsheet	SC Office of Technology and Information Services Data Center	Consumer Protection	Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	0504.000000.000	
1.1.2	Examine consumer finance licensees within the timeframes required by law	1,139	1,010 Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	Internal database & Excel spreadsheet	SC Office of Technology and Information Services Data Center	Consumer Protection	Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	1003.000000.000	
1.1.3	Examine mortgage licensees within the timeframes required by law	248	204 Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	Excel spreadsheet	SC Office of Technology and Information Services Data Center	Consumer Protection	Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	1003.000000.000	
1.1.4	Refunds to consumers from examination findings	\$0.00	\$0.00 Dollar Amount	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	Excel spreadsheet	SC Office of Technology and Information Services Data Center	Consumer Protection	Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	1003.000000.000	
1.1.5	Tracking death claims processed by licensees assists the agency in determining the effectiveness of its examination process	1,408	950 Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	Excel spreadsheet	SC Office of Technology and Information Services Data Center	Consumer Protection	Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	1003.000000.000	
1.2	Ensure that statutory re	quirements are	met.					<b>State Objective:</b>	Public Infrastructu	re and Economic Devel	opment	
1.2.1	Review and evaluate applications for new financial institutions and branches and for financial institution holding company acquisitions within internally-established timeframes	100%	100% Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	Excel spreadsheet	SC Office of Technology and Information Services Data Center	Applications processed in a timely manner	Applicants, Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	0504.000000.000	

Perf. Measure				Value	Desired	Time	Calculation			Stakeholder Need		State Funded Program Number	
Number	Description	Base	Target	Type	Outcome	Applicable		Data Source	Data Location	Satisfied Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	Responsible	Notes
1.2.2	Consumer finance applications analyzed and reviewed within 30 days	109		Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	Internal database & Excel spreadsheet	SC Office of Technology and Information Services Data Center	Applications	Applicants, Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	1003.000000.000	Notes
1.2.3	Consumer finance applications analyzed and reviewed within 30 days	100%	100%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	Internal database & Excel spreadsheet	SC Office of Technology and Information Services Data Center	Applications processed in a timely manner	Applicants, Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	1003.000000.000	
1.2.4	Consumer finance amendments processed	2,070	1,000	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	Internal database & Excel spreadsheet	SC Office of Technology and Information Services Data Center	Amendments processed in a timely manner	Licensees, Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	1003.000000.000	
1.2.5	Mortgage applications analyzed and reviewed within 30 days	5,066	2,500	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	NMLS & Excel spreadsheet	NMLS and SC Office of Technology Servicer	Applications processed in a timely manner	Applicants, Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	1003.000000.000	
1.2.6	Mortgage applications analyzed and reviewed within 30 days	100%	100%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	NMLS & Excel spreadsheet	NMLS and SC Office of Technology Servicer	Applications processed in a timely manner	Applicants, Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	1003.000000.000	
1.2.7	Mortgage amendments processed	20,442	15,000	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	NMLS & Excel spreadsheet	NMLS and SC Office of Technology Servicer	Amendments processed in a timely manner	Licensees, Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	1003.000000.000	
2.1	Monitor the concerns of	the depositing a	and borrowi	ng public.					<b>State Objective:</b>	Public Infrastructu	re and Economic Devel	opment	
2.1.1	Consumer finance complaints investigated within 30 days	100%	100%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	SC DCA & Excel spreadsheet	SC Office of Technology and Information Services Data Center	Consumer Protection	Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	1003.000000.000	
2.1.2	Mortgage complaints investigated within 30 days	100%	100%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	SC DCA & Excel spreadsheet	SC Office of Technology and Information Services Data Center	Consumer Protection	Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	1003.000000.000	

