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SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

1333 Main Street, 5th Floor
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May 18, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Meeting to be held in Hearing Room A

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER | CHAIRMAN BECK |
| 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF BUSINESS MEETING
OF MAY 18, 2026 | CHAIRMAN BECK |
| 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 13, 2026 (Tab 1) | CHAIRMAN BECK |
| 4. APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL TO SELF-INSURE (Tab 2)
A. Self-Insurance Department Report | MS. MARCUS |
| 5. DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS' REPORTS
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Information Services (Tab 4)
Insurance and Medical Services (Tab 5)
Claims (Tab 6)
Judicial (Tab 7) | MR. BURGHARDT
MR. PLUSS
MR. DUCOTE
MS. SPANN
MS. BRACY |
| 6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Tab 8) | MS. MCREE |
| 7. FINANCIAL REPORT (Tab 9) | MS. MCREE |
| 8. OLD BUSINESS | CHAIRMAN BECK |
| 9. NEW BUSINESS | CHAIRMAN BECK |
| 10. EXECUTIVE SESSION
Receive a briefing from legal counsel regarding a financial matter
relating to a self-insurance fund | CHAIRMAN BECK |
| 11. ADJOURNMENT | CHAIRMAN BECK |

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TAB 1

THE
SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS'
COMPENSATION COMMISSION
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2026

A Business Meeting of the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission was held in Hearing Room A of the Workers' Compensation Commission on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. The meeting agenda was posted prior to the meeting and proper advance notice was made to all concerned parties in compliance with requirements in the Freedom of Information Act. The following Commissioners were present:

T. SCOTT BECK, CHAIRMAN
GENE MCCASKILL, VICE CHAIR
MELODY JAMES, COMMISSIONER
AISHA TAYLOR, COMMISSIONER
MICHAEL CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONER
GABE COGGIOLA, COMMISSIONER
CYNTHIA DOOLEY, COMMISSIONER

Present also were Kristen McRee, Executive Director; Keith Roberts, General Counsel, Attorney; Amy Bracy, Judicial Director; Wayne Ducote, IMS Director; Sonji Spann, Claims Director; Jerod Burghardt, Administrative Services Director; Bridgette Amick, Medical Policy Analyst; Eric Baxley, Staff Attorney; Francina Johnson, IT Consultant; and Madison Seale, Staff Attorney. Peggy Hohertz, and Stacy Cunningham participated by zoom.

Chairman Beck called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

AGENDA

Commissioner Campbell moved that the agenda be approved. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2026

Commissioner McCaskill moved that the minutes of the Business Meeting of March 16, 2026 be approved. Commissioner Dooley seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

No general announcements.

SELF-INSURANCE

Ms. Marcus presented the report in written form. Twenty-two (22) prospective members of two (2) funds and one (1) prospective subsidiary of a self-insured entity were presented to the Commission for approval. The applications under consideration were:

SC Home Builders SIF

Action Hurricane and Screen LLC
Better Home Builders, LLC
Beckwith Construction Company LLC
BL Heating & Cooling Services Inc
Carolina Bedrock Construction, LLC
Carolina Lift and Hoist, LLC
Creators Painting LLC
C-Sculptures LLC
David Ayres Inc
Down to Earth Lawn Maintenance and Design LLC
Eastwood Excavation LLC
Generation Homes Inc
Goodwood Building Practice, LLC
King Tide Custom Homes, LLC
Monaco Builders LLC
PI Construction, LLC
Orcrist LLC dba Legacy Gutter Co
SeNo General Contractors, LLC
Sunny South Inc
Trademark Stairs Inc
Your Trusty Toolbox, LLC

Palmetto Timber Fund

JMA Enterprises LLC

Macy's Inc

Macy's Systems and Technology Inc

After examination of the applications from the prospective fund members and subsidiary, it was determined that the applications complied with the Commission's requirements and were recommended for approval. Commissioner Taylor made the motion to approve the applications to self-insure. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion to approve the applications to self-insure, and the motion was approved.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Each department report was submitted in written form and was included in the Commission's agenda booklets.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Mr. Burghardt presented the Human Resources report in written form. There were no comments or questions from the Commission.

INFORMATION SERVICES

Mr. Pluss presented his report in written form. There were no comments or questions from the Commission.

INSURANCE AND MEDICAL SERVICES

Mr. Ducote presented his report in written form. There were no comments or questions from the Commission.

CLAIMS

Ms. Spann presented her report in written form. There were no comments or questions from the Commission.

JUDICIAL

Ms. Bracy presented her report in written form. There were no questions from the Commission.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. McRee submitted her report in written form. There were no comments or questions from the Commission.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. McRee presented the financial report. There were no questions from the Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Campbell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

The April 13, 2026, meeting of the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Reported April 20, 2026.

Arnisha Keitt

Executive Assistant

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Workers' Compensation Commission

To: Kristen McRee, SCWCC Executive Director
From: Jerod M. Burghardt, Director of Administrative Services
Date: May 18, 2026
Subject: Administrative Department April 2026 Full Commission Report

This report summarizes the Human Resources, Procurement, and Finance initiatives during April 2026.

I. Human Resources

The department took part in multiple rounds of interviews for the open endpoint tech role. The Commission has successfully selected a candidate for the role, and the candidate started work on May 14th. The Commission also posted two more roles in April: a paralegal for the Office of the General Counsel and a public information coordinator for the Office of the Executive Director.

II. Procurement

The team worked with the state to complete the last of the punch list items for the Commission's construction uplift. The entire project was inspected and certified by an independent contractor. Construction is now complete.

The armed security contract bidding closed on April 28, 2026, at 11:00 am. There were five proposals sent and four accepted. The Shared Services Procurement team is currently certifying the proposals and will announce the contract winner in mid-May. The contract will officially start 30 days after the award to ensure a smooth transition.

III. Finance

The department completed the annual agreed-upon procedures audit. The executive director has been briefed on one minor finding and the solution to resolve it.

The department also took part in the SCEIS Finance and Procurement user training forum. The training focused on the end-of-fiscal-year closeout.

IV. Other Duties

The Commission LinkedIn page saw 789 impressions and 291 clicks in April. The most popular being the Medical Services Providers Manual, with 96.3% of all viewers clicking the link provided.

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To: Kristen McRee, SCWCC Executive Director
From: Kris Pluss, IT Director
Date: May 6, 2026
Subject: IT Department April 2026 Full Commission Report

This report summarizes the activities and accomplishments in the IT Department during April 2026.

I. Agency Support, Stakeholder Outreach:

WCC IT ordered a new digital signal processor from Solutionz, our agency's A/V Vendor on state contract, for Hearing Room B. Currently, audio for both hearing rooms is managed by a single device, so rebooting one system affects both rooms. An initial meeting with Solutionz and WCC IT is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2026. Installation is tentatively scheduled for May 28, 2026.

WCC IT and the Commission's HR Department completed multiple pre-screen and several onsite interviews for an additional endpoint technician that can assist with laptop, iPhone/iPad and application support (ex. Outlook, Progress, eFile/ePay, eCase, etc.). Ms. Chicora Brown was selected from a group of talented applicants and is scheduled to begin work on May 14, 2026. She has 10 years of experience in South Carolina State Government and will be working with Fran Johnson to learn our methods and procedures.

