Records and Information Management (RIM) 101

9 Feb 2021: Part 1

Why RIM?

What is a record?

Getting started

Renée Wilson, RIM Specialist

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Welcome!

- Please remain muted unless asking a question

- Use chat box (Q&A not enabled)

- For tech issues, use the chat box

- Recording will be posted to YouTube, along with a link to the slides

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Part 2 - 2/16

Record Lifecycle

Retention/Disposition

Appraisal

Retention Schedules

General Retention Schedules

Records Center

Part 3 - 2/23

Social Media

Databases

Email

Chat/IM/Text Messages

Shredding After Digitizing

- What is RIM? Why RIM?
- What is a record?
- Getting started
  - what's already been done?
  - records inventory
  - understanding your records – agency functions
  - your team

Here is the streamlined information for submitting state publications to UGDL. Let me know if this looks okay or if you need clarification on anything. Feel free to modify as needed.

Submit your state publications for inclusion in UGDL

Why - agencies will comply with Utah Code **9-7-207** and provide easy, permanent public access to

state publications.

What - any new agency publication.

> "**Agency**" means any office, department, agency, authority, commission, board, institution, hospital, college, university or other instrumentality of the state.

> "**Publication**" means any information published as an individual document at government expense or as required by law that is intended for public distribution. Such publications include but are not limited to a book, compilation, directory, document, contract or grant report, hearing memorandum, journal, law, legislative bill, magazine, map, monograph, order, ordinance, pamphlet, periodical, proceeding, public memorandum, resolution, register, rule, report.

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How - publications can be submitted on an ad hoc basis or a monthly schedule.

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For more information or guidance on submitting publications and using the Utah Government Digital Library, contact Brian Tober at the Utah State Library.

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1. What type of agency are you with?

A. State agency

B. County

C. Municipality

D. Local district, interlocal, special district, or similar

E. Education (school, school district, university)

F. No agency (member of the public)

G. Other

2. How much RIM experience do you have?

A. Brand spanking new

B. Still learning the ropes

C. Medium

D. I've seen a lot

E. I am a RIM guru

What is RIM?
Why RIM?

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What is RIM?

Records and

Information

Management

Records and information are assets and should be managed accordingly.

If we treated money like we do records...

Is there anyone at RabbitHole who's looking at the big picture of governing its money?

"Well, we've put together a group of folks to start talking about that. We call it our 'Money Governance Committee.'... This is a big change for us – in the past, we've just hoped for the best on our money, and then swung into action whenever we noticed that a bunch of it has gone missing."

Peter Sloan, "What if companies treated their money like their information?", Husch Blackwell, 2016.
https://www.bytebacklaw.com/2016/01/what-if-companies-treated-their-money-like-their-information/

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Benefits of an active RIM program

1. Increased efficiency

2. Reduced cost

3. Reduced risk

4. Increased transparency

5. Better documentation of agency and state history

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"A more efficient approach is to **remove the things that are no longer needed** – like the now-adult daughter's elementary school backpacks and the long-unused yoga mats."

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2. Reduced cost

Free your office and computer space – by 85%!