Perf. Measure Number 2.1.3	Description Refunds from complaints	<b>Base</b> \$25,041	Target Type \$0.00 Dollar Amount	Desired Outcome Equal to or greater than	Time Applicable State Fiscal Year	Calculation Method  Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	Data Source  Excel spreadsheet	Data Location SC Office of Technology and Information Services Data Center	Stakeholder Need Satisfied Consumer Protection	Primary Stakeholder Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	State Funded Program Number Responsible 1003.000000.000	Notes
3.1	Hire and retain qualified	l, diverse emplo	oyees.					State Objective:	Government and Ci	tizens		
3.1.1	Staff diversity (minority and women)	64%	50% Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Totals from all data sources calculated on last day of FY	SCEIS & Excel spreadsheet		Workforce representative of the citizens of South Carolina	Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	0504.000000.000, 1003.000000.000	
3.2	Provide training opport	unities for empl	loyees.					<b>State Objective:</b>	Government and Ci	tizens		
3.2.1	Average training hours	78	50 Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Total training hours divided by number of employees	Excel spreadsheet	SC Office of Technology and Information Services Data Center	Competent and Skilled Workforce	Applicants, Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	0504.000000.000, 1003.000000.000	
3.2.2	Pass rate of FDIC core schools attended	100%	100% Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Total core schools passed divided by total schools attended.	Excel spreadsheet	SC Office of Technology and Information Services Data Center	Competent and Skilled Workforce	Applicants, Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	0504.000000.000	

#### **Budget Data**

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as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

State Funded Program No.	State Funded Program Title	Description of State Funded Program	(Actual) General	(Actual) Other	(Actual) Federal	(Actual) Total	(Projected) General	(Projected) Other	(Projected) Federal	(Projected) Total
0100.000000.000	Administration	Provides for expenses of members of the Board, which oversees the Banking and Consumer Finance divisions of the Board of Financial Institutions	\$ -	\$ 50,016	\$ -	\$ 50,016	\$ -	\$ 61,000	\$ -	\$ 61,000
0504.000000.000	Banking	The Banking Division regulates and supervises State chartered banks, savings and loan associations, savings banks, credit unions, and trust companies.	\$ -	\$ 2,165,078	\$ -	\$ 2,165,078	\$ -	\$ 2,683,900	\$ -	\$ 2,683,900
1003.000000.000	Consumer Finance	The Consumer Finance Examining Program regulates and supervises State licensed non- depository mortgage lenders servicers, supervised lenders, deferred presentment service providers and check cashing service providers.	\$ -	\$ 2,290,271	\$ -	\$ 2,290,271	\$ -	\$ 2,767,405	\$ -	\$ 2,767,405
9500.050000.000	State Employer Contributions	Provides for benefits for employees of the Board of Financial Institutions	\$ -	\$ 1,479,127	\$ -	\$ 1,479,127	\$ -	\$ 1,865,000	\$ -	\$ 1,865,000

#### **Legal Data**

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

Law number	Jurisdiction	Туре	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2025
34-1-20	State	Statute	Establishes the Board of Financial Institutions (Board) and the appointment of its members.	Requires a service	A Board to oversee the agency	No Change
34-1-60	State	Statute	Establishes the Board's authority to supervise banks and building and loan associations.	Requires a service	Supervision of banks and savings and loans	No Change
34-1-70	State	Statute	Establishes the Board's authority to approve charters and branches of banks, building and loan associations, savings and loan associations, and savings banks.	Requires a service	Bank, building and loan association, savings and loan association, and savings bank charters and branch authority	No Change
34-1-80	State	Statute	Establishes the Examining Department, the appointment of the Commissioner of Banking by the Board, and the hiring by the Commissioner of assistants. Allows the Board to examine the Business Development Corporation of South Carolina.	Requires a service	Examination of Business Development Corporation of South Carolina	No Change
34-1-150 through 34-1-200	State	Statute	Clarifies requirements for the chartering of a new bank.	Requires a service		No Change
34-1-220	State	Statute	Allows certain delegations to the Commissioner of Banking	Requires a service		No Change
34-9-10	State	Statute	Gives authority to the Board to set capital requirements for new banks.	Requires a service		No Change

