



State of South Carolina Office of the Inspector General

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Via Electronic Delivery

The Honorable Curtis M. Loftis, Jr.
State Treasurer of South Carolina
Office of the State Treasurer
1200 Senate Street - Suite 214
Wade Hampton Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Treasurer Loftis:

I want to begin by thanking you for reaching out to my office and our meeting on April 1, 2025, regarding the Senate Finance Committee's investigation of your office and the \$1.8 billion discrepancy in accounting records within SCEIS. As you may recall, I stated that my office did not have an open investigation at that time of the matters associated with the Senate investigation, but I welcomed your presentation on the matter and acknowledged your candor and openness for my office to review your records.

I have since received a letter from the chairman for the Constitutional Subcommittee of the Senate Finance Committee requesting that the Office of the State Inspector General investigate the Office of the State Treasurer (STO) related to matters identified in the Senate Finance Committee report. I have enclosed a copy of this letter for your information.

The scope of our investigation will include, but is not limited to:


1. A review of potential waste of state resources by the STO in "carrying out public information campaigns, utilizing crisis communication services, and engaging outside experts..." in response to the Senate Finance Committee's investigative report.
2. A review of the STO's use of "other funds" rather than general funds appropriated by the General Assembly.
3. A review of the statutory requirements for STO reporting disclosures to the General Assembly and the public; as well as,
4. A review the reconciliation process of accounts, funds, and investments under the custody and control of the STO.

I will personally lead the investigative team and ensure it is sufficiently staffed with senior auditors and investigators to determine whether any violation of state law or mishandling of state funds has occurred.

I ask that you identify a point of contact who will facilitate our requests for documentation and financial records as needed.

I look forward to working with you and your staff in this matter. If you have questions I can be reached directly at (803) 896-1287 (o) or (803) 605-3161 (c).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Brian D. Lamkin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brian" being more prominent than the last name "Lamkin".

Brian D. Lamkin
State Inspector General

Cc: The Honorable Henry McMaster, Governor of South Carolina