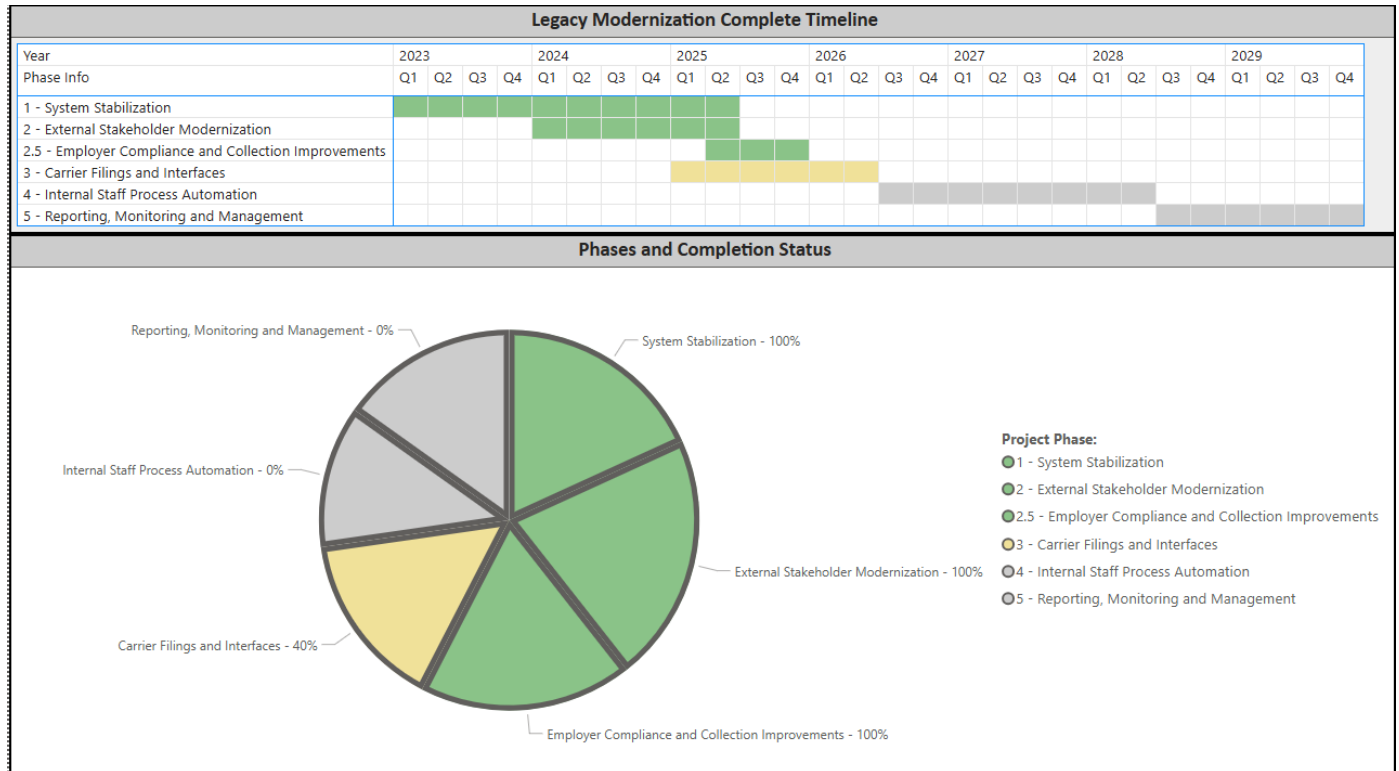
II. Systems Operations, Maintenance and Support:

Legacy Modernization Project:

WCC IT attended a "kick-off" meeting with KeyMark on April 24, 2026, to discuss the next milestone in the Legacy Modernization Project. A new workflow that will allow an attorney connected to a claim to request the cancellation of a scheduled hearing in eCase, and if accepted by an AA, will automatically send email notifications to the appropriate parties connected to the case. A weekly meeting has been scheduled with KeyMark Professional Services and WCC IT to discuss integration, testing and deployment. This is on schedule to be completed by the end of Quarter 2, 2026.

WCC IT and the Commission's Legal Team have been working with KeyMark to test potential AI Products that have advanced search capabilities and can return results from the scanned documents we have stored in OnBase. We are currently investigating KeyMark's AI Agent - the Knowledge Discovery Tool. KeyMark is scheduled to provide a test in our office on Thursday, May 7, 2026. This test will allow the WCC Legal Team the opportunity to use the product directly, with actual claims data, and decide if the results are acceptable.

Percent of Legacy Modernization Completed by Phase



Verisk EDI Automated Filings:

92.10% of filings by the carriers were accepted in April 2026.

April 1, 2026 – April 31, 2026

Type:	Accepted:	Rejected:	Total:	Percentage:
FROI (New / Change)	4,152	479	4,631	56.50%
SROI (Periodic)	3,254	312	3,566	43.50%
Totals:	7,406	791	8,197	100.00%

Reporting:

94 Service Desk tickets were created by WCC IT during April 2026.
84 Tickets were assigned a priority of Low.
5 Tickets were assigned a priority of Medium.
5 Tickets were assigned a priority of High.
0 Tickets were assigned a priority of Urgent.

eFile / ePay Submissions:

- 4,843 unique electronic submissions were processed in April 2026.
- 1,509 eFile/ePay online transactions were submitted with a fee or fine.
- 3,334 online submissions were filed without an online payment.

Type	Mar	Apr	% Change
Total Unique Submissions	5,148	4,843	-6%
Payment	1,814	1,509	-17%
No Payment	3,334	3,334	0%
Total Amount Paid Online	\$447,559	\$137,369	-69%
Fees and Fines	\$151,375	\$132,968	-12%
Fees	\$79,125	\$64,600	-18%
Fines	\$72,250	\$68,368	-5%
Other	\$296,184	\$4,401	-99%

Online Activity – Monthly and YTD:

Online Submissions (ePay vs. eFile), Judicial Pleadings for Claimant and Defense (Online vs. Physical), and Online Payments by Type.

IT Report Detail	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Total
Online Submissions (eFile)													Online Filings
Total Unique Submissions	4,168	4,248	5,148	4,843									18,407
Submissions with Payment	1,333	1,308	1,814	1,509									5,964
Submissions with No Payment	2,835	2,940	3,334	3,334									12,443
Judicial Pleadings (Online vs. Physical)													Judicial Pleadings
Claimant Pleadings													Claimant Only
Total Claimant Pleadings	650	532	664	628									2,474
Percent Claimant Online	68%	82%	91%	72%									78%
Percent Claimant Physical	32%	18%	9%	28%									22%
Defense Pleadings													Defense Only
Total Defense Pleadings	269	233	252	309									1,063
Percent Defense Online	62%	67%	83%	58%									67%
Percent Defense Physical	38%	33%	17%	42%									33%
Combined Pleadings (Claimant + Defense)													Combined Pleadings
Total Combined Pleadings	919	765	916	937									3,537
Online Payments (ePay)													Online Payments
Total Amount Paid Online	\$107,910	\$696,744	\$447,559	\$137,369									\$1,389,581
Payments for Fees and Fines	\$106,575	\$100,175	\$151,375	\$132,968									\$491,093
Fees	\$60,500	\$59,925	\$79,125	\$64,600									\$264,150
Fines	\$46,075	\$40,250	\$72,250	\$68,368									\$226,943
Other Payments	\$1,335	\$596,569	\$296,184	\$4,401									\$898,488

Other Payments include Appeals, Copy Requests, Self- Insurance Tax, Self-Insurance Membership Application, and C.A.M.E. Workshop Registrations.

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Workers' Compensation Commission

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 11, 2026

**To: Kristen McRee
Executive Director**

**From: Wayne Ducote
Insurance & Medical Services Director**

RE: Monthly Insurance & Medical Services Report for April 2026

Please find attached the statistical report for the Insurance and Medical Services Department for the month of April 2026.

