

AGENCY NAME:	Commission for Community Advancement and Engagement		
AGENCY CODE:	L460	SECTION:	071

AGENCY’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Vision Statement

To ensure that all South Carolinians, regardless of background, will achieve prosperity through socio-economic awareness, collaboration, policy change, and research.

Mission Statement

The mission of SCCAE is to serve as a catalyst for progress by identifying emerging issues and trends and providing constructive solutions to support the socio-economic development of communities in South Carolina.

Agency Background and Overview

The State Commission for Community Advancement and Engagement (SCCAE) was established effective May 20, 2025, pursuant to Act No. 56 of 2025. This Act repurposed the Commission for Minority Affairs, an agency which previously focused on studying the causes and effects of social and economic deprivation on ethnic and racial communities in South Carolina. The Commission for Minority Affairs was also tasked with implementing necessary programs to address these inequities. However, with the passage of the Act, the agency’s focus on ethnic / racial communities was changed to that of rural and under-resourced communities.

Leadership

The agency is overseen by an Executive Director and a Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the South Carolina Senate. Its ten members consist of seven (7) members from the state’s Congressional Districts, two (2) at-large members, and one (1) Governor’s designee. Each serves a four-year term with the option of being reappointed for a second term.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Title</u>
Vacant	Statewide	To be determined	Governor’s Designee
Vacant	Statewide	To be determined	At-Large
Kaala Maple	Statewide	June 30, 2021 – June 30, 2025	At-Large
Calvin Whitfield	First Congressional District	May 2022 – September 2025	Member
Nathaniel “Nate” Barber	Second Congressional District	June 30, 2023 – June 30, 2027	Chair
Vacant	Third Congressional District	To be determined	Member

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Vacant	Fourth Congressional District	To be determined	Member
Ame Fuss	Fifth Congressional District	June 30, 2021 – June 30, 2025	Member
Vacant	Sixth Congressional District	To be determined	Member
Rev. Michelle Law-Gordon	Seventh Congressional District	June 2016 – June 2020	Member

Agency Divisions

Administrative

The purpose of this division is to ensure agency oversight in accordance with state statutes, regulations, and policies.

Community Outreach and Engagement

The purpose of this division is to facilitate the Commission’s presence in communities across the state regarding issues of concern as outlined by citizens and the agency’s Research and Planning Division.

Public Information

The purpose of this division is to create compelling content, execute marketing strategies, and foster collaborative relationships with key stakeholders across the State of South Carolina and media partners. Our goal is to promote the agency's initiatives, ensure transparent communication and effectively engage with the public.

Research and Planning

The purpose of this division is to provide critical data and information for decision-making purposes, and to assist the public, public officials, the private sector, non-profit, and other organizations with statistical data and analysis.

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Small Business Contracting and Certification (SBCC)

The mission of the SBCC is to identify key issues and services that are necessary for the development of small businesses, as well as the best measures for sustainability, programmatic implementation, enhancement, and economic growth. Its priorities are to:

- deliver high quality professional development and training to business firms, with the focus being on enhancing growth and increasing economic prosperity.
- effectively communicate with all stakeholders through intentional marketing and media coordination for increased visibility and awareness.
- design strategic management systems and processes that improve information sharing with collaborative partners and governmental agencies.
- actively seek out and secure available funding opportunities available to small businesses.
- raise and increase awareness regarding the benefits of partnering with SCCAE through continuous governmental, community and civic engagement.