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SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

1333 Main Street, 5th Floor
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

September 14, 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 SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 | CHAIRMAN BECK |
| 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2026 (Tab 1) | CHAIRMAN BECK |
| 4. APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL TO SELF-INSURE (Tab 2)
A. Self-Insurance Department Report | MS. MCREE |
| 5. DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS' REPORTS
Administrative Services (Tab 3)
Information Services (Tab 4)
Insurance and Medical Services (Tab 5)
Claims (Tab 6)
Judicial (Tab 7) | MR. BURGHARDT
MR. PLUSS
MR. DUCOTE
MS. MCREE
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. ADJOURNMENT | CHAIRMAN BECK |

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THE
SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS'
COMPENSATION COMMISSION
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

August 17, 2026

A Business Meeting of the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission was held in Hearing Room A of the Workers' Compensation Commission on Monday, August 17, 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 physically present:

T. SCOTT BECK, CHAIRMAN
GENE MCCASKILL, VICE CHAIR
MELODY JAMES, COMMISSIONER
GABE COGGIOLA, COMMISSIONER
R. MICHAEL CAMPBELL, II, COMMISSIONER
CYNTHIA DOOLEY, COMMISSIONER
DEIDRA BYRD, COMMISSIONER

Present also were Kristen McRee, Executive Director, Keith Roberts, General Counsel, Attorney; Amy Bracy, Judicial Director; Blanca Marcus, Self- Insurance Director; Jerod Burghardt, Administrative Services Director; Sonji Spann, Claims Director; Francina Johnson, IT Consultant; Eric Baxley, Staff Attorney; Madison Seale, Staff Attorney. A representative from IWA participated by zoom.

Chairman Beck called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Chairman Beck welcomed Deidra Byrd as the new Commissioner.

AGENDA

Commissioner McCaskill moved that the agenda be approved. Commissioner Dooley seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING OF JULY 20, 2026

Commissioner McCaskill moved that the minutes of the Business Meeting of July 20, 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. Nine (9) prospective members of two (2) funds were presented to the Commission for approval. The applications under consideration were:

SC Home Builders SIF

Chavous Construction Company LLC
Creek Vista Homes LLC
Delta Force Services LLC
Fisherman Woodworks Inc
Greenwood Electric & HVAC LLC
Mac's Electrical Company LLC
RB's HHI Rentals Inc dba HHI Windows & Doors
Waterway Contracting of SC LLC

SCADA

Willis Automotive LLC dba Orangeburg Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram

We have received the following Form 7A applications for the following prospective subsidiaries of 2 self-insured entities.

Sonoco Products Company

Hartsville Corrugation LLC
RTS Packaging LLC
Sonoco Industrial Plastics LLC
Sonoco Metal Packaging LLC
Sonoco Paperboard Group
SPC Resources Inc

Daimler Truck North America LLC

Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation

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

Ms. Marcus also presented two (2) additional applications to be self-insured. One prospective self-insured and an amended application for a prospective self-insured that was previously contingent approved.

Commissioner McCaskill made a motion to carry over the amended T-Force application until next month. Commissioner Dooley seconded the motion.

Ms. Marcus also presented Titan America LLC to be self-insured. Commissioner James made a motion to approve contingent on a yearly audit. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion.

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

INFORMATION SERVICES

Ms. McRee presented Mr. Pluss' report in his absence. There were no comments or questions from the Commission.

INSURANCE AND MEDICAL SERVICES

Ms. McRee presented Mr. Ducote's report in his absence. 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 and the 2025-2026 Annual report. There were no questions from the Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner James made a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:12 a.m. Commissioner Dooley seconded the motion.

Commissioner James made a motion to rise from Executive Session at 11:25 a.m. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, noting no action was taken.

Commissioner James requested to amend the July 20, 2026, Regular Business Meeting Minutes to reflect no action was taken in the Executive Session. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion.

Commissioner McCaskill made a motion to approve the amended minutes for the July 20, 2026 Regular Business Meeting. Commissioner Dooley seconded the motion amending the minutes to reflect that no action was taken in the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The August 17, 2026, meeting of the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Reported September 8, 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: September 14, 2026
Subject: Administrative Department August 2026 Full Commission Report

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

I. Human Resources

The department finalized the separation of one employee and completed the hiring process for the paralegal position anticipated to onboard on September 17th. We also posted, reviewed and began the interview process for the Judicial Analyst position.

The department also processed a 2% general increase for all employees. We also completed and submitted the State Accident Fund Workers' Compensation Payroll report and the Human Rights Commission Annual Report.

II. Procurement

The department finalized all purchase orders and transferred all Legacy MOD funding back to the General Fund.

We assisted CBRE in hosting multiple contractors to walk through the space to provide a bid for complete carpet and painting uplift, pending the lease agreement.

The department onboarded the new security company, ensuring guards have the correct access, understand day-to-day operations and how to handle different situations, and meet reporting requirements.

III. Finance

The department processed 97 invoices. The department is currently rebuilding a PowerBI report to visualize encumbrance amounts in the Earmarked and General funds. This will help us maintain an accurate prediction of our end-of-year spending.

IV. Other Duties

LinkedIn had 1203 Impressions and 19 reactions in August, with just 2 posts. Commissioner Byrd's welcome post attained a 13.5% engagement rate with 547 impressions, and the monthly business meeting received a 24.7% engagement rate with 85 impressions.

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To: Kristen McRee, SCWCC Executive Director
From: Kris Pluss, IT Director
Date: September 9, 2026
Subject: IT Department August 2026 Full Commission Report

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

I. Agency Support, Stakeholder Outreach:

Several external stakeholders identified an issue with ePay using the SC.Gov Wallet feature and not receiving a submission confirmation email. The stakeholders were able to upload the forms (ex. Form 50 with request for a Hearing) and process a fee, but no confirmation emails were sent to the submitter or the Commission. WCC IT contacted SC.Gov to report the issue and have been manually checking the submissions daily to forward copies of the forms to the correct department. SC.Gov is working with their payment processor to correct the situation.