In addition to the statistical data provided, please be advised of the following:

Coverage Division

The Coverage Division had 36 new registrants for notification of lapse in coverage within our coverage notification system. No lapse in coverage notifications were sent.

The Coverage Division processed 1,869 Form 12A submitted electronically through the Verisk system and processed 276 manually filed Form 50s into the Verisk system.

Compliance Division

The Compliance Division created 221 DEW compliance investigation files. Of those 221 files, 58 files were closed immediately due to coverage being located. The remaining 163 files were opened for further investigation and notifications were sent to employers.

The Compliance Division collected \$77,000 in non-compliance penalties and compelled 55 employers to come into compliance with the Act, which resulted in 304 more employees now covered by workers' compensation insurance than were previously covered. In addition, the GEAR program collected \$1,019.98 from two of our old non-compliant employers.

The Compliance Division docketed 15 carriers for a Rule to Show Cause hearing in April. All 15 carriers resolved their outstanding fines, totaling \$3,000, prior to the scheduled hearing date.

Medical Services Division

The Medical Services Division resolved 9 formal medical bill disputes and completed 2 medical bill reviews. Additionally, the Medical Services Division had 417 contacts with stakeholders via emails and phone calls.

While this summary is in no way all-inclusive, it may serve to assist you and our Commissioners in understanding the key measures by which the Department's effectiveness can be gauged. The Insurance and Medical Services Department welcomes any guidance that you or the Commissioners can provide concerning our performance and direction.

Department of Insurance & Medical Services										
South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission										
April 2026 Monthly Report										
	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	YTD Total FY25-26	YTD Total FY24 25	% Chg FY26
COMPLIANCE										
Total Cases Active at Beginning of Period	412	453	470	474	546	595	641	4,547	2,664	71%
Total Cases Initiated	290	235	219	272	254	289	254	2,675	2,324	15%
Total Cases Closed	249	218	215	200	205	243	234	2,352	2,183	8%
Total Cases Active at End of Period	453	470	474	546	595	641	661	4,870	2,805	74%
Cases from F50/12A/other	17	17	19	16	-	31	15	185	200	-8%
Cases from DEW	243	203	178	242	242	245	221	2,312	1,980	17%
Cases from Carriers	22	12	20	16	10	5	25	170	144	18%
Total Fines Assessed	\$ 80,500	\$ 100,250	\$ 91,250	\$ 87,250	\$ 85,000	\$ 94,750	\$ 82,750	\$ 915,741	\$ 763,729	20%
- DEW / Coverage / Miscellaneous	\$ 79,000	\$ 100,250	\$ 91,250	\$ 87,250	\$ 85,000	\$ 94,750	\$ 82,750	\$ 908,491	\$ 660,176	38%
- Underlying claim / uninsured employer	\$ 1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 7,250	\$ 103,553	-93%
Total Fines Collected	\$ 79,396	\$ 105,100	\$ 87,775	\$ 72,475	\$ 59,575	\$ 109,425	\$ 77,000	\$ 882,541	\$ 713,078	24%
- DEW / Coverage / Miscellaneous	\$ 76,396	\$ 104,750	\$ 87,625	\$ 72,475	\$ 59,375	\$ 109,425	\$ 74,550	\$ 869,641	\$ 624,100	39%
- Underlying claim / uninsured employer	\$ 3,000	\$ 350	\$ 150	\$0	\$ 200	\$0	\$ 2,450	\$ 12,900	\$ 88,978	-86%
Fines Waived/Rescinded/Uncollectable	\$ 5,750	\$ 2,499	\$ 14,950	\$ 1,500	\$ 500	\$ 18,260	\$ 5,000	\$ 73,399	\$ 108,211	-32%
- Waived	\$4,250	\$250	\$750	\$750	\$0	\$18,260	\$0	\$ 38,200	\$ 41,840	-9%
- Rescinded	\$1,500	\$750	\$1,500	\$750	\$500	\$0	\$5,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 43,561	-52%
- Uncollectable	\$0	\$1,499	\$12,700	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 14,199	\$ 22,810	-38%
Employer RTSC Cases Docketed	6	4	0	4	2	0	4	35	10	250%
Employers Compelled Into Compliance	53	62	59	43	44	72	55	514	453	13%
Previous Uninsured Employees Now Covered	363	392	344	252	219	427	304	3,002	2,548	18%
Carrier RTSC Cases Docketed	26	22	14	17	16	10	15	166	134	24%
Carrier RTSC Cases Resolved	26	21	14	17	16	10	15	165	134	23%
Carrier RTSC Fines Resolved	\$ 7,450	\$ 4,600	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,800	\$ 2,800	\$ 3,000	\$76,289	122,293	-38%
COVERAGE & ACCIDENT RPTG										
Employers Withdrawing From the Act	5	4	2	1	1	6	3	41	56	-27%
Coverage Fines Assessed	\$ 32,600	\$ 22,600	\$ 29,800	\$ 24,800	\$ 26,200	\$ 23,600	\$ 41,000	\$ 306,400	\$ 310,700	-1%
Coverage Fines Collected	\$ 22,800	\$ 17,200	\$ 23,800	\$ 21,900	\$ 20,400	\$ 24,200	\$ 26,200	\$ 229,450	\$ 239,750	-4%
Coverage Fines Waived	\$ 10,400	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,400	\$ 3,600	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,400	\$ 2,600	\$ 58,000	\$ 65,600	-12%
Number of 12As Filed EDI	2,003	1,589	1,566	1,547	1,637	1,923	1,869	17,837	17,265	3%
Number of 12As Filed Manually	246	248	251	197	192	291	276	2,506	2,534	-1%
Total Number of WCC Files Created	2,249	1,837	1,817	1,744	1,829	2,214	2,145	20,343	19,799	3%
Number of Fatalities Filed on 12As	6	4	5	7	9	6	7	65	76	-14%
MEDICAL SERVICES										
Bills Pending at Beginning of Period	6	8	10	7	9	12	8	87	57	53%
Bills Received	9	13	5	13	13	7	9	91	84	8%
Bills to be Reviewed	15	21	15	20	22	19	17	178	141	26%
Bills Reviewed this Month	7	11	8	11	10	11	9	94	83	13%
Bills Pending at End of Period	8	10	7	9	12	8	8	84	58	45%
Total Stakeholder Contacts	255	248	153	271	253	310	417	2,295		

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Workers' Compensation Commission

MEMORANDUM

To: Kristen McRee, Executive Director

From: Sonji Spann, Claims Director

Date: May 18, 2026

Re: Claims Department April 2026 Full Commission Report

Attached is the Statistical Report for the Claims Department for the period July 1, 2025 – April 30, 2026, prepared for the Business Meeting on May 18, 2026.

Please note a format change in the attached data. The new format includes new categories, noted by an "*", in the Claims Activities column to report the number of forms returned to the sender. Collecting and reporting this information further clarifies the department's daily activities and provides insight into training needs for external stakeholders.

The total Claims Activities for this period have increased 3% when compared to the same period from last fiscal year. The new data in the returned forms categories accounts for 506 or 4% of the total activities.

When compared to the same period last fiscal year, the number of Cases Reviewed decreased by 1%. The number of cases closed decreased by 1%; the number of Fines Assessed decreased by 2%; and the Total Fines Paid increased by 3%. The number of Form 18 fines assessed automatically by the IT system decreased by 3%.

I will be happy to answer any questions you or the Commissioners have.

