



MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Date: November 19, 2024, upon adjournment of BEA meeting
Location: Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, Conference Room 417/Web Conference
Subject: Minutes of the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs (RFA) Board Meeting

Participants: *Board Members* – Edward Grimball- Chairman, Curtis Hutto, and Dr. Michael Mikota (*all via web conference*). Frank Rainwater– Executive Director, *Staff* – Paul Athey, Lisa Jolliff; **Attendees:** *RFA* – Kathryn Kelley, Emily Prosser, and Matt Wellslager. *Additional participants via web conference.*

Note: Guests were invited to attend in-person or virtually. An email invitation was sent to the Distribution list and the meeting notification was posted on the RFA website and in the Rembert Dennis Building. Meeting information and log-in instructions were posted online. Meeting materials were posted online prior to the start of the meeting, and the documents were also shared via web conference.

- I. Chairman Grimball called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m., shortly after the Board of Economic Advisors meeting adjourned.
- II. Chairman Grimball presented the June 20, 2024, meeting minutes, which previously had been shared with the Members, and asked if any Member had edits or questions. Hearing no amendments or objections, Chairman Grimball declared the minutes approved as written. ([See minutes](#))
- III. Agency Updates ([See materials](#)):

Mr. Rainwater began the meeting by noting that by statute, the Board is required to set the 911 Wireless Fee for the state. For several years, the modeling and recent experiences have indicated a declining fund balance and a need to increase the wireless fee to meet expected costs and maintain an appropriate reserve balance. Cost efficiencies and cost controls have also been implemented to delay this increase.

- A. Paul Athey provided an update on the SC Wireless 911 Program. Highlights included:
 - The appropriate level for the monthly wireless 911 surcharge is evaluated annually based on the fiscal model and has remained at \$0.62 since 2014.
 - As previously discussed, the fiscal model has consistently indicated a need to increase this monthly fee in January 2025 to account for costs associated with new technologies while maintaining sufficient reserve funds.
 - Compared to the previous year fiscal model projections, collections and expenditures are running close to projections and continue to reflect the need to increase the fee.
 - The updated fiscal model for calendar year 2025 continues to reflect this necessary adjustment.

Mr. Athey presented the annual adoption of the Wireless Fee (§23-47-50(F)) for calendar year 2025 and recommended increasing from \$0.62 to \$0.65 per month.

Chairman Grimball called for the adoption of the wireless fee for 2025 pursuant to §23-47-50(F). Dr. Mikota moved to increase the wireless fee of \$0.62 per month to \$0.65 per month for the calendar year 2025. Mr. Hutto seconded the motion, all voted aye, and the motion was adopted.

Members asked questions throughout the presentation, which generated further discussion between Members and staff. Chairman Grimball thanked Mr. Athey and the SC Wireless 911 Program staff for all that they do.

IV. Other Items for Discussion

No items for discussion.

V. The next scheduled meeting, if necessary, is December 12, 2024.

VI. Dr. Mikota moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Hutto seconded the motion. All voted aye, and the meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Public notice of this meeting was posted at <http://rfa.sc.gov> and the Rembert Dennis Building.

These minutes were approved on 1/23/2025

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