Help Desk Tickets Created in August 2026:

Tickets that were assigned a priority of Low/Medium	82
Tickets that were assigned a priority of High	1
Ticket(s) that were assigned a priority of Urgent	0
Total amount of Help Desk tickets created during August 2026	83

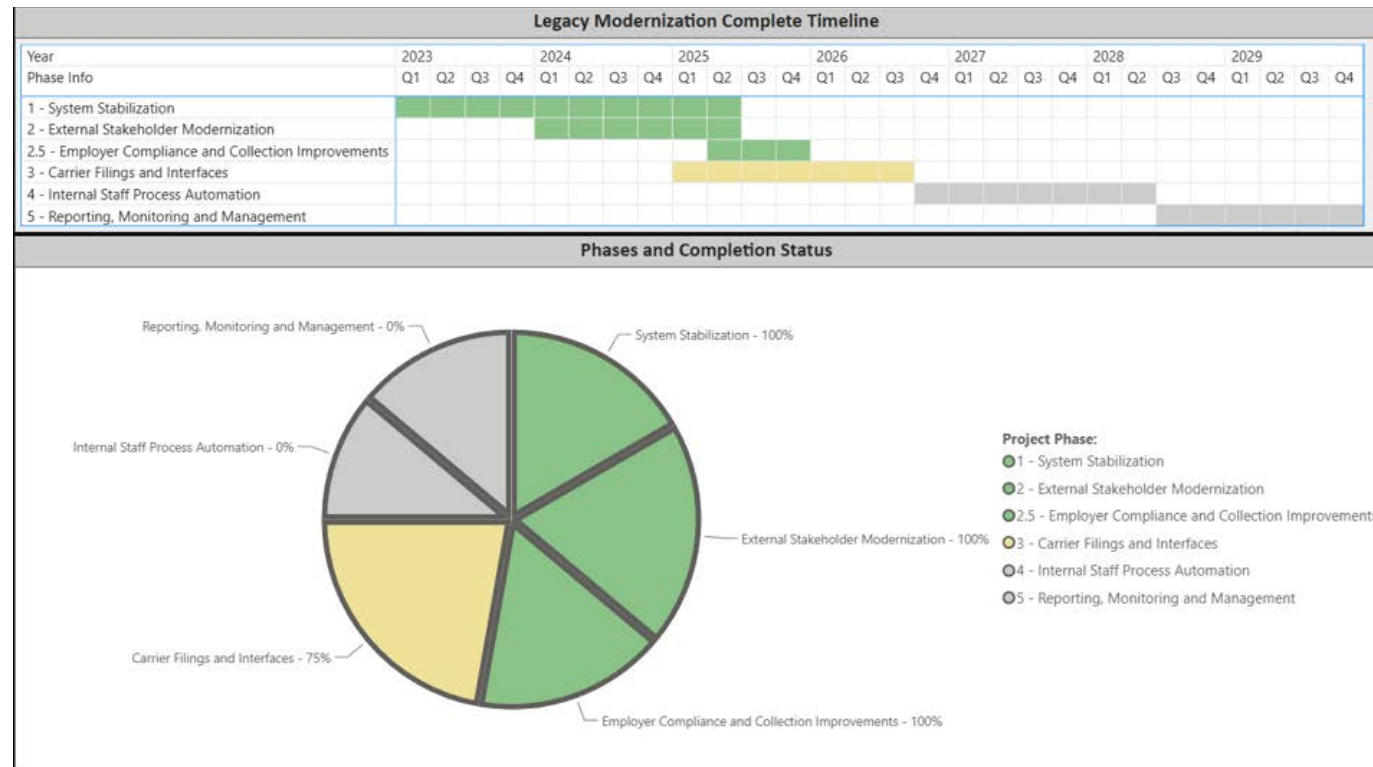
II. Systems Operations, Maintenance and Support:

Legacy Modernization Project:

Phase 3.5 Update – Request to cancel a scheduled hearing in eCase: Multiple sessions were held with Keymark and WCC IT in August. The first group of hearing types that will be deployed in eCase were identified and will go into production when testing is completed. These are hearings that were scheduled by filing a Form 21 (Stop Payment and Credit, Stop Payment, Pay Credit and Comp). Several items were identified that required additional development and are being addressed with KeyMark and Progress.

Percent of Legacy Modernization Completed by Phase

Phase 3.5 / Carrier Filings and Interfaces



- Complete EDI 3.1 migration to Verisk.
- Build Report Server to allow on-demand updates to pre-built reports.
- Creation of an Interim Commission process in eCase, Progress and OnBase for District 7.
- Cancel Scheduled Hearing Request in eCase for External Stakeholders.

Verisk EDI Automated Filings:

70.32% of filings by the carriers were accepted by Verisk in August 2026.

eFile / ePay Submissions:Percent of Change from Previous Month:

Type	July	Aug	Percent Change
Total Unique Submissions	4,769	4,949	4%
Payment	1,625	1,728	6%
No Payment	3,144	3,221	2%
Total Amount Paid Online	\$131,255	\$158,255	21%
Fees	\$73,800	\$76,500	4%
Fines	\$56,025	\$80,675	44%
Other	\$1,430	\$1,080	-24%

Online Activity – Monthly and YTD:

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	4,318	4,723	4,769	4,949					37,166
Submissions with Payment	1,333	1,308	1,814	1,509	1,424	1,572	1,625	1,728					12,313
Submissions with No Payment	2,835	2,940	3,334	3,334	2,894	3,151	3,144	3,221					24,853
Judicial Pleadings (Online vs. Physical)													Judicial Pleadings
Claimant Pleadings													Claimant Only
Total Claimant Pleadings	649	532	664	628	655	660	603	674					5,065
Percent Claimant Online	68%	82%	91%	72%	69%	80%	87%	73%					78%
Percent Claimant Physical	32%	18%	9%	28%	31%	20%	13%	27%					22%
Defense Pleadings													Defense Only
Total Defense Pleadings	269	233	252	309	260	293	230	276					2,122
Percent Defense Online	62%	67%	83%	58%	67%	69%	83%	74%					70%
Percent Defense Physical	38%	33%	17%	42%	33%	31%	17%	26%					30%
Combined Pleadings (Claimant + Defense)													Combined Pleadings
Total Combined Pleadings	918	765	916	937	915	953	833	950					7,187
Online Payments (ePay)													Online Payments
Total Amount Paid Online	\$107,910	\$696,744	\$447,559	\$137,369	\$128,690	\$126,205	\$131,255	\$158,255					\$1,933,986
Payments for Fees and Fines	\$106,575	\$100,175	\$151,375	\$132,968	\$127,035	\$124,750	\$129,825	\$157,175					\$1,029,878
Fees	\$60,500	\$59,925	\$79,125	\$64,600	\$62,450	\$70,950	\$73,800	\$76,500					\$547,850
Fines	\$46,075	\$40,250	\$72,250	\$68,368	\$64,585	\$53,800	\$56,025	\$80,675					\$482,028
Other Payments	\$1,335	\$596,569	\$296,184	\$4,401	\$1,655	\$1,455	\$1,430	\$1,080					\$904,108

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Workers' Compensation Commission

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 9, 2026

To: Kristen McRee
Executive Director

From: Wayne Ducote
Insurance & Medical Services Director

RE: Monthly Insurance & Medical Services Report for August 2026

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

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

Coverage Division

The Coverage Division had 66 new registrants for notification of lapse in coverage within our coverage notification system. No lapse in coverage notifications were sent.