**Claims Department Statistical Report
FY2025-2026**

Claims Activities	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	FY25-26 YTD Total	FY24-25 YTD Total	% Diff from prev year
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(o)	(p)	(q)
Forms 15-I - Processed	1,175	1,161	1,148	1,250	947	965	960	976	1,152	1,006		10,740	10,951	-2%
Forms 15-I - Returned*	30	30	19	24	17	13	27	21	20	19		220		
Forms 15-II/Forms 17 Processed	780	732	791	787	664	651	678	660	713	742		7,198	7,429	-3%
Forms 15-II/Forms 17 Returned *	118	64	56	101	87	75	92	80	99	114		886		
Forms 16 for PPD Processed	59	39	59	61	51	64	57	53	61	46		550	546	1%
Forms 16 for PPD Returned*				-						1		1	-	
Forms 18 - Processed	5,073	4,624	4,747	4,977	4,219	5,041	4,823	4,858	5,257	4,921		48,540	49,702	-2%
Forms 18 - Returned*														
Forms 20 - Processed	617	594	575	581	462	355	577	462	579	525		5,327	5,054	5%
Forms 20 - Returned*														
Form 61 - Processed	781	706	765	745	551	799	752	695	785	731		7,310	7,276	0%
Form 61 - Returned*	43	32	48	47	42	66	44	43	51	33		449		
Clinchers - Processed	683	663	680	691	505	737	602	632	749	583		6,525	6,742	-3%
Clinchers - Returned*	10	12	29	22	27	39	15	18	21	13		206		
Third Party Settlements Processed	23	23	21	28	20	31	22	15	26	18		227	215	6%
Third Party Settlements Returned*	1	-		2	3	8	4	2	7	6		33		
SSA Requests for Info	43	47	55	44	39	27	41	44	33	43		416	394	6%
Cases Closed Form 19 - Processed	2,466	2,265	2,261	2,307	1,854	1,960	2,288	2,038	2,135	2,116		21,690	21,835	-1%
Cases Closed Form 19 - Returned*	409	381	390	429	313	328	417	370	337	320		3,694		
Cases Reviewed	3,517	3,384	3,434	3,473	2,499	2,328	2,821	3,097	3,162	3,049		30,764	30,921	-1%
Total	15,828	14,757	15,078	15,569	12,300	13,487	14,220	14,064	15,187	14,286		144,776	141,065	3%
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Total Fines Assessed	\$ 279	\$ 265	\$ 216	\$ 265	\$ 168	\$ 264	\$ 247	\$ 243	\$ 233	\$ 187		\$ 2,367	\$ 2,406	-2%
Form 18 Fines	\$ 268	\$ 212	\$ 182	\$ 227	\$ 144	\$ 248	\$ 203	\$ 195	\$ 204	\$ 153		\$ 2,036	\$ 2,105	-3%
Total Amt Paid	\$ 63,650	\$ 43,000	\$ 47,250	\$ 36,250	\$ 32,800	\$ 31,600	\$ 28,600	\$ 31,600	\$ 33,600	\$ 28,600		\$ 376,950	\$ 364,900	3%

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May 6, 2026

To: Kristen McRee, Executive Director

From: Amy A. Bracy, Judicial Director

RE: Monthly Judicial Report for April 2026

During the month of April, the Judicial Department processed three hundred forty-four (344) claim only 50s, and nine hundred thirty-seven (937) requests for hearings (claimant and defense pleadings). Comparing the numbers from the same period last year, claimant pleadings are up 4% and defense pleadings are down 2%. The department received one hundred nine (109) motions, an 11% decrease compared to the same period last year and one hundred forty-two (142) clincher conference requests, a 7% decrease compared to the same time last year.

There were fifty-three (53) Single Commissioner hearings conducted during the past month, fifteen (15) pre-hearing conferences held, and five (5) Full Commission hearings held. A total of five hundred four (504) orders (Single Commissioner orders, consent orders and administrative orders) were served at the Single Commissioner level, thirty-eight (38) of those were decision and orders that resulted from hearings, three hundred twenty (320) were consent orders and one hundred nineteen (119) were motion orders that were a result of Motions ruled upon by Commissioners. The remaining twenty-seven (27) orders were general administrative orders.

There were two hundred seventy-seven (277) informal conferences requested during April and one hundred sixty-three (163) were conducted.

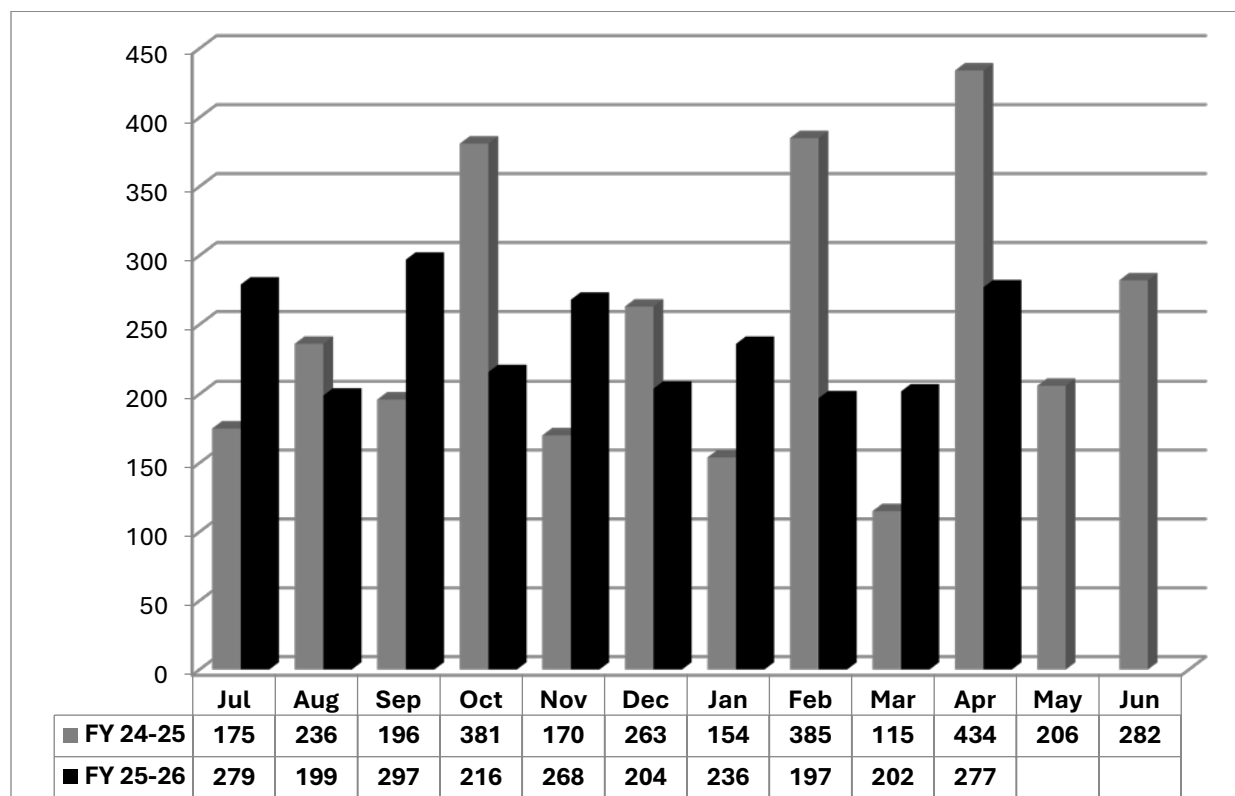
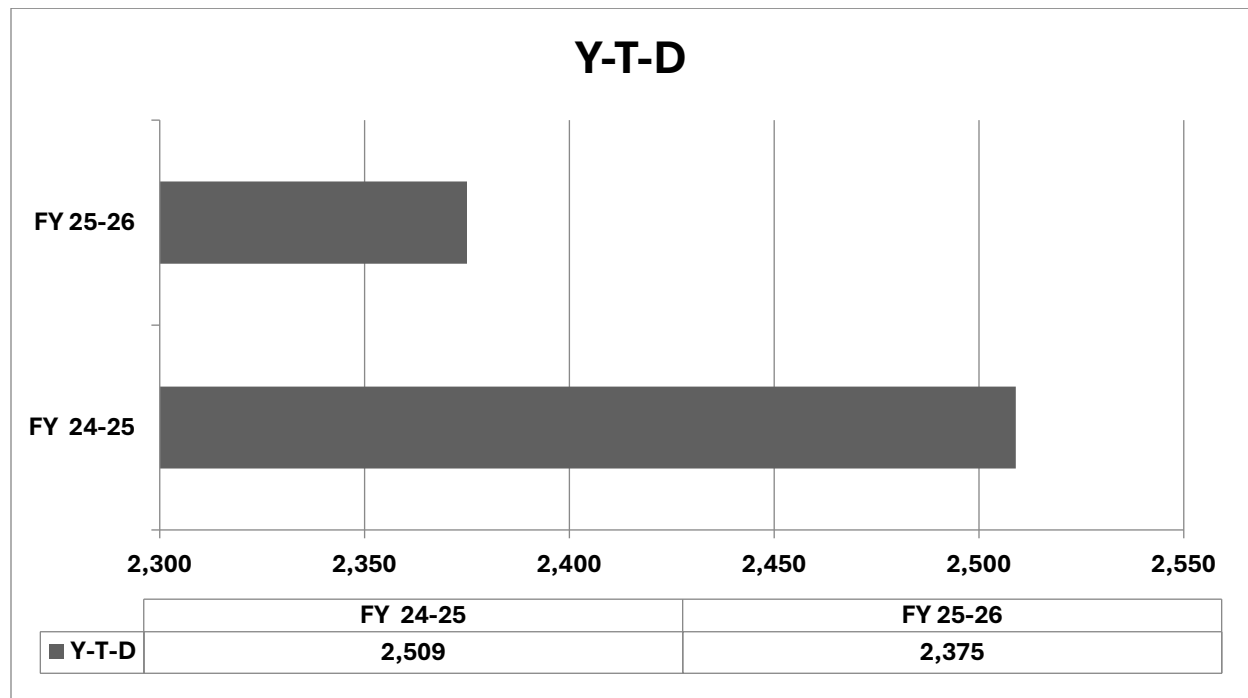
There were thirty-one (31) regulatory mediations scheduled and seventy-four (74) requested mediations. Totals for regulatory mediations are down 4% and requested mediations are up 4% for the same period last year. The Judicial Department was notified of sixty-five (65) matters resolved in mediation, with the receipt of Forms 70. This category's total is down 7% compared to this period last year. This does not include mediations that take place outside of what is reported to the Commission.

