

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Date: November 10, 2021, 2:00 p.m.
Bowers Conference Room, Room 417 / Attendees via Zoom

Subject: Minutes of the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs (RFA) Board Meeting

Attendees: *Board Members* – Edward Grimball, Chairman (*via Zoom*), Emerson Gower (*via Zoom*), and Alan Clemmons (*via Zoom*). Frank Rainwater, Executive Director; *Division Directors* - Paul Athey and Lisa Jolliff; *Staff* – Beth Hollingsworth, Carrie Bundrick, Kathryn Kelley, Sandra Kelly, David Morrison, Veronica Watson, and Matt Wellslager. *Twenty-eight additional participants via Zoom (see attached).*

- I. Chairman Grimball called the meeting to order at 1:52 p.m.
- II. Chairman Grimball presented the August 26, 2021 and 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. Employee Recognition
On behalf of the agency, Mr. Rainwater recognized the following individuals for their years of service and presented those attending in person with a certificate:
 - 5 Years of Service: Daniel Tompkins and Sebastian Villarreal
 - 10 Years of Service: Andrew Shealy and Veronica Watson
 - 20 Years of Service: Elizabeth Hollingsworth and Laura Kelley
- IV. Agency Matters
Mr. Rainwater introduced the agency presenters and provided a brief summary of the topics of the meeting.
 - Frank Rainwater presented the proposed Organizational Structure which combines the agency GIS departments under Adam DeMars and moves Compliance under Sandra Kelly. (*see materials*)
 - *Mr. Gower made a motion to approve the organizational structure and Mr. Clemmons seconded the motion. All voted aye and the agency's organizational structure was approved.*
 - David Morrison presented the Statewide NG9-1-1 Implementation Progress Report. (*see materials*)
 - 5 PSAPs (Public Safety Answering Points) have successfully migrated to the statewide ESInet and these first transitions have provided

invaluable lessons learned in regards to the onboarding schedule and process.

- Paul Athey presented the 9-1-1 Fiscal Model Analysis. *(see materials)*
 - A fund balance of over \$41 million is anticipated beginning calendar year 2022 which updates the fiscal model and would allow the option to only have to reduce the reimbursement percentage once to 70% in 2027, allowing time for all PSAPs to join the new ESInet paid for by the state if we were to increase the wireless fee to \$0.64 two years sooner in 2023.
 - There is a possibility of Federal Grant Funding as part of the Budget Reconciliation Act:
 - In 2019, South Carolina was awarded a federal grant which represented 2.14% of the total funding. If South Carolina were to receive 2.14% of this proposed federal funding that would equal \$214 million which would completely change everything in our current fiscal model. This is a very big “if” so our recommendation is to continue to monitor the grant very closely but continue with business as usual.

Chairman Grimball thanked Mr. Athey for his presentation and asked members if further discussion was needed prior to the adoption of the wireless fee for 2022 (§23-47-50(F)) and continue the cost reimbursement percentage of the PSAPs at 80%. Mr. Gower made a motion to keep the wireless fee at the current rate of \$0.62 per month for the calendar year 2022 and keep the cost reimbursement at 80% for 2022. Mr. Clemmons seconded the motion and all voted aye.

Members commented on the information presented and asked questions which generated further discussions between Members and staff.

Chairman Grimball, Mr. Clemmons, and Mr. Gower thanked staff for the effort put forth for the meeting.

- V. Other Business
- VI. The next scheduled meeting, if necessary, is December 9, 2021, upon adjournment of BEA Meeting.
- VII. The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 pm by Chairman Grimball.

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

These minutes were approved on 2/15/2022

Kathryn Kelley Kathryn Kelley

RFA Board Zoom Webinar Attendee Report

Staff:

Will Tipton
Mary Katherine Miller
Lisa Wren
Ragan Griffith
Emillie Boggs
Geoff Johnson
Amy Simpson
John Long
Amanda Martin
Stephen Gardner
Shannon Fields
Julia Williams
Carrie Bundrick
Jim Moore
Laura Kelley

Guests:

Ryan Burnaugh
Joseph Bustos
Ben Michaud
Samantha Harper
SC Education Oversight
Committee
Gavin Jackson
George Kennedy
Emily Keeney
Brian Gaines
Tomeakia Pressley
Lauren Parker
Marissa Evans