The Coverage Division processed 2,092 Form 12As submitted electronically through the Verisk system and processed 292 manually filed Form 50s into the Verisk system.

Compliance Division

The Compliance Division created 264 DEW compliance investigation files. Of those 264 files, 31 files were closed immediately due to coverage being located. The remaining 233 files were opened for further investigation, and notifications were sent to employers.

The Compliance Division collected \$98,200 in non-compliance penalties and compelled 92 employers to come into compliance with the Act, which resulted in 599 more employees now covered by workers' compensation insurance than were previously covered. In addition, the GEAR program collected \$38.28 from one of our old non-compliant employers, which satisfied that employer's total outstanding debt.

The Compliance Division docketed 15 carriers for a Rule to Show Cause Hearing in August. All 15 carriers resolved their outstanding fines, totaling \$5,200, prior to the scheduled hearing date.

Medical Services Division

The Medical Services Division resolved 11 formal medical bill disputes and completed 6 medical bill reviews. Additionally, the Medical Services Division had 206 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															
August 2026 Monthly Report															
	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD Total FY26-27	YTD Total FY25-26	% Chg FY26
COMPLIANCE															
Total Cases Active at Beginning of Period	688	695											1,383	641	116%
Total Cases Initiated	247	304											551	589	-6%
Total Cases Closed	240	255											495	612	-19%
Total Cases Active at End of Period	695	744											1,439	618	133%
Cases from F50/12A/other	20	21											41	52	-21%
Cases from DEW	221	264											485	508	-5%
Cases from Carriers	15	15											30	34	-12%
Total Fines Assessed	\$ 102,861	\$ 142,250											\$ 245,111	\$ 209,802	17%
- DEW / Coverage / Miscellaneous	\$ 102,861	\$ 142,250											\$ 245,111	\$ 204,052	20%
- Underlying claim / uninsured employer	\$0	\$0											\$0	\$ 5,750	
Total Fines Collected	\$ 83,985	\$ 98,200											\$ 182,185	\$ 215,459	-15%
- DEW / Coverage / Miscellaneous	\$ 83,985	\$ 98,100											\$ 182,085	\$ 210,459	-13%
- Underlying claim / uninsured employer	\$0	\$ 100											\$100	\$ 5,000	-98%
Fines Waived/Rescinded/Uncollectable	\$ 2,750	\$ 1,500											\$ 4,250	\$ 15,750	-73%
- Waived	\$ 1,500	\$0											\$ 1,500	\$ 4,750	-68%
- Rescinded	\$ 1,250	\$1,500											\$ 2,750	\$ 11,000	-75%
- Uncollectable	\$0	\$0											\$0	\$0	
Employer RTSC Cases Docketed	0	0											0	9	
Employers Compelled Into Compliance	55	92											147	92	60%
Previous Uninsured Employees Now Covered	330	599											929	491	89%
Carrier RTSC Cases Docketed	0	15											15	32	-53%
Carrier RTSC Cases Resolved	0	15											15	32	-53%
Carrier RTSC Fines Resolved	\$0	\$5,200											\$5,200	\$30,800	-83%
COVERAGE & ACCIDENT RPTG															
Employers Withdrawing From the Act	3	5											8	14	-43%
Coverage Fines Assessed	\$ 33,700	\$ 26,550											\$ 60,250	\$ 77,150	-22%
Coverage Fines Collected	\$ 22,250	\$ 20,300											\$ 42,550	\$ 44,000	-3%
Coverage Fines Waived	\$ 4,200	\$ 4,800											\$ 9,000	\$ 17,000	-47%
Number of 12As Filed EDI	1,929	2,092											4,021	3,801	6%
Number of 12As Filed Manually	285	292											577	530	9%
Total Number of WCC Files Created	2,214	2,384											4,598	4,331	6%
Number of Fatalities Filed on 12As	4	8											12	17	-29%
MEDICAL SERVICES															
Bills Pending at Beginning of Period	7	7											14	20	-30%
Bills Received	15	13											28	12	133%
Bills to be Reviewed	22	20											42	32	31%
Bills Reviewed this Month	15	11											26	16	63%
Bills Pending at End of Period	7	9											16	16	0%
Total Stakeholder Contacts	302	206											508	218	133%

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Workers' Compensation Commission

MEMORANDUM

To: Kristen McRee, Executive Director

From: Sonji Spann, Claims Director

Date: September 14, 2026

Re: Claims Department September 2026 Full Commission Report

Attached is the Statistical Report for the Claims Department for the period July 1, 2026 – August 31, 2026, prepared for the Business Meeting on September 14, 2026.

The total Claims Activities for this period have decreased 4% when compared to the same period from last fiscal year. The new data in the Returned Forms Categories (Forms 15-I, 15-II, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 61, clinchers & third-party settlements) accounts for 579 or 4% of the total activities.

When compared to the same period last fiscal year, the number of cases reviewed decreased by 7%; the number of cases closed decreased by 10%; the number of Total Fines Assessed decreased by 6%; and the Total Fines Paid decreased by 39%. The number of Form 18 fines assessed automatically by the IT system decreased by 8%.

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

**Claims Department Statistical Report
FY2026-2027**

Claims Activities	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY26-27 YTD Total	FY25-26 YTD Total	% Diff from prev year
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(o)	(p)	(q)
Forms 15-I - Processed	1123	1070											2193	2336	-6%
Forms 15-I - Returned*	24	39											63	60	5%
Forms 15-II/Forms 17 Processed	741	723											1464	1512	-3%
Forms 15-II/Forms 17 Returned *	96	106											202	182	11%
Forms 16 for PPD Processed	64	44											108	98	10%
Forms 16 for PPD Returned*	0	0											0		#DIV/0!
Forms 18 - Processed	5070	4740											9810	9697	1%
Forms 18 - Returned*	0	0											0		#DIV/0!
Forms 20 - Processed	522	519											1041	1211	-14%
Forms 20 - Returned*	0	0											0		#DIV/0!
Form 61 - Processed	748	716											1464	1487	-2%
Form 61 - Returned*	42	45											87	75	16%
Clinchers - Processed	700	629											1329	1346	-1%
Clinchers - Returned*	21	25											46	22	109%
Third Party Settlements Processed	22	18											40	46	-13%
Third Party Settlements Returned*	6	7											13	1	1200%
SSA Requests for Info	74	48											122	90	36%
Cases Closed Form 19 - Processed	2192	2047											4239	4731	-10%
Cases Closed Form 19 - Returned*	397	357											754	790	-5%
Cases Reviewed	3319	3133											6452	6901	-7%
Total	15161	14266	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29427	30585	-4%
Total Fines Assessed	246	267											513	544	-6%
Form 18 Fines	207	231											438	474	-8%
Total Amt Paid	31400	33400											64800	106650	-39%

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September 3, 2026

To: Kristen McRee, Executive Director

From: Amy A. Bracy, Judicial Director

RE: Monthly Judicial Report for August 2026

During the month of August, the Judicial Department processed three hundred eighty-three (383) claim only 50s, and nine hundred fifty (950) 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 3%. The department received one hundred (100) motions, a 2% decrease compared to the same period last year and one hundred thirteen (113) clincher conference requests, a 23% decrease compared to the same time last year.