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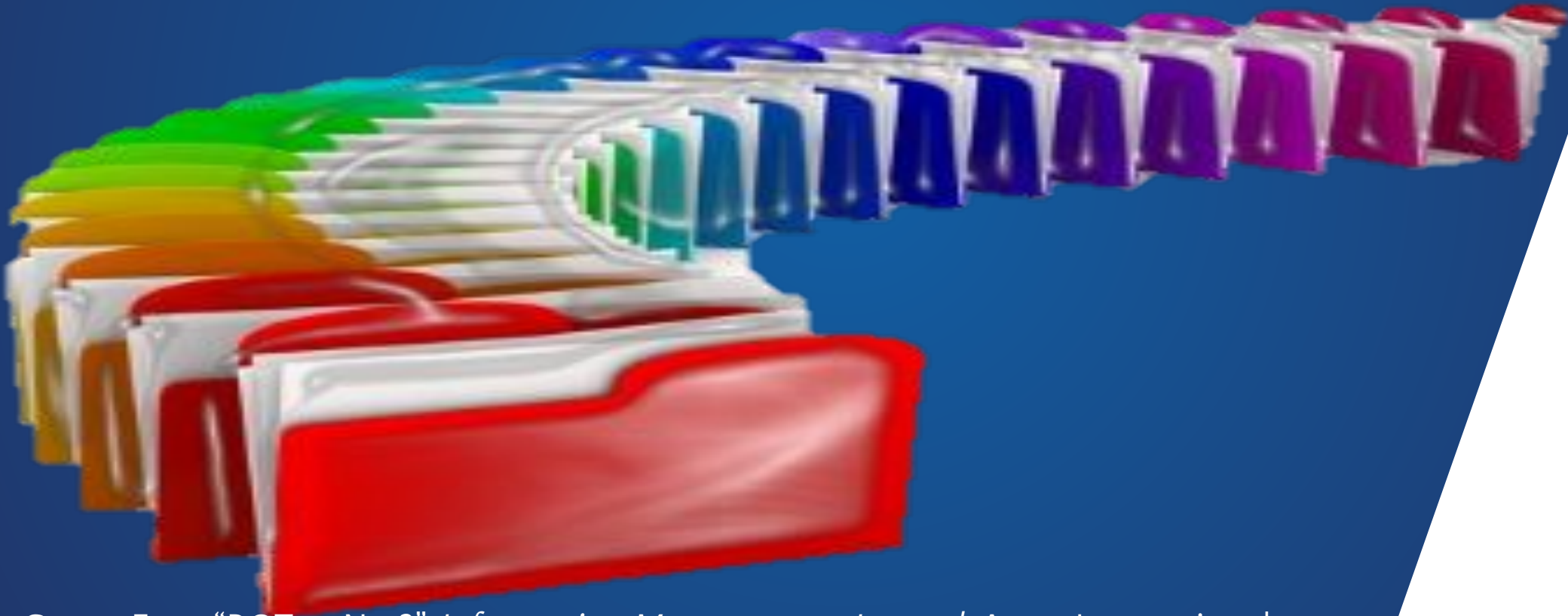
3. Reduced risk

$1.08 million

Average cost of a data breach (public sector)

231 days

Average time to detect a breach (public sector)

Cost of a Data Breach Report 2020, IBM Security, 2020. Accessed 5 February 2021.
https://www.ibm.com/security/digital-assets/cost-data-breach-report/#/pdf

3. Reduced risk

"The retention schedule helps organizations throw out the proper pallets at the proper time and prove the propriety of doing so to anyone who questions them about it."

John C. Montaña, "What a Records Retention Schedule Is – and Why You Need One", *Information Management Journal*, Arma International, March/April 2016

4. Increased transparency

Alex Grover ▸ Utah History

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Thank you Utah State Archive

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Melody Bell
WOW, that's awesome 👍

Like · Reply · Share · 14h

Margie Benson
I was able to obtain my g
Nevada by these means.

Like · Reply · Share · 12h

Denise Marie

Ronald Kirby
These are great pictures! We are always looking for old pictures to hang in our new police station. Please let us know if anyone has old pictures or memorabilia to share. If anyone is interested in the pictures hanging on our walls please give us a call at the PD. — Chief Ron Kirby

Love · Reply · Message · 2d   👍❤️ 2

Steve Elton
Thats pretty cool, found mine....

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= Business Case

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6. Legal requirements - Chief Administrative Officer

- Establish records management program

- Appoint records officer(s)

- Ensure that they certify annually

6. Legal requirements - records officer

- Care and Maintenance
  Scheduling and Disposal
  Classification and Designation
  Providing access
  Preservation

- Point of contact for working with the Archives

Certifying Annually

- Every records officer (almost)

- Utah Code 63G-2-108

There are 2 ways to certify

Records Access

- GRAMA
- Classifying records
- Responding to GRAMA requests appropriately

Records Management

- PRMA and GRAMA
- Understanding records
- Implementing retention schedules

You only need to take one test each year in order to certify.