In the month of April, there was one (1) Notice of Intent to Appeal to the Court of Appeals and zero (0) to the Circuit Court.

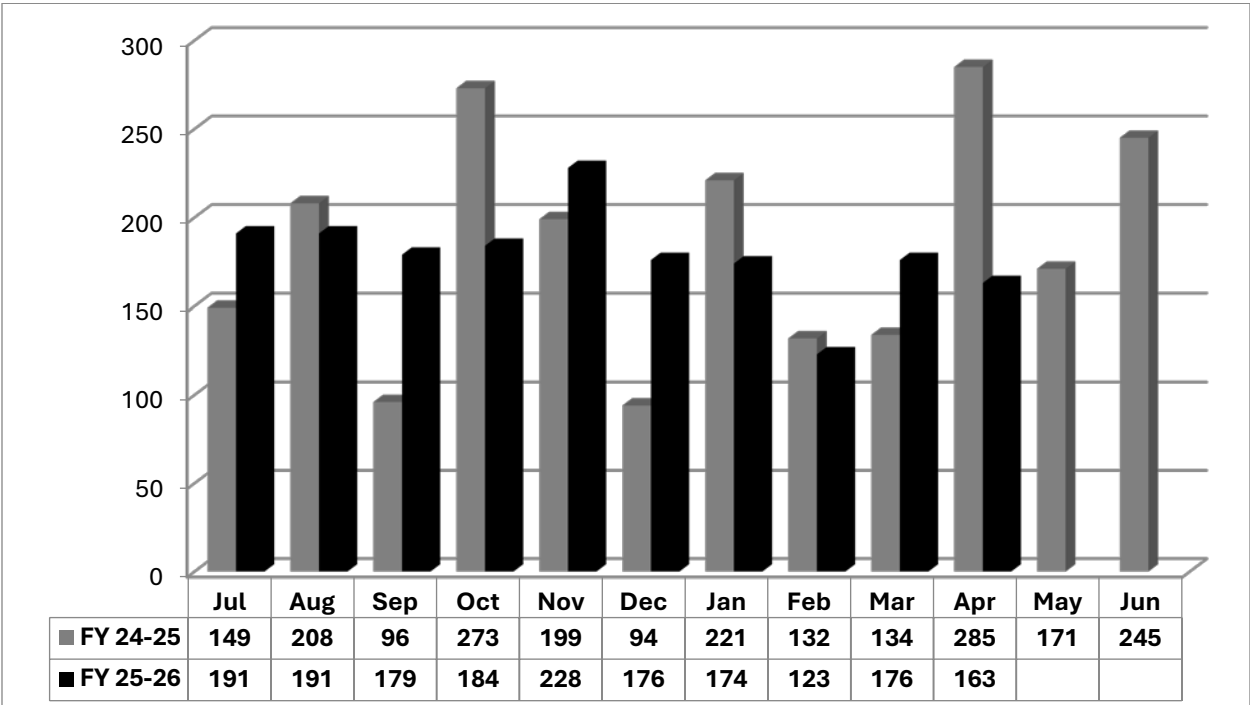
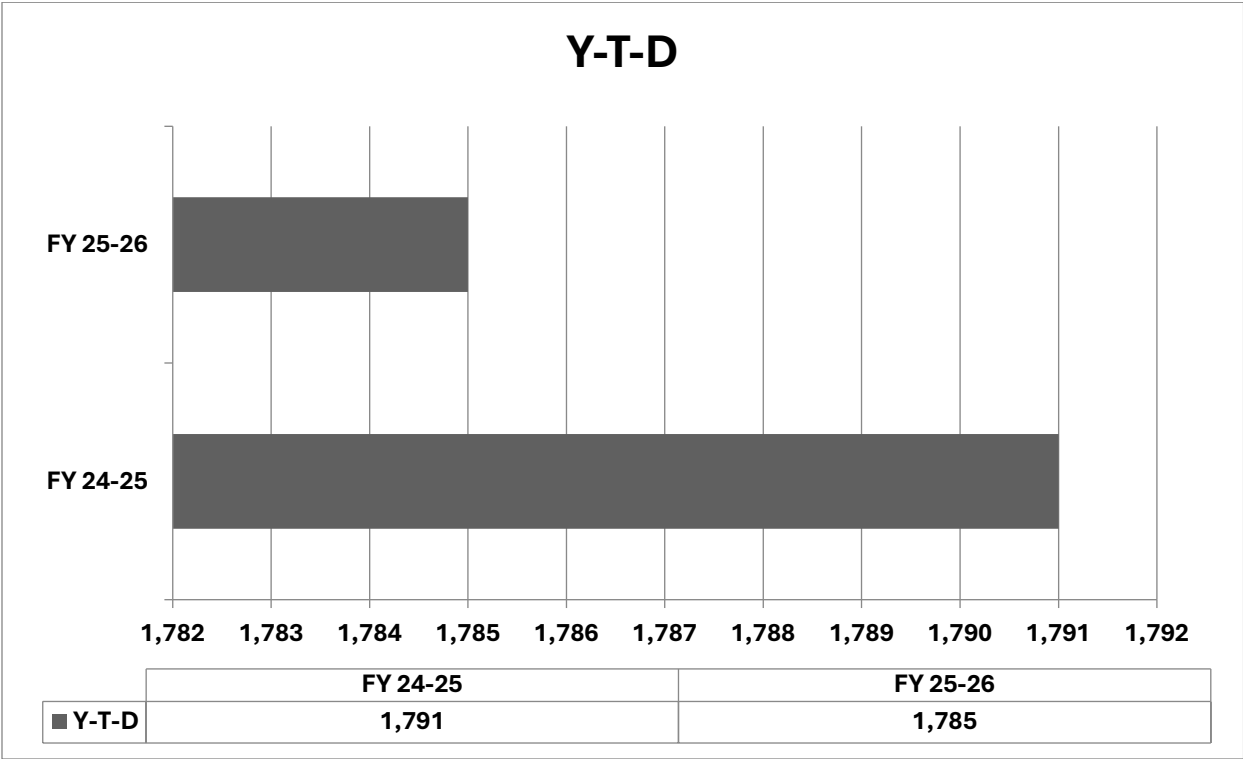
Judicial Department Statistical Report
Statistics For Fiscal Year 2025-2026 - Updated Version