There were fifty (50) Single Commissioner hearings conducted during the past month, thirteen (13) pre-hearing conferences held, and seven (7) Full Commission hearings held. A total of four hundred eighty-five (485) orders (Single Commissioner orders, consent orders and administrative orders) were served at the Single Commissioner level, thirty-four (34) of those were decision and orders that resulted from hearings, three hundred three (303) were consent orders and one hundred twenty-three (123) were motion orders that were a result of motions ruled upon by Commissioners. The remaining twenty-five (25) orders were general administrative orders.

There were two hundred thirty-six (236) informal conferences requested during August and two hundred six (206) were conducted.

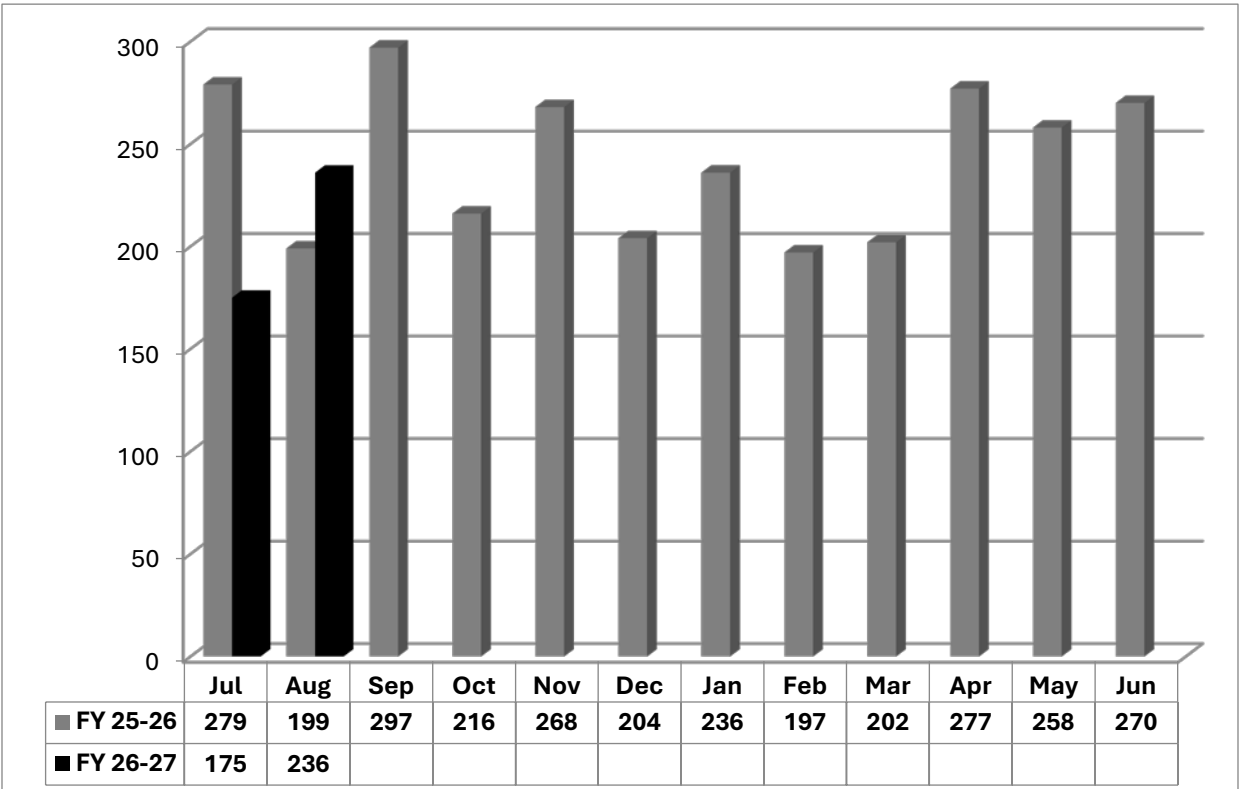
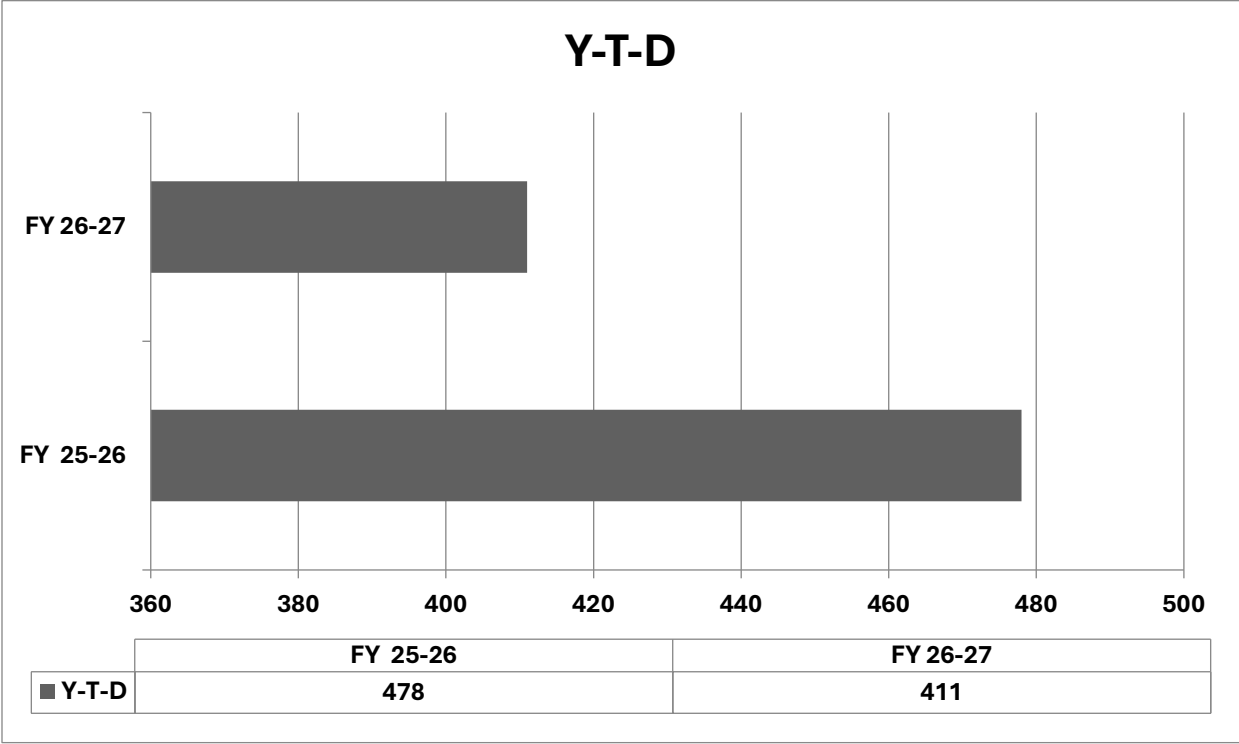
There were twenty-nine (29) regulatory mediations scheduled and seventy-five (75) requested mediations. Totals for regulatory mediations are down 23% and requested mediations are up 1% for the same period last year. The Judicial Department was notified of seventy-eight (78) matters resolved in mediation, with the receipt of Forms 70. This category's total is down 14% 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 August, there were two (2) Notices of Intent to Appeal to the Court of Appeals and zero (0) to the Circuit Court.