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Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2025
34-21-10	State	Statute	Establishes that the Board's approval is necessary to conduct trust business.	Requires a service	Authority to conduct trust business	No Change
34-25-30	State	Statute	Establishes that the Board's approval is necessary to acquire a South Carolina holding company or a South Carolina State bank.	_	Authority to acquire a holding company or bank	No Change
34-26-200	State	Statute	Establishes the Board's authority to supervise credit unions.	Requires a service	Supervision of credit unions	No Change
34-26-310	State	Statute	Establishes the Board's authority to approve charters of credit unions.	Requires a service	Credit union charters	No Change
34-28-100	State	Statute	Establishes the Board's authority to approve charters of savings and loan associations.	Requires a service	Savings and loan association charter	No Change
34-28-310	State	Statute	Establishes that the Board's approval is necessary to acquire a South Carolina savings and loan association or savings and loan holding company.	Requires a service	Authority to acquire a savings and loan holding company or savings and loan association	No Change
34-29-20	State	Statute	Establishes application qualifications and regulatory compliance for Restricted Lenders.	Requires a service	License to conduct Restricted lending activity in South Carolina	No Change
34-29-30	State	Statute	Establishes the Board's authority to issue licenses to make Restricted loans.	Requires a service	License to conduct Restricted lending activity in South Carolina	No Change
34-29-40	State	Statute	Establishes the Board's authority to issue or deny a license	Requires a service	License to conduct Restricted lending activity in South Carolina	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Туре	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2025
34-29-90	State	Statute	Establishes the Board's authority to perform examinations on Restricted Lenders	Requires a service	Supervision of Restricted Lenders	No Change
34-29-200	State	Statute	Establishes the Board's authority to designate the Chief Administrative Officer/Commissioner of Consumer Finance Division.	Requires a service		No Change
34-30-120	State	Statute	Establishes the Board's authority to approve charters of savings banks.	Requires a service	Savings bank charters	No Change
34-39-130	State	Statute	Establishes application qualifications and regulatory compliance for Deferred Presentment Service Providers.	Requires a service	License to provide Deferred Presentment services in South Carolina	No Change
34-39-190	State	Statute	Establishes the Board's authority to perform examinations on Deferred Presentment Service Providers	Requires a service	Supervision of Deferred Presentment Service Providers	No Change
34-41-40	State	Statute	Establishes application qualifications and regulatory compliance for Check Cashing Service Providers.	Requires a service	License to provide Check Cashing services in South Carolina	No Change
34-41-70	State	Statute	Establishes the Board's authority to perform examinations on Check Cashing Service Providers	Requires a service	Supervision of Check Cashing Service Providers	No Change
37-3-501	State	Statute	Establishes application qualifications and regulatory compliance for Supervised Lenders and Servicers.	Requires a service	License to conduct Supervised lending activity in South Carolina	No Change

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<b>Law number</b> 37-3-502	Jurisdiction State	Type Statute	Description  Establishes a license requirement to make supervised loans.	Requires a service	Notes: License to conduct Supervised lending activity in South Carolina	No Change
37-3-503	State	Statute	Establishes the Board's authority to issue licenses to make supervised loans.	Requires a service	License to conduct Supervised lending activity in South Carolina	No Change
37-3-506	State	Statute	Establishes the Board's authority to perform examinations on Supervised Lenders	Requires a service	Supervision of Supervised Lenders	No Change
37-22-110(11)	State	Statute	Defines "Commissioner" as the designee of the State Board of Financial Institutions for purposes of licensing and regulation of mortgage lenders and mortgage loan originators pursuant to this chapter.	Requires a service		No Change
37-22-140	State	Statute	Establishes application qualifications and regulatory compliance for Non-depository Mortgage Lenders and Servicers.	Requires a service	License to conduct mortgage lending activity in South Carolina	No Change
37-22-200	State	Statute	Establishes the powers of commissioner relating to denial, suspension, revocation or refusal to renew license; surrender; investigations and subpoena of documents.	Requires a service	Supervision of Mortgage Lenders	No Change
2024-25 Appropriations Act, Part 1B Section 79.1	State	FY24-25 Proviso	The State Board of Financial Institutions shall fix supervisory fees of banks, savings and loan associations and credit unions on a scale which, together with fees collected by the Consumer Finance Division will fully cover the total funds expended.	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change