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3. Which certification test is easier?

A. Records Access (GRAMA)

B. Records Management

C. I've only taken one, but it was hard enough!

What is a record?

Definition of a record, as defined in GRAMA

Utah Code 63G-2-103
(22) (a) "Record" means a book, letter, document, paper, map, plan, photograph, film, card, tape, recording, electronic data, or other documentary material regardless of physical form or characteristics:
    (i) that is prepared, owned, received, or retained by a governmental entity or political subdivision; and
    (ii) where all of the information in the original is reproducible by photocopy or other mechanical or electronic means

Definition of a record, as defined in GRAMA

- Information (in any reproducible form) prepared, owned, received, or retained by a government agency.

- Government agencies shall establish retention schedules for electronic records

  (Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, Utah Code 46-4-501 (2019))

Is this a record?

- Contractor's records
- Social media
- Email
- Databases

Databases

The database is not a government record, but contains government records

Databases

Your database provides structure for the records it holds.

What is *not* a record?

- Personal emails and documents that are not work-related

- Temporary drafts created for personal use

- Books contained in a library

- Junk mail or spam

- Computer programs
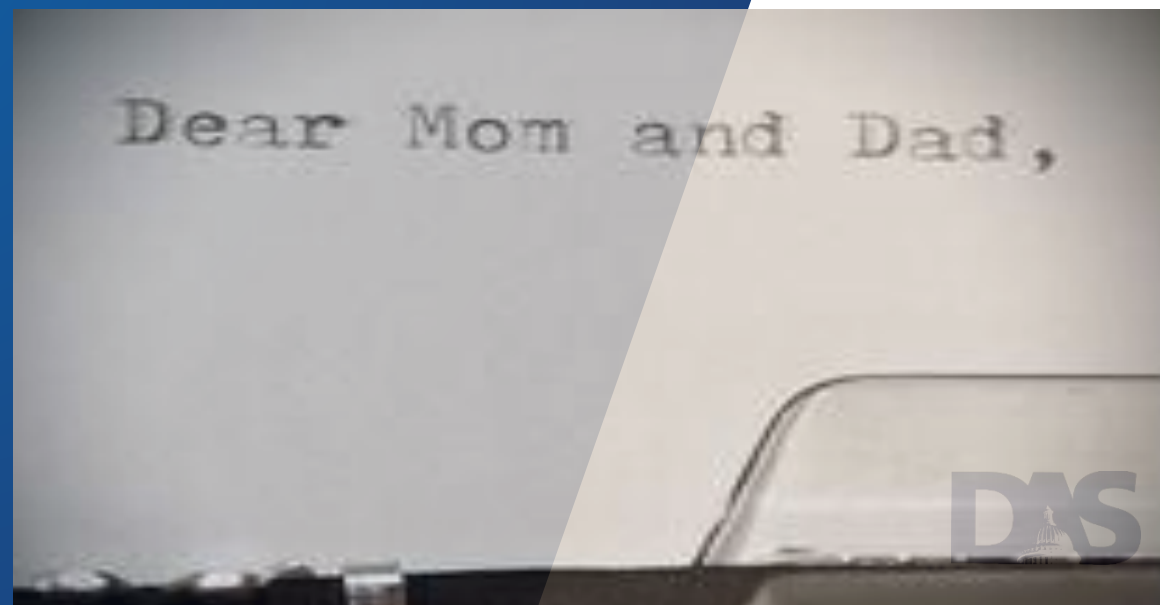
Drafts: Not a Record If...

