

S.C. REGIONAL COUNCILS

Local governments in all 46 counties of South Carolina are working together through regional councils. The state is divided into 10 regions, sometimes called planning districts, with local governments in each region served by a regional council.

WHAT SERVICES DO THESE REGIONAL COUNCILS PROVIDE?

The regional councils provide a variety of services requested by their local governments including planning, grants administration, economic development assistance, and management assistance. The services vary from region to region, depending on local needs and priorities. Regional councils are not another layer of government; they do not pass legislation, enforce laws, or levy taxes. Their goal is to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of existing government.

WHAT TYPES OF STRUCTURE DO THESE REGIONAL COUNCILS HAVE?

Each regional council has a policy board that sets the council's work program and budget. The enabling legislation creating the councils requires that all the governing boards be comprised of more than 50 percent local elected officials. To further ensure public accountability, all board members are also appointed by, and responsible to, their respective local elected officials.

HOW ARE THESE COUNCILS FUNDED?

Financial support of the regional councils is provided by local, state and federal governments. Although the amount varies in each region, county councils and, in some cases, municipalities make an annual appropriation to their regional council.

The General Assembly divides its allocation among 10 councils. Even though a substantial portion of the operating funds come from state and federal governments, the regional councils are not under state or federal control. They were created by and work at the direction of local governments in South Carolina.

WHAT IS SCCOGS?

Policy board members and executive directors from each regional council work together through the South Carolina Councils of Governments (SCCOGs). The association represents the interests of local governments to state and federal agencies and officials, and works to promote regional cooperation across the state.

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*The following information is current as of **March 2026**.
However, the information changes throughout the year. For the most current list of
members, please refer to the list posted on our website.*

OFFICERS

CHAIRMAN: Gary Brewer

SECRETARY: Michael Seekings

VICE CHAIRMAN: David Dennis

TREASURER: David Chinnis

GOVERNMENTAL UNIT REPRESENTED

NO. OF REPRESENTATIVES

BERKELEY COUNTY COUNCIL

Johnny Cribb	1 Elected
Tommy Newell	3 Appointed
Ashley Powell	
Caldwell Pinckney, Jr.	

BERKELEY COUNTY DELEGATION

Elaine Morgan	1 Elected
Vacant	1 Appointed

CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

Joe Boykin	3 Elected
Herb Sass	4 Appointed
Robert Wehrman	
Summer Massey	
Melvin Williams	
Jamilla Harper	
Michael "KJ" Kearney	

CHARLESTON COUNTY DELEGATION

Vacant	3 Elected
Kevin Hollinshead	2 Appointed
Rep. Spencer Wetmore	
Rep. Kathy Landing	
Vacant	

DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL

David Chinnis	1 Elected
Todd Friddle	3 Appointed
James Weaver	
Stephen Grant	

<i>GOVERNMENTAL UNIT REPRESENTED</i>	<i>NO. OF REPRESENTATIVES</i>
DORCHESTER COUNTY DELEGATION	
Gary Brewer	1 Elected
Vacant	1 Appointed
CITY OF CHARLESTON	
Mayor William Cogswell	3 Elected
Michael Seekings	
Jim McBride	
CITY OF NORTH CHARLESTON	
Mayor Reginald L. Burgess	2 Elected
Michael Brown	
CITY OF HANAHAN	
Mayor Christie Rainwater	1 Elected
TOWN OF MT. PLEASANT	
Mayor Will Haynie	1 Elected
TOWN OF SUMMERVILLE	
Mayor Russ Touchberry	1 Elected
CITY OF GOOSE CREEK	
Mayor Gregg Habib	1 Elected
CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS	
Beverly Miller	1 Elected
TOWN OF MONCK'S CORNER	
David Dennis	1 Elected
TOWN OF ST. GEORGE	
Mayor Kevin Hart	1 Elected
TOWN OF ST. STEPHEN	
Robbie Ballentine	1 Elected
TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND	
Mayor Pat O'Neil	1 Elected
CITY OF FOLLY BEACH	
Vacant	1 Elected
TOWN OF RAVENEL	
William Waters	1 Elected
TOWN OF HOLLYWOOD	
Mayor Chardale Murray	1 Elected

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TOWN OF MEGGETT	
Mayor Harry V. Herrington, III	1 Elected
TOWN OF LINCOLNVILLE	
Mayor Enoch Dickerson, III	1 Elected
TOWN OF AWENDAW	
Vacant	1 Elected
TOWN OF McCLELLANVILLE	
Robert Gannon	1 Elected
TOWN OF BONNEAU	
Allen June	1 Elected
TOWN OF JAMESTOWN	
Vacant	1 Elected
TOWN OF JAMES ISLAND	
Mayor Brook Lyon	1 Elected
TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND	
Mayor Brad Belt	1 Elected
TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND	
Mayor Bruce Kleinman	1 Elected
TOWN OF REEVESVILLE	
Mayor Tom Kittrell	1 Elected
TOWN OF HARLEYVILLE	
Mayor Jody C. Eargle	1 Elected
TOWN OF RIDGEVILLE	
Mayor Clarence Hughes	1 Elected
JAMES ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DIST.	
Marilyn Clifford	1 Appointed
NORTH CHARLESTON SEWER DIST.	
Melinda Chambers	1 Elected
ST. ANDREWS PUBLIC SERVICE DIST.	
Nancy Calvary	1 Appointed
SCDOT COMMISSIONER	
T.J. Johnson	
DISTRICT 97	
Rep. Robby Robbins	