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	Totals YTD 2025-2026	Totals YTD 2024-2025	% Diff from prev year
Claimant Pleadings	625	606	595	676	509	534	652	532	665	628	6,022	5,784	4%
Claimant Pleadings - Not proper (new)	86	81	87	91	61	69	60	89	95	81	800	993	-19%
Defense Response to Pleadings	462	537	506	540	527	472	463	404	500	623	5,034	4,798	5%
Defense Pleadings	280	242	267	295	223	238	269	234	253	309	2,610	2,666	-2%
Defense Pleadings - Not proper (new)	57	57	52	62	54	40	53	53	52	59	539	597	-10%
Form 50 - Claim Only	280	294	360	362	275	327	258	327	489	344	3,316	2,997	11%
Letters of Representation	78	268	186	159	135	151	194	231	256	319	1,977	581	240%
Motions	111	118	105	123	77	96	93	88	100	109	1,020	1,144	-11%
Motion - Reliefs of Counsel (new)	57	63	94	127	75	73	47	54	93	60	743	801	-7%
Motions Improper (Motions and ROC) (new)	31	40	39	60	43	35	17	24	36	36	361	379	-5%
Form 30	10	7	5	7	2	10	10	2	12	10	75	95	-21%
FC Hearings Held	6	9	5	4	8	8	2	2	7	5	56	46	22%
FC Orders Served	9	16	10	7	4	7	21	3	7	7	91	137	-34%
Single Comm. Hearings Held	55	51	41	62	54	56	50	72	50	53	544	537	1%
Single Comm. Orders Served	498	473	536	512	371	477	576	408	626	504	4,981	4,899	2%
Single Comm. Pre-Hearing Conf Held	5	13	16	21	2	10	11	13	7	15	113	116	-3%
Clincher Conference Requested	141	158	142	165	123	141	108	130	148	142	1,398	1,499	-7%
Informal Conference Requested	279	199	297	216	268	204	236	197	202	277	2,375	2,509	-5%
Informal Conference Conducted	191	191	179	184	228	176	174	123	176	163	1,785	1,791	0%
Regulatory Mediations	31	30	34	33	41	39	33	15	29	31	316	330	-4%
Requested Mediations	86	83	78	84	57	62	103	77	65	74	769	741	4%
Mediation Resolved	39	87	37	54	78	40	67	74	46	65	587	632	-7%
Mediation Impasse	12	37	19	11	17	9	14	22	14	19	174	191	-9%
Claim Settled Prior to Mediation	9	11	9	19	22	19	20	8	11	23	151	162	-7%
Total	3,438	3,671	3,699	3,874	3,254	3,293	3,531	3,182	3,939	3,956	35,837	34,425	4%

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT INFORMAL CONFERENCES REQUESTED YTD APRIL 2026



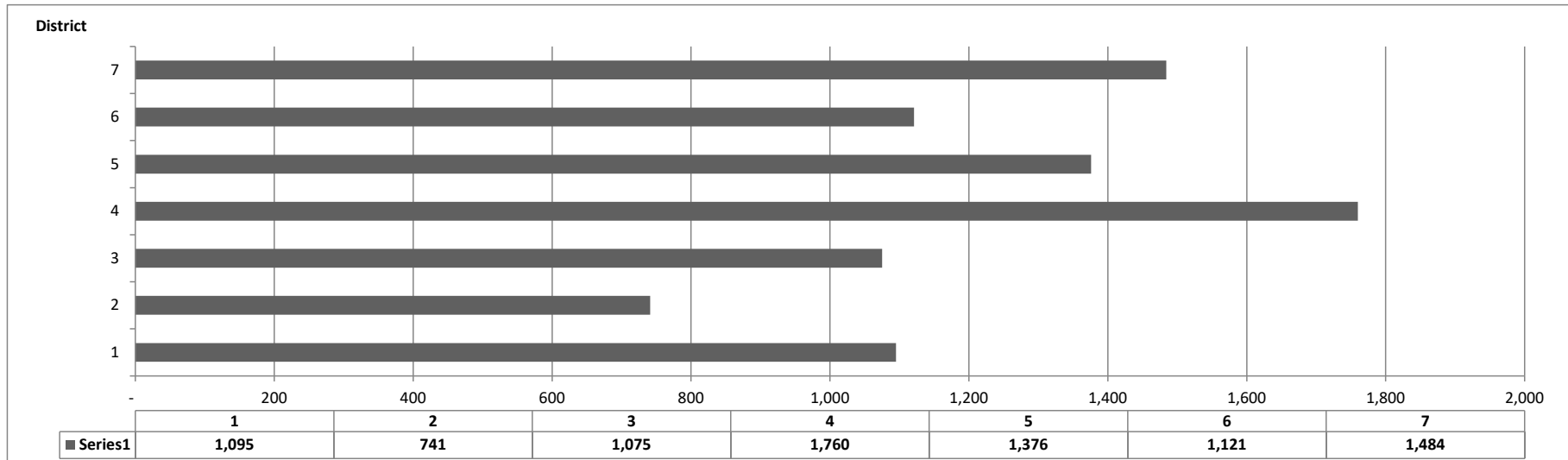
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT INFORMAL CONFERENCES CONDUCTED YTD APRIL 2026