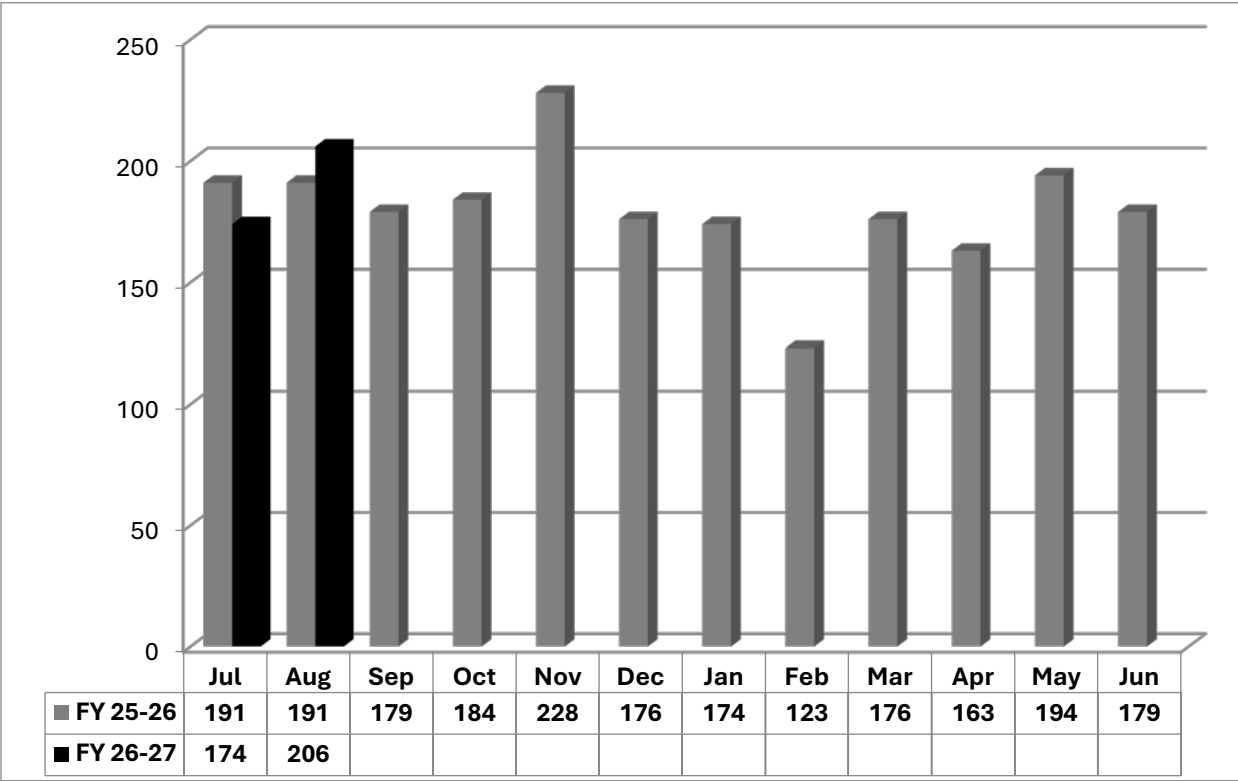
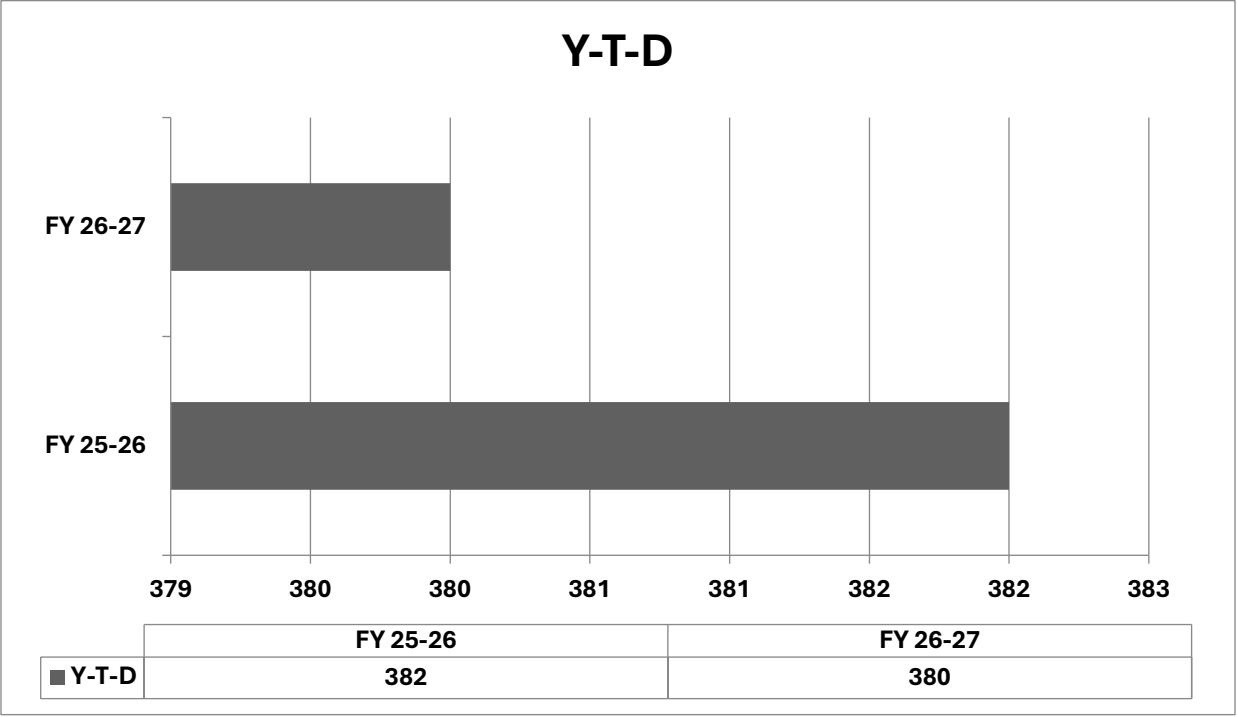
Judicial Department Statistical Report
Statistics For Fiscal Year 2026-2027 - Updated Version

