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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**Date:** February 12, 2026, 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 (*via web conference*). Frank Rainwater – Executive Director, *Staff* – Paul Athey, Chris Finney, Lisa Jolliff, and Chris Rabon; **Attendees:** *RFA* – Christy Jacobs, Kathryn Kelley, Emily Prosser, and Matt Wellslager. *Fifty-five 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 9:32 a.m., shortly after the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Board meeting adjourned.
- II. Chairman Grimball presented the January 22, 2026, 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 Matters ([See materials](#)):  
Frank Rainwater introduced Paul Athey who provided updates on the Mapping and Operations Division. His key points included:  
County Boundary Program:
  - To date, Geodetic Survey staff have completed all boundaries for 18 counties, with an additional seven counties to be completed by year-end.
  - Meetings with county officials for five projects and public meetings for eight projects should be completed in the coming year.Beach Erosion Research and Monitoring (BERM) Project:
  - Geodetic Survey has been contracted by the Department of Environmental Services (DES) for a five-year period to evaluate the state's coastline for potential erosion impacts.
  - Staff are currently in year two of this project and are working on Edisto, Seabrook, and Kiawah; of these three areas of coastline, a total of three monuments needed to be replaced due to landscaping and construction damage.
  - The GIS team assisted by creating an interactive web application for use by RFA and DES staff to improve efficiency by providing real-time visibility and updates to the fieldwork.

Real Time Network (RTN):

- RFA manages a statewide network utilizing four satellite constellations to provide real-time geospatial positioning for a wide range of customers including surveyors, construction crews, and utilities.
- Through improved efficiencies in network management and customer account payment processing, RFA has been able to pass cost savings on to the customers by reducing new customer charges and waving processing fees.
- As a result, network usage has grown by over 47 percent over the past five years to a total of 1,450 customers across the state.

Geographic Information Council (GIC):

- The council represents a coalition of state agencies and non-profits in support of data aggregation, state representation for national geospatial initiatives, aerial imagery acquisition, and other services.
- The GIC provides funding for a State GIS Coordinator position, hosted at RFA, to accomplish these initiatives.
- Membership has grown from 12 to 16 members over the past two years.

Statewide Aerial Imagery Program:

- The General Assembly provided one-time funding of \$2 million in 2020 to establish the program with the goal of capturing imagery for the entire state at 6-inch resolution every three years.
- Through funding support from state and local governments, the program is currently in its third iteration of updated statewide imagery and is approximately 75 percent complete.

US Census Bureau Updates:

- GIS staff have already begun preparations for the 2023 Census collection.
- Specific data submittals are now centralized through a single responding agency (coordinated between RFA and Legislative Council) for the following:
  - Boundary and Annexation Survey
  - Block Boundary Suggestion Program
  - Redistricting Data Program

Chris Rabon then provided an analysis of employer contribution trends, noting:

- Employer contributions represent a significant share of total compensation and include salary-based costs (retirement, Social Security) and non-salary-based costs (health and dental insurance).
- Retirement employer rates increased from 11.4 percent to 18.4 percent between FY 17 and FY 24 under Act 13 of 2017, with approximately 16 percent of the current South Carolina Retirement System (SCRS) rate applied to unfunded pension liability.
- The employer share of retirement (SCRS) decreased from 32.6 percent to 32.3 percent in 2026 for the first time since 2008 due to a 0.3 percent decrease in the retiree health insurance surcharge.

- Employer health contributions range from \$7,146 to \$19,784 depending on coverage level; the composite (weighted average) is \$10,764.
- Employee health insurance premiums have not increased since 2012. Employers now cover approximately 82-87 percent of premiums, up from 69-76 percent prior to the last employee insurance rate increase.
- Total employer contributions are now 49.3 percent of the average state employee salary in 2026. It is estimated that the rate will exceed 50 percent in 2027.

*Members asked questions throughout the presentation, which generated further discussions between Members and staff. Chairman Grimball thanked the presenters for a job well done and noted that the Board appreciates the hard work of the staff.*

IV. Other Items for Discussion

*No items for discussion.*

V. The next scheduled meeting is March 26, 2026.

VI. Dr. Mikota moved to adjourn the meeting, and Curtis Hutto seconded the motion. All voted aye, and the meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

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

These minutes were approved on 5/19/2026

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