Judicial Department
Pleadings Assigned - Three Year Comparison by Month

	District 1			District 2			District 3			District 4			District 5			District 6			District 7		
	Greenville			Anderson			Orangeburg			Charleston			Florence			Spartanburg			Richland		
	25-26	24-25	23-24	25-26	24-25	23-24	25-26	24-25	23-24	25-26	24-25	23-24	25-26	24-25	23-24	25-26	24-25	23-24	25-26	24-25	23-24
Jul	96	130	93	80	101	64	99	125	80	153	172	150	129	152	106	103	123	100	131	146	131
Aug	118	93	112	89	74	85	112	135	115	188	186	189	140	111	145	126	135	118	168	179	150
Sep	109	78	110	73	49	83	98	70	113	160	126	234	138	96	160	115	89	111	141	97	148
Oct	125	123	96	72	111	68	115	125	107	199	244	181	157	183	149	141	149	114	157	168	142
Nov	122	73	106	70	48	79	114	85	111	157	164	190	122	122	139	94	112	113	138	120	173
Dec	104	117	105	70	68	80	95	118	99	173	157	142	150	145	99	111	128	93	147	136	107
Jan	87	108	102	81	76	73	112	106	79	158	152	174	125	142	117	97	111	114	146	143	147
Feb	96	88	114	65	64	69	98	83	94	162	136	170	131	133	128	101	112	117	140	132	132
Mar	101	91	104	58	78	82	98	88	119	164	200	172	136	152	152	106	110	117	150	143	166
Apr	137	103	112	83	90	58	134	82	102	246	157	173	148	127	114	127	97	116	166	135	140
May		109	133		55	94		120	115		179	206		115	153		97	123		135	142
Jun		114	101		88	65		140	88		183	147		148	157		123	95		162	133
Totals	1,095	1,227	1,288	741	902	900	1,075	1,277	1,222	1,760	2,056	2,128	1,376	1,626	1,619	1,121	1,386	1,331	1,484	1,696	1,711

Pleadings Assigned by District Year to Date



TAB 8

State of South Carolina



Workers' Compensation Commission

Executive Director's Report

May 18, 2026

Meetings and Other Activities

During the month of April, the Executive Director attended a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee meeting on H. 3874 ("Fee Schedule Bill") a Senate Judiciary Committee meeting on H. 3874; a South Carolina Workers' Compensation Educational Association (SCWCEA) Committee meeting; a meeting to view a demonstration of the new functionalities offered by the Commission's Westlaw subscription; conducted one-on-one meetings with department heads and completed mid-year EPMS reviews; held a monthly department head meeting; 2 meetings with vendors regarding the automation of the Commission's accounts payable processes; a meeting with FairHealth; 3 meetings with staff to discuss administrative issues; a meeting with a representative of the Insurance Reserve Fund to discuss insurance coverage renewals; participated in an interview for a judicial extern in the Legal Department; and an interview for the vacant endpoint technician position in the IT Department.

Constituent /Public Information Services

For the month of April, the Executive Director's and the General Counsel's offices had one hundred seven (107) contacts with stakeholders.

Financial Transactions and Procurement Activity

During the month of April, the Executive Director's office processed and approved ten (10) travel expense reports, two (2) purchase orders, one hundred ten (110) invoices, and forty-eight (48) deposits. All documentation related to these financial transactions was sent to Admin to process in the SCEIS system.

SCWCC Stakeholder Electronic Distribution List

For the month of April, the Executive Director's office had nine (9) deletions to the distribution list.

Advisory Notices

During the month of April, the office posted three (3) notices on the Commission's website and emailed them to the distribution list. There were two (2) posts on the Commission's LinkedIn page during the month.

Pending Legislation

The Commission has been watching the progress of House Bill 3874. This bill proposes to amend S.C. Code Ann. 42-15-90 by requiring the Commission to review the medical fee schedule annually and permitting it to adjust fees listed in the fee schedule using a single or multiple conversion factor.

This will give the Commission latitude to assess costs based upon medical specialty and make targeted adjustments to improve access to care. Under the new legislation, the annual review of the

fee schedule will be accomplished in consultation with a cost containment committee, appointed by the Chairman. The committee members will consist of 9 total members: 2 from the medical provider industry, 2 representing the workers' compensation insurance industry, 2 representing the employer community, 2 members representing the rights of injured workers, and the Commission's Chairman or his appointee.

The bill received a unanimous vote by the Senate on May 6, 2026.

Vocational Rehab

There were 2,131 closed in the month of April; all claims were referred for disposition by Vocational Rehabilitation in May 2026.

TAB 9

State of South Carolina

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Workers' Compensation Commission

MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMISSIONERS

FROM: Kristen McRee, Executive Director

DATE: May 18, 2026

RE: FINANCIAL REPORT – FY Period 10 ending April 30, 2026

Attached is the Budget vs. Actual Report for the General Fund and Earmarked Fund for the fiscal year period ending April 30, 2026. The benchmark for this period is 83%.

Expenditures – General Fund – Annual Budget \$6,096,329

The total expenditure for the General Fund year-to-date is \$4,953,537 or 81% of the annual budget. Staff salary expenditures transferred from the earmarked fund at the close of FY25 account for the increase in spend for this period last FY.

The balance of the funds appropriated by the General Assembly for the IT System Modernization Project has decreased 58% to \$992,526 from its original balance of \$1,695,084 because of expenses related to the IT Legacy System upgrades. Year to date, total expenditures from the fund equal \$461,353. There is \$116,385 in outstanding commitments. The balance of the non-recurring appropriation funds for the IT System Project remains stable at \$1,000,000.

Expenditures – Earmarked Fund – Annual Budget \$3,383,413

The Earmarked Fund (38440000) total expenditures year-to-date are \$1,229,379 which is 36% of budget.

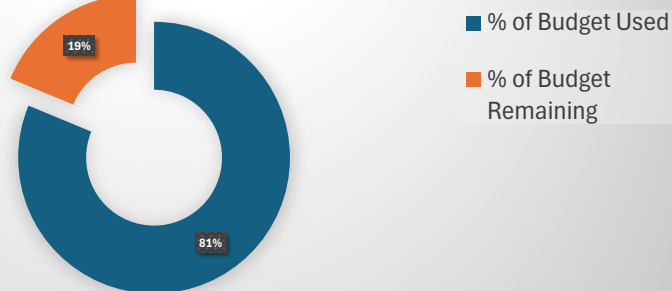
Revenues – Earmarked Annual Budget \$3,155,349

The Commission posted \$2,737,577 in Earmarked Fund operating revenues year-to-date, which is 87% of the annual budget.

Statement of General Fund Expenditures and Revenues Fiscal Year 2026
Period 10 Ending 4/30/2026 - 83% of year elapsed

	Fund	Commitment Item			Budget	FY26 YTD Actual	FY25 YTD Actual
Revenues							
General Fund Appropriation	10010000				\$ 6,016,541	\$ 6,016,541	\$ 5,939,713
General Fund Adjustments	10010000	516001			\$ 79,788	\$ 79,788	\$ 76,828
Total Revenues					\$ 6,096,329	\$ 6,096,329	\$ 6,016,541
Expenditures							
			Account		Budget	FY26 YTD Actual	FY25 YTD Actual
	10010000	501026	Chairman		\$ 194,296	\$ 161,913	\$ 158,739
	10010000	501033	Commissioners		\$ 1,131,810	\$ 943,175	\$ 832,216
	10010000	501015	Director		\$ 160,339	\$ 133,616	\$ 130,997
	10010000	501058	Classified Positions		\$ 2,834,019	\$ 2,146,581	\$ 410,353
			Admin	\$ 495,954			
			AA's	\$ 454,953			
			Claims	\$ 325,313			
			IMS	\$ 432,832			
			Judicial	\$ 499,003			
			Self-Insurance	\$ 124,100			
			IT	\$ 501,864			
Total Payroll:					\$ 4,320,464	\$ 3,385,285	\$ 1,532,305
	10010000	501050	Taxable Subsistence		\$ 75,000	\$ 59,413	\$ 55,463
	10010000	501070	Other Personnel Services		\$ 75,000	\$ 41,472	\$ 32,009
	10010000	5020000	Contractual Services		\$ -	\$ 18,942	\$ 3,900
	10010000	503000	Supply and Material			\$ 5,442	\$ 4,126
	10010000	513000	Employer Contributions		\$ 1,730,765	\$ 1,441,633	\$ 612,708
	10010000	504000	Fixed Charges and Cont			\$ 1,350	\$ -
Total Expenditures						\$ 4,953,537	\$ 2,240,511
				% of Budget Used	81%		37%
				% of Budget Remaining	19%		63%