- It's temporary
- It's created for government employee's (work–related) personal use

Utah Code 63G–2–103(22)(b)(ii)

Also see "Classifying Drafts" by Rosemary Cundiff

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Drafts: Yes a Public Record If...

- It was circulated to anyone outside of the government entity
- It was not finalized but was relied upon to carry out an action or policy
- It contains empirical data and that data is not reasonably available elsewhere in similar form

Utah Code 63G-2-301(3)

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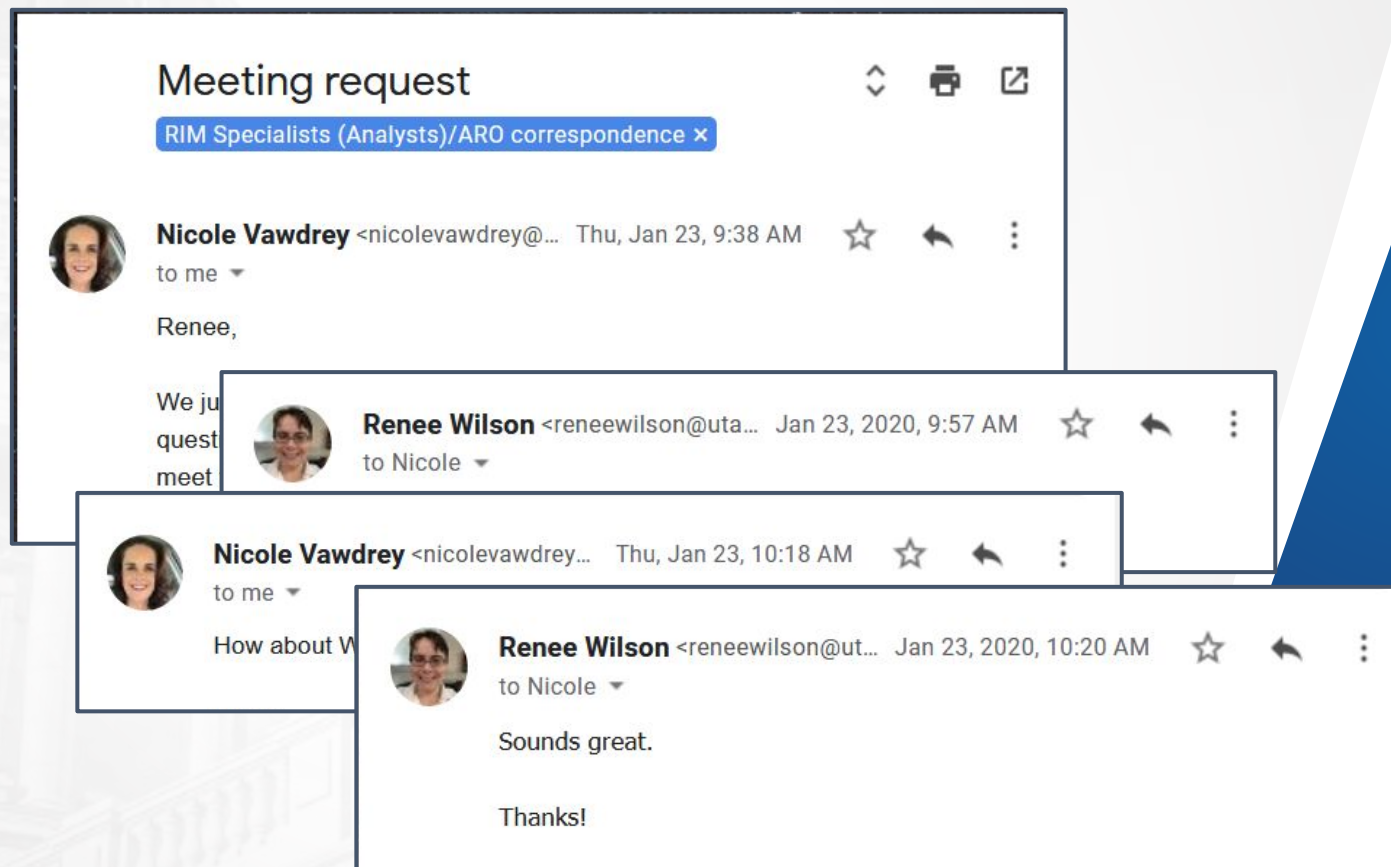
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Getting started

Scenario: You've inherited a mess—where do you start?