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Totals YTD 2026-2027	Totals YTD 2025-2026	% Diff from prev year
Claimant Pleadings	604	674				1,278	1,231	4%
Claimant Pleadings - Not proper (new)	93	88				181	167	8%
Defense Response to Pleadings	477	558				1,035	999	4%
Defense Pleadings	230	276				506	522	-3%
Defense Pleadings - Not proper (new)	52	50				102	114	-11%
Form 50 - Claim Only	454	383				837	574	46%
Letters of Representation	230	363				593	346	71%
Motions	125	100				225	229	-2%
Motion - Reliefs of Counsel (new)	85	88				173	120	44%
Motions Improper (Motions and ROC) (new)	37	37				74	71	4%
Form 30	12	4				16	17	-6%
FC Hearings Held	2	7				9	15	-40%
FC Orders Served	24	6				30	25	20%
Single Comm. Hearings Held	49	50				99	106	-7%
Single Comm. Orders Served	540	485				1,025	971	6%
Single Comm. Pre-Hearing Conf Held	15	13				28	18	56%
Clincher Conference Requested	118	113				231	299	-23%
Informal Conference Requested	175	236				411	478	-14%
Informal Conference Conducted	174	206				380	382	-1%
Regulatory Mediations	18	29				47	61	-23%
Requested Mediations	96	75				171	169	1%
Mediation Resolved	30	78				108	126	-14%
Mediation Impasse	3	23				26	49	-47%
Claim Settled Prior to Mediation	22	23				45	20	125%
Total	3,665	3,965	-	-	-	7,630	7,109	7%

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT INFORMAL CONFERENCES REQUESTED YTD AUGUST 2026



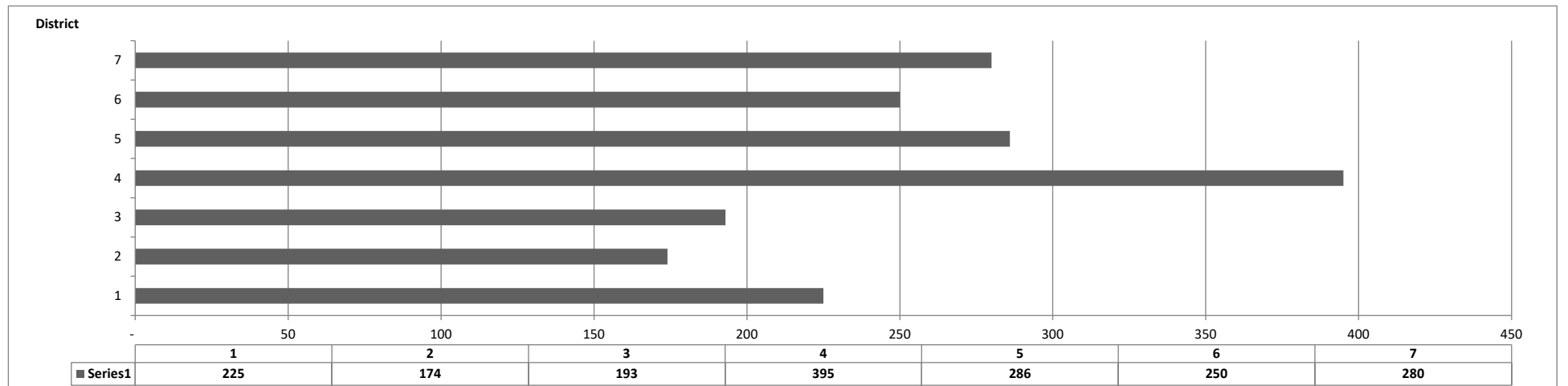
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT INFORMAL CONFERENCES CONDUCTED YTD AUGUST 2026



Pleadings Assigned - Three Year Comparison by Month

	District 1 Greenville			District 2 Anderson			District 3 Orangeburg			District 4 Charleston			District 5 Florence			District 6 Spartanburg			District 7 Richland		
	26-27	25-26	24-25	26-27	25-26	24-25	26-27	25-26	24-25	26-27	25-26	24-25	26-27	25-26	24-25	26-27	25-26	24-25	26-27	25-26	24-25
Jul	92	96	130	81	80	101	80	99	125	193	153	172	126	129	152	123	103	123	135	131	146
Aug	133	118	93	93	89	74	113	112	135	202	188	186	160	140	111	127	126	135	145	168	179
Sep		109	78		73	49		98	70		160	126		138	96		115	89		141	97
Oct		125	123		72	111		115	125		199	244		157	183		141	149		157	168
Nov		122	73		70	48		114	85		157	164		122	122		94	112		138	120
Dec		104	117		70	68		95	118		173	157		150	145		111	128		147	136
Jan		87	108		81	76		112	106		158	152		125	142		97	111		146	143
Feb		96	88		65	64		98	83		162	136		131	133		101	112		140	132
Mar		101	91		58	78		98	88		164	200		136	152		106	110		150	143
Apr		137	103		83	90		134	82		246	157		148	127		127	97		166	135
May		90	109		90	55		106	120		200	179		145	115		119	97		170	135
Jun		116	114		79	88		104	140		206	183		139	148		126	123		132	162
Totals	225	1,301	1,227	174	910	902	193	1,285	1,277	395	2,166	2,056	286	1,660	1,626	250	1,366	1,386	280	1,786	1,696

Pleadings Assigned by District Year to Date



TAB 8

State of South Carolina



Workers' Compensation Commission

Executive Director's Report

September 14, 2026

Meetings and Other Activities

During the month of September, the Executive Director participated in three (3) interviews: 2 for the vacant ombudsman position and one for the paralegal position in the Legal Department; attended and presented at the South Carolina Orthopedic Association Annual Meeting (SCOA), the SAWCA Regulator's College at the Workers' Compensation Institute (WCI) Annual Conference, and the South Carolina Bar Association's Workers' Compensation Essentials Course; met with the Department of Administration Financial Shared Services Budget Division, attended the Executive Budget Office Budget Advisory Group meeting, and met with the Commission's new Executive Budget Office Liaison; met with Department of Administration Facilities Management staff; attended a CE Board training session at the Department of Insurance, held a meeting with FairHealth and a meeting with NCCI to discuss the Commission's 2027 fee schedule and recent data call; participated in the first Ad Hoc Committee meeting; met with a self-insured entity and a prospective new insurance carrier; held one-on-one meetings with department heads and a monthly department head meeting; and met with a workers' compensation educational materials vendor.