**% Used v. % Remaining
FY 26 Period 10**



Statement of Earmarked Fund Revenues and Expenditures Fiscal Year 2026

Period 10 Ending 4/30/2026- 83% of Year elapsed

	Commitment Item	Account		Budget FY26	FY26 YTD Actual	Revenues YTD FY25
Revenues						
38440000	4110090000	Hearing Fees		\$ 1,091,322	\$ 965,723	\$ 972,573
38440000	4160040000	Self-Ins Application Fee		\$ 7,350	-	-
38440000	4223030000	Filing Violations		\$ 1,985,476	\$ 1,507,778	\$ 1,455,472
38440000	4226020000	Settlements		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
38440000	4350040000	Parking Fees		\$ 5,785	\$ 4,605	\$ 4,625
38440000	4350140000	WC Appeal Fees		\$ 32,251	\$ 8,950	\$ 11,820
38440000	4380020000	Training & Conference Registration		\$ 3,120	\$ -	\$ 1,105
38440000	4380050000	Photocopying Fees		\$ 25,300	\$ 12,779	\$ 12,732
38440000	4480020000	Sale of Services		\$ 3,120	\$ 6,687	\$ 5,860
38440000	4480060000	Sale of Listings and Labels		\$ 1,625	\$ 4,400	\$ 6,450
38440000	4520010000	Refund Prior Year Expenditure		\$ -	\$ 225,981	\$ -
38440000	4530010000	Returned Checks		\$ -	\$ (50)	\$ (450)
38440000	4530020000	Adjustment of Agency Deposits		\$ -	\$ 50	\$ (100)
38440000	4530030000	Miscellaneous Revenue		\$ -	\$ 674	\$ -
Total Revenues				\$ 3,155,349	\$ 2,737,577	\$ 2,470,087
% of Budget Collected					87%	78%
% of Budget Outstanding					13%	22%
Expenditures	Commitment Item	Account		Budget FY26	FY26 YTD Actual	Expenditures YTD FY25
38440000	501058	Classified Positions		\$ 160,000	\$ -	\$ 1,676,898
		Other Operating				
38440000	502000	Contractual Services		\$ -	\$ 489,497	\$ 535,549
		316 Photography	\$ 875.00			
		IT- Application Support- Data Network	\$ 242.87			
		Verizon Internet	\$ 6,132.24			
		Verizon Hotspot	\$ 4,378.01			
		NWN	\$ 23,044.08			
		Segra	\$ 9,047.28			
		DTO	\$ 200,682.77			
		FedEX	\$ 2,931.32			
		Verizon/AT&T	\$ 8,736.69			
		Legal Services	\$ 5,965.82			
		Transcripts	\$ 5,982.40			
		Ct. Reporters	\$ 80,534.35			
		Attorney Fees	\$ 27,186.50			
		Admin Shared Services MOU	\$ 33,690.00			
		Education & Training	\$ 75.00			
		Motorized Vehicle Services	\$ 49.00			
		General Repair	\$ 165.00			
		Sonitrol	\$ 17,551.84			
		Laundry Services	\$ 32.55			
		Junk King (Rubbish Removal)	\$ 800.00			
		OSA Audit Charges	\$ 269.46			
		Management Consultants	\$ 1,584.06			
		Catering	\$ 1,179.36			
		Other Professional Services	\$ 13,772.95			
		Lionbridge	\$ 148.50			
		Security Services	\$ 43,507.17			
		Shred America	\$ 932.50			
38440000	503000	Supply and Material		\$ -	\$ 144,195	\$ 226,464
		Office Supplies	\$ 30,551.03			
		Subscriptions (Lexis & Westlaw)	\$ 64,310.02			
		Custom Printed Materials	\$ 5,438.33			
		IT Equipment & Supplies App. Support	\$ 2,160.00			
		IT Software License and Support	\$ (7,727.46)			
		IT Equipment & Supplies	\$ 3,843.26			
		IT Equipment & Supplies End User	\$ 949.36			
		IT Equipment & Supplies / Print & Copy	\$ 1,803.53			
		Postage	\$ 24,390.82			
		Communication Supplies	\$ 215.98			
		Furniture	\$ 14,952.10			
		Miscellaneous Supplies	\$ 1,815.00			
		Security Alarm System Supplies	\$ 53.98			

Expenditures	Commitment Item	Account		Budget FY26	FY26 YTD Actual	Expenditures YTD FY25
		Gasoline	\$ 75.15			
		Office Security Supply Expenses	\$ 185.90			
		Instructional materials (Westlaw Library)	\$ 734.01			
		Promotional Materials	\$ 114.38			
		Admin Parking Badge	\$ 15.00			
		Other Supplies	\$ 314.95			
38440000	504000	Fixed Charges and Contributions		\$ -	\$ 448,621	\$ 455,198
		Rent- State Owned Property	\$ 120.00			
		PO Box Rent	\$ 4,344.00			
		Republic Parking	\$ 30,987.00			
		HUB Int'l-Cyber Insurance Policy	\$ 8,734.40			
		Dues & Membership Fees	\$ 8,888.00			
		Fees & Fines	\$ 3,500.00			
		Fees & Fines Background Checks (SLED)	\$ 26.00			
		Fees & Fines Licensing	\$ 171.20			
		EDI Lease (Usage)	\$ 11,463.31			
		EDI Lease (Interest)	\$ 7,436.69			
		Gallium (Rent)	\$ 362,487.32			
		Gallium (Interest)	\$ 10,463.08			
38440000	505000	Travel		\$ -	\$ 111,995	\$ 103,683
		In-State Meals	\$ 2,245.00			
		In-State Lodging	\$ 13,500.08			
		In-State Air	\$ 1,827.53			
		In-State Mileage	\$ 19,781.25			
		In-State Other	\$ 588.38			
		In-State Misc-Travel Expense	\$ 1,272.80			
		In-State Registration Fees	\$ 2,090.00			
		Subsistence	\$ 594.80			
		Out-of-State Meals	\$ 1,415.00			
		Out-of-State Lodging	\$ 7,190.34			
		Out-of-State Air Transport	\$ 3,725.87			
		Out-of-State Mileage	\$ 1,980.84			
		Out-of-State Other	\$ 1,826.04			
		Out-of-State Misc Travel	\$ 1,321.45			
		Out-of-State Registration Fees	\$ 7,014.00			
		State Fleet	\$ 45,621.59			
38440000	506000	Capital Equipment		\$ -	\$ 9,721	\$ -
		Point Security	\$ 9,721.20			
38440000	514000	Benefits and Claims			\$ 6,139	\$ 3,707
38440000	501070	Other Personal Services		\$ -	\$ 294	\$ 32,589
Total	512001	Other Operating		\$ 3,143,413	\$ 1,210,462	\$ 1,357,190
38440000	513000	Employer Contributions/ WC Insurance		\$ 80,000	\$ 18,917	\$ 776,507
Total Expenditures				\$ 3,383,413	\$ 1,229,379	\$ 3,810,595
				% of Budget Used	36%	113%
				% of Budget Remaining	64%	-13%
% Spend v. % Collected					45%	154%

