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Message from the CG

I hope you enjoy the latest edition of our newsletter. I am pleased to share updates, resources, and information to support the important work accounting professionals across state government are doing.

Your dedication to maintaining accurate financial records and promoting accountability is essential to the effective stewardship of public funds. The expertise and professionalism you bring to your roles help strengthen public trust and contribute to the success of our agencies and the citizens we serve.



Thank you for your continued commitment to excellence. I hope you find this newsletter informative and valuable, and I look forward to continuing our partnership to advance sound financial management throughout state government.

Statewide Accounts Payable

Foreign Travel Authorization

We recently sent out a memo to agency heads and finance directors regarding the recently updated guidance regarding foreign travel by state officials and employees.



Effective immediately, the South Carolina Foreign travel program requires agencies to provide SLED's Fusion Center with a 30-day notice of any official foreign travel. Agencies should no longer require prior approval of foreign travel from the CG's Office. Instead, foreign travel must be approved by

agency heads, and a copy of the approval forms must be included with the travel reimbursement documentation.

An updated Foreign Travel Approval Form is available on our [website](#).

Questions regarding the notification requirements established by the Governor's Executive Order should be directed to the SLED FC at travelsecurity@sled.sc.gov.

Questions regarding travel reimbursement or accounting requirements may be directed to Michael Moore, deputy comptroller general, at mmoore@cg.sc.gov or (803) 734-2347.

[View the Memo](#)

Statewide Financial Reporting



FY 2026 Appropriations Confirmations Update

As agencies and institutions work to wrap up their FY 2026 audits, the CGO is providing a quick update on the appropriations confirmation process. Confirmations are currently delayed while we await a complete reconciliation of Capital

Reserve Fund (CRF) activity and balances.

What you need to know:

- Continue working with your independent auditors on all portions of the audit and financial statements that are not dependent on the appropriations confirmation.
- Do not issue final audited financial statements until you have received and reviewed your CGO appropriations confirmation.
- The October 1 deadline established under Proviso 117.55 remains applicable to entities with a June 30 fiscal year-end that are required to submit audited financial statements for inclusion in the State's ACFR.

Additional guidance will be forthcoming.

Questions about the appropriations confirmation process may be directed to ACFR@cg.sc.gov.

Statewide Accounting Services

FY 2025-26 Year-End Results

The Comptroller General's Office released the [FY 2025-26 Budgetary General Fund Highlights](#), providing a snapshot of the state's financial

position at the close of the fiscal year.

General Fund revenue totaled approximately \$14.6 billion, coming in \$1.247 billion above estimates. After supplemental appropriations, the state ended the year with approximately \$925.6 million in excess Budgetary General Fund balance.



The report also shows the state fully funded its reserve requirements, with \$839.3 million in the General Reserve Fund and \$387.4 million in the Capital Reserve Fund.



Celebrating a Retirement and Welcoming a New Team Member

The Comptroller General's Office is celebrating an exciting transition as we bid farewell to a valued team member and welcome a new colleague to the agency.

Celebrating Jennifer Hairston!

After thirty-five years of dedicated state service, **Jennifer**, accounts payable manager, is retiring. Throughout her time with the agency, she has been a beloved member of the team.

We are grateful for her contributions and the cheer she brings to the office. While we will certainly miss her, we wish her all the best in this next chapter and hope retirement brings plenty of time to spend with her grandbabies!

Welcome, Cynthia Gates!

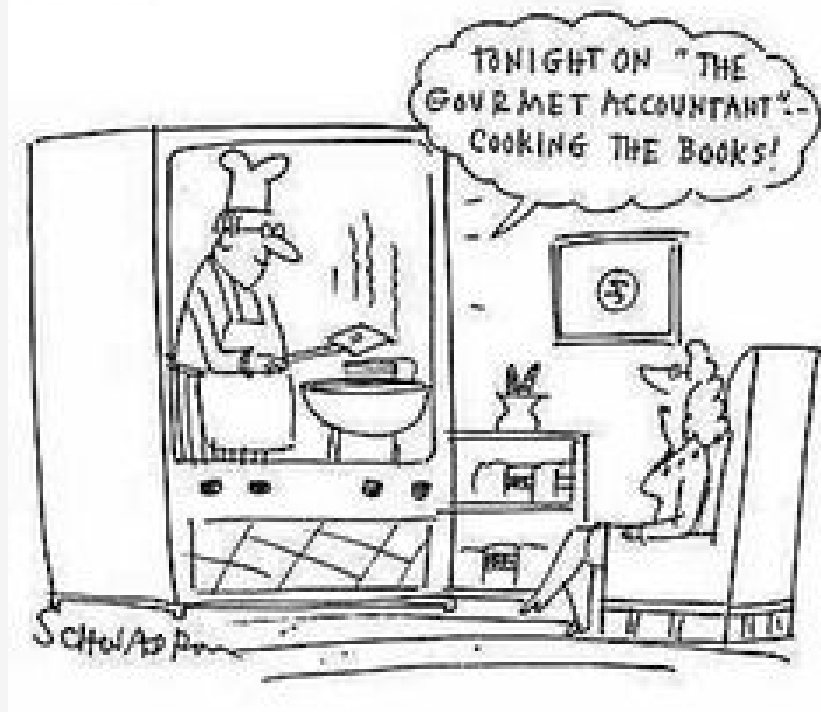
We are also excited to share that **Cynthia Gates** is our new executive assistant.

She brings over thirty years of executive experience. She joins us from the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.



We are excited to welcome her aboard and she looks forward to working with everyone!

Fiscal Funnies: A Light Look at Accounting



We want to hear from you.

What would you like to see more of? What's not working? We'd love to hear your thoughts. Your feedback helps us improve this newsletter and our agency processes. The form below is anonymous, and your input supports better collaboration and efficiency for everyone.

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