7. Where would you start?

A. Go through the records and figure out what's there, making an inventory as you go

B. Search the office for any inventories or information that may already exist about the records

C. Call Archives

D. Get a new job

E. Other

Where do you start?

1. Check existing RIM governance records

2. Inventory the records

3. Review agency functions

4. Identify your team

1. Check Existing RIM Governance Records

- Any inventories, transfer sheets, retention schedules from previous people
  - located on shared drive, in email, with physical files
- Archives website
  archives.utah.gov/rim/retention-schedules.html
- State Records Center box report

2. Inventory the Records

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Methods:

- by location (physical as well as digital)

- by type (hard copy, digital)

- by employee/section

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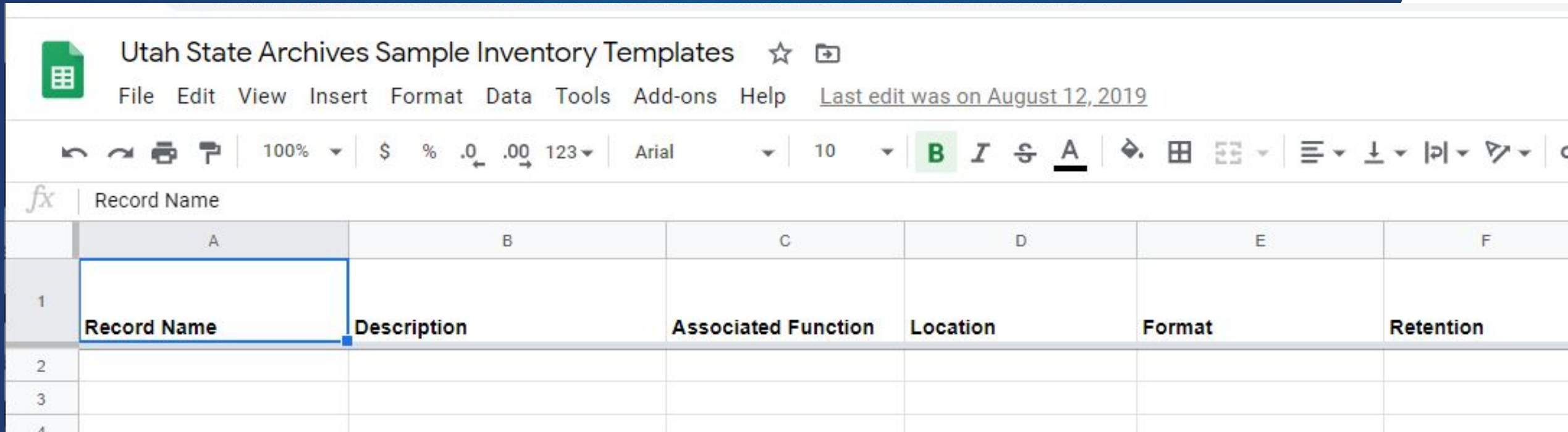
Related in a logical way

- part of the same business process

- managed together

- have the same retention

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Detailed Inventory Form

- Record series title
- GRAMA designation
- Location
- Media/file format

- How long it's kept (retention) and how it's stored
- How it's disposed of (disposition)

Inventory

- What are they?

- Whose are they?

- Why are they? Why do they exist?

- When were they created?

- How are they now used?