Constituent /Public Information Services

For the month of September, the Executive Director's and the General Counsel's offices had sixty-four (64) contacts with stakeholders.

Financial Transactions and Procurement Activity

During the month of September, the Executive Director's office processed and approved ten (10) travel expense reports, ninety-seven (97) invoices, and fifty-two (52) deposits. The office also reviewed and approved two (2) year-end financial reporting packages. All documentation related to these financial transactions was sent to Admin to process in the SCEIS system.

The Annual Fines & Fees Report was prepared and sent to the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and Senate Finance Committee and posted on the Commission's website per proviso 117.69.

SCWCC Stakeholder Electronic Distribution List

For the month of September, the Executive Director's office had sixteen (16) deletions and two (2) additions to the distribution list.

Advisory Notices

During the month of September, the office posted two (2) 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.

Legislation

H 5126 (Budget Bill) was ratified by the General Assembly on August 11, 2026. The details of the bill are discussed in further detail in the Financial Report.

Vocational Rehab

There were 2,047 closed in the month of August; all claims were referred for disposition by Vocational Rehabilitation in September 2026.

TAB 9

State of South Carolina

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Workers' Compensation Commission

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioners

FROM: Kristen McRee, Executive Director

DATE: September 14, 2026

RE: FINANCIAL REPORT – FY 27 Period 2 ending August 31, 2026

Attached is the Budget vs. Actual Report for the General Fund and Earmarked Fund for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026. The benchmark for this period is 17%.

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

The total expenditure for the General Fund year-to-date is \$1,018,155 or 17% of the annual budget.

The FY 2026-2027 budget (H 5126) was ratified by the General Assembly on August 11, 2026. The Governor's 16 vetoes to the bill effect other agencies and private entities such as the Department on Aging, Department of Education, the Adjutant General's Office, the Office of Resilience, and Scout Motors. One veto strikes Proviso 117.226 (Authorizations for Excess Expenditures) from the bill removing the legislative restriction on agency expenditures that exceed appropriations.

The balance of the funds appropriated by the General Assembly for the IT System Modernization Project has decreased 43% to \$951,611 from its original balance of \$1,695,084 because of expenses related to the IT Legacy System upgrades. The current fund balance includes \$150,653 of commitments.

The balance of the non-recurring appropriation funds for the IT System Project remains stable at \$1,000,000.

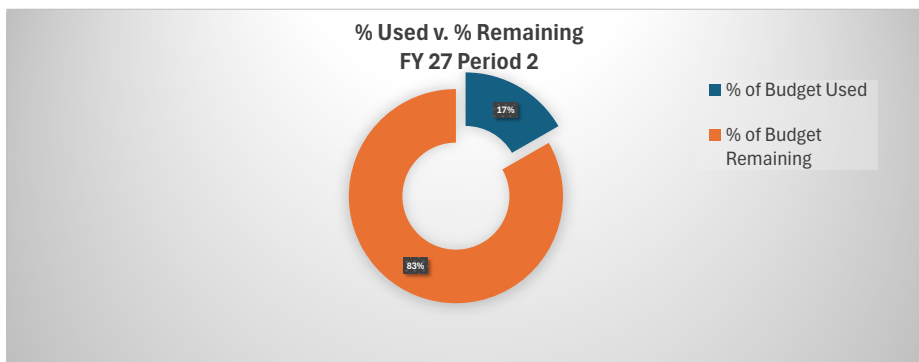
Expenditures – Earmarked Fund – Annual Budget \$1,714,929

The Earmarked Fund (38440000) total expenditures year-to-date are \$245,517 which is 14% of budget.

Revenues – Earmarked Annual Budget \$3,008,370

The Commission posted \$476,877 in Earmarked Fund operating revenues year-to-date, which is 16% of the annual budget.

Statement of General Fund Expenditures and Revenues Fiscal Year 2027							
Period 2 Ending 8/31/2026 - 17% of year elapsed							
	Fund	Commitment Item			Budget	FY27 YTD Actual	FY26 YTD Actual
Revenues							
General Fund Appropriation	10010000				\$ 6,016,541	\$ 6,016,541	\$ 6,016,541
General Fund Adjustments	10010000	516001			\$ 79,788	\$ 79,788	\$ 79,788
Total Revenues					\$ 6,096,329	\$ 6,096,329	\$ 6,096,329
Expenditures							
			Account		Budget	FY27 YTD Actual	FY26 YTD Actual
	10010000	501026	Chairman		\$ 198,182	\$ 32,383	\$ 40,478
	10010000	501033	Commissioners		\$ 1,154,446	\$ 166,485	\$ 235,794
	10010000	501015	Director		\$ 163,546	\$ 26,723	\$ 33,404
	10010000	501058	Classified Positions		\$ 2,903,769	\$ 441,936	\$ 543,136
			Admin	\$ 519,821			
			AA's	\$ 464,052			
			Claims	\$ 331,819			
			IMS	\$ 440,745			
			Judicial	\$ 510,003			
			Self-Insurance	\$ 125,428			
			IT	\$ 511,901			
Total Payroll:					\$ 4,419,943	\$ 667,527	\$ 852,812
	10010000	501050	Taxable Subsistence		\$ -	\$ 18,650	\$ 19,579
	10010000	501070	Other Personnel Services		\$ -	\$ 32,650	\$ 8,962
	10010000	5020000	Contractual Services		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	10010000	503000	Supply and Material		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	10010000	513000	Employer Contributions		\$ 1,689,715	\$ 299,328	\$ 372,310
	10010000	504000	Fixed Charges and Cont			\$ -	\$ -
			Insurance-State	\$ -			
			Dues/ Membership Fees	\$ -			
			Rent- Gallium	\$ -			
			Rent- Interest	\$ -			
Total Expenditures						\$ 1,018,155	\$ 1,253,663
Budget Including Carryforward Balance						\$ 6,096,329	
				% of Budget Used			
				Used	17%		21%
				% of Budget Remaining			
				Remaining	83%		79%



Statement of Earmarked Fund Revenues and Expenditures Fiscal Year 2027
Period 2 Ending 8/31/2026- 17% of Year elapsed