#### **Services Data** 2025

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

			R230 -	- STATE BOARD OF FINANC	IAL INSTITUTIONS			
Description of Service	Description of Direct Customer	Customer Name	Others Impacted by Service	Division or major organizational unit providing the service.	Description of division or major organizational unit providing the service.	Primary negative impact if service not provided.	Changes made to services during FY2025	Summary of changes to services
Preserve a safe and sound State-chartered financial community by examining State chartered financial institutions		Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	Regulated Institutions	Banking Division	The Banking Division is responsible for chartering and supervising State banks, savings and loan associations, savings banks, trust companies, and credit unions	-	No Change	
Process applications for new financial institutions and new branches	Banking Industry	Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	Regulated Institutions	Banking Division	The Banking Division is responsible for chartering and supervising State banks, savings and loan associations, savings banks, trust companies, and credit unions	-	No Change	
Regulatory Compliance Examinations	Consumer Finance Industry	Regulated Institutions	Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	Consumer Finance Examining Program	The Consumer Finance Examining program regulates and supervises State-licensed non-depository mortgage lenders and servicers, supervised lenders, deferred presentment service providers and check cashing service providers.	Consumer protections could be compromised	No Change	
Licensing Investigations	Consumer Finance Industry	Regulated Institutions	Citizens of South Carolina, the Legislature, and Governor	Consumer Finance Licensing Program	The Consumer Finance Licensing program regulates and supervises State-licensed non-depository mortgage lenders and servicers, supervised lenders, deferred presentment service providers and check cashing service providers.	Consumer protections could be compromised	No Change	

### Partnerships Data

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
Non-Governmental Organization	Conference of State Bank Supervisors	Database provider for mortgage licensing and regulation; Provides examiner training and hosts conferences on industry-related topics.	No Change
Federal Government	Consumer Finance Protection Bureau	Federal regulatory authority	No Change
Federal Government	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation	Partners to assist agency in completing examinations in required timeframes by either alternating examinations or completing examinations jointly. Also provides examiner training and hosts conferences on industry-related topics.	No Change
Federal Government	Federal Reserve Bank	Partners to assist agency in completing examinations of State-chartered member banks in required timeframes by either alternating examinations or completing examinations jointly. Also completes examinations of bank holding companies to ensure safety and soundness. Provides examiner training and hosts conferences on industry-related topics.	No Change
Federal Government	National Credit Union Administration	Partners to assist agency in completing examinations in required timeframes by either alternating examinations or completing examinations jointly. Also provides examiner training and hosts conferences on industry-related topics.	No Change
State Government	SC Attorney General	Legal enforcement of Title 34 - Deferred Presentment	No Change

Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
State Government	SC Department of Consumer Affairs	Legal interpretation of statute and enforcement for Title 37	No Change
State Government	SC Department of Insurance	Licensing of insurance companies and agents	No Change
State Government	SC Secretary of State	Legal authority for companies to conduct business in SC	No Change
Non-Government Organization	National Association of State Credit Union Supervisors	Provides examiner training and hosts conferences on industry-related topics.	No Change

Reports Data
as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

Report Name	Law Number (if applicable)	Summary of information requested in the report	Date of most recent submission DURING the past fiscal year	Reporting Frequency	Type of entity/entities	Method to access the report	Direct access hyperlink or agency contact (if not provided to LSA for posting online)	Changes to this report during the past fiscal year	Explanation why a report wasn't submitted
Agency Accountability Report	§1-1-810	Agency report of operations to the State legislature	Septemer of 2024	Annually	Governor or Lt. Governor AND Legislative entity or entities	Provided to LSA for posting online		No Change	
Capital Reserve Position of Financial Institutions	§34-1-130	Capital position of all financial institutions supervised by the agency	April of 2025	Annually	Legislative entity or entities	Provided to LSA for posting online		No Change	
Deferred Presentment Annual Report	§34-39-290	Monitor the deferred presentment industry	April of 2025	Annually	Legislative entity or entities	Hard copy available upon request	The State of South Carolina Deferred Presentment Transaction Reporting System provider	No Change	

AGENCY NAME:	State Board of Financial Institutions		
<b>AGENCY CODE:</b>	R230	SECTION:	79

### 2025 Accountability Report

#### **SUBMISSION FORM**

I have reviewed and approved the data submitted by the agency in the following templates:

- Data Template
  - o Reorganization and Compliance
  - o FY2025 Strategic Plan Results
  - o FY2026 Strategic Plan Development
  - o Legal
  - o Services
  - o Partnerships
  - o Report or Review
  - o Budget
- Discussion Template
- Organizational Template

I have reviewed and approved the financial report summarizing the agency's budget and actual expenditures, as entered by the agency into the South Carolina Enterprise Information System.

The information submitted is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

(SIGN AND DATE):	SIGNATURE ON FILE	Signature Received: 09/09/2025
(TYPE/PRINT NAME):	Kathy L. Bickham	
BOARD/CMSN CHAIR (SIGN AND DATE):	SIGNATURE ON EUE	Signature Received:
	SIGNATURE ON FILE	Signature Received: 09/09/2025