	Commitment Item	Account		Budget FY27	FY27 YTD Actual	FY26 YTD Revenues
Revenues						
38440000	4110090000	Hearing Fees		\$ 1,164,500	\$ 199,003	\$ 191,475
38440000	4160040000	Self-Ins Application Fee		\$ 500	\$ -	-
38440000	4223030000	Filing Violations		\$ 1,800,000	\$ 272,413	\$ 355,931
38440000	4226020000	Settlements		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
38440000	4350040000	Parking Fees		\$ 5,500	\$ 830	\$ 1,175
38440000	4350140000	WC Appeal Fees		\$ 13,500	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,100
38440000	4380020000	Training & Conference Registration		\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -
38440000	4380050000	Photocopying Fees		\$ 15,500	\$ 2,056	\$ 476,877
38440000	4480020000	Sale of Services		\$ 3,120	\$ -	\$ -
38440000	4480060000	Sale of Listings and Labels		\$ 4,750	\$ 675	\$ 700
38440000	4520010000	Refund Prior Year Expenditure		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
38440000	4530010000	Returned Checks		\$ -	\$ (300)	\$ (50)
38440000	4530020000	Adjustment of Agency Deposits		\$ -	\$ -	
38440000	4530030000	Miscellaneous Revenue		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 674
Total Revenues				\$ 3,008,370	\$ 476,877	\$ 1,028,882
% of Budget Collected					16%	34%
% of Budget Outstanding					84%	66%
Expenditures	Commitment Item	Account		Budget FY27	FY27 YTD Actual	YTD FY26 Expenditures
38440000	501058	Classified Positions		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Other Operating				
38440000	502000	Contractual Services		\$ 650,000	\$ 119,879	\$ 125,685
		Software Development- 3rd Party	\$ 6,075.00			
		Print Costs	\$ -			
		Photographic Services	\$ -			
		IT- Application Support- Data Network	\$ 11,016.00			
		Verizon Internet	\$ -			
		Verizon Hotspot	\$ -			
		Segra	\$ 1,357.98			
		DTO	\$ 60,872.10			
		FedEX	\$ 227.84			
		Verizon/AT&T	\$ 132.30			
		Legal Services	\$ -			
		Transcripts	\$ 412.50			
		Ct. Reporters	\$ 10,927.50			
		Attorney Fees	\$ -			
		Admin Shared Services MOU	\$ 9,750.00			
		Education & Training - Non-State	\$ -			
		Education & Training- State	\$ -			
		Motorized Vehicle Services	\$ -			
		Motorized Vehicle Services / Carwash	\$ -			
		General Repair	\$ -			
		Sonitrol	\$ 4,585.56			
		Laundry Services	\$ -			
		Junk King (Rubbish Removal)	\$ -			
		OSA Audit Charges	\$ -			

Expenditures	Commitment Item	Account		Budget FY27	FY27 YTD Actual	YTD FY26 Expenditures
		Management Consultants	\$ 5,000.49			
		Catering	\$ -			
		Other Professional Services	\$ -			
		Lionbridge	\$ 9.00			
		Miscellaneous Contractual Services	\$ -			
		Signature Catering	\$ -			
		Security Services	\$ 9,450.00			
		Shred America	\$ 62.50			
38440000	503000	Supply and Material		\$ 275,000	\$ 49,705	\$ 111,537
		Office Supplies	\$ 1,060.10			
		Subscriptions (Lexis & Westlaw)	\$ 10,734.40			
		Custom Printed Materials	\$ -			
		IT Equipment & Supplies App. Support	\$ 1,080.00			
		IT Software License and Support	\$ 16,080.00			
		IT Equipment & Supplies	\$ 222.48			
		IT Equipment & Supplies End User	\$ (188.75)			
		IT Equipment & Supplies / Print & Copy	\$ -			
		Postage	\$ 20,018.25			
		Communication Supplies	\$ -			
		Furniture	\$ -			
		Miscellaneous Supplies	\$ -			
		Ballistic Barrier Products	\$ -			
		Security Alarm System Supplies	\$ -			
		Gasoline	\$ -			
		Office Security Supply Expenses	\$ -			
		Educational Supplies / Books	\$ -			
		Instructional materials (Westlaw Library)	\$ -			
		Promotional Materials	\$ 160.82			
		Palmetto Shop	\$ -			
		Employee Recognition	\$ 533.03			
		Admin Parking Badge	\$ 5.00			
		Other Supplies	\$ -			
38440000	504000	Fixed Charges and Contributions		\$ 550,000	\$ 58,223	\$ 130,488
		Xerox	\$ 750.97			
		Rent- State Owned Property	\$ 120.00			
		Phillips Market Center Rent	\$ -			
		PO Box Rent	\$ -			
		Pro-Park	\$ 8,500.00			
		Hub Int'l	\$ 8,782.10			
		Insurance-State	\$ -			
		Insurance-State Motor vehicle	\$ -			
		Dues & Membership Fees	\$ 1,940.00			
		Fees & Fines	\$ -			
		Fees & Fines Background Checks (SLED)	\$ -			
		Fees & Fines Licensing	\$ -			
		EDI Lease (Usage)	\$ -			
		EDI Lease (Interest)	\$ -			
		Gallium (Rent)	\$ 38,130.06			
		Gallium (Interest)	\$ -			
38440000	505000	Travel		\$ 150,000	\$ 17,560	\$ 28,306
		In-State Meals	\$ 47.00			

Expenditures	Commitment Item	Account		Budget FY27	FY27 YTD Actual	YTD FY26 Expenditures
		In-State Lodging	\$ -			
		In-State Air	\$ -			
		In-State Mileage	\$ 2,302.40			
		In-State Other	\$ -			
		In-State Misc-Travel Expense	\$ 31.80			
		In-State Registration Fees	\$ 295.00			
		Subsistence	\$ -			
		Out-of-State Meals	\$ 510.00			
		Out-of-State Lodging	\$ 8,122.92			
		Out-of-State Air Transport	\$ -			
		Out-of-State Mileage	\$ 1,438.24			
		Out-of-State Other	\$ 227.75			
		Out-of-State Misc Travel	\$ 617.56			
		Out-of-State Registration Fees	\$ (285.00)			
		Reportable Meals	\$ 155.00			
		State Fleet	\$ 4,096.88			
38440000	506000	Capital Equipment		\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -
		Point Security	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
38440000	514000	Benefits and Claims			\$ -	\$ 1,604
38440000	501070	Other Personal Services		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	512001	Other Operating		\$ 1,640,000	\$ 245,367	\$ 397,620
38440000	513000	Employer Contributions/ WC Insurance		\$ 74,929	\$ 150	\$ 16,607
Total Expenditures				\$ 1,714,929	\$ 245,517	\$ 414,227
				% of Budget Used	14%	24%
				% of Budget Remaining	86%	76%
% Spend v. % Collected					51%	40%

**% Used v. % Remaining
FY 27 Period 2**