- How many are there? Are there duplicates? and

- Where are they stored?
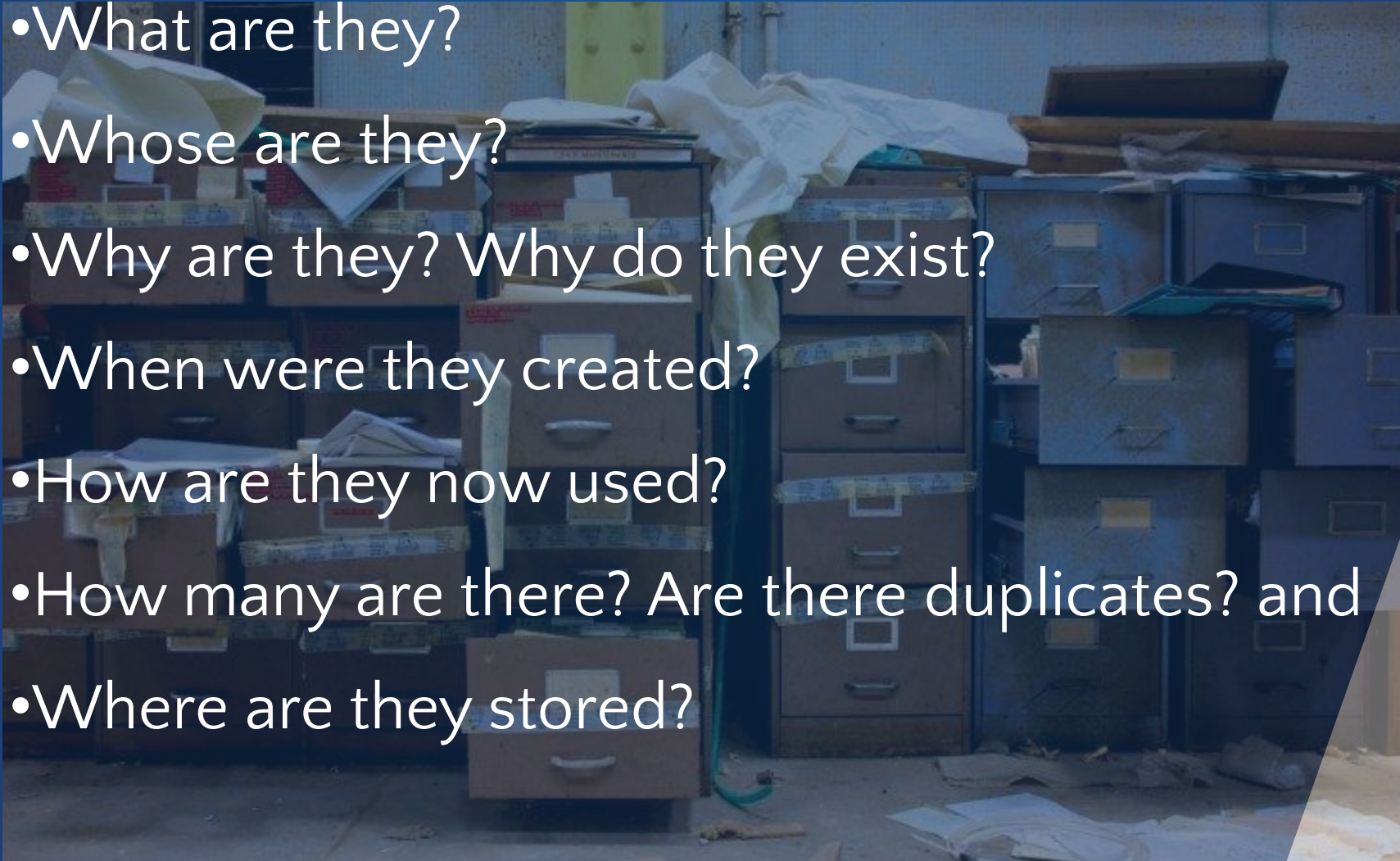
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- Can we read the files? How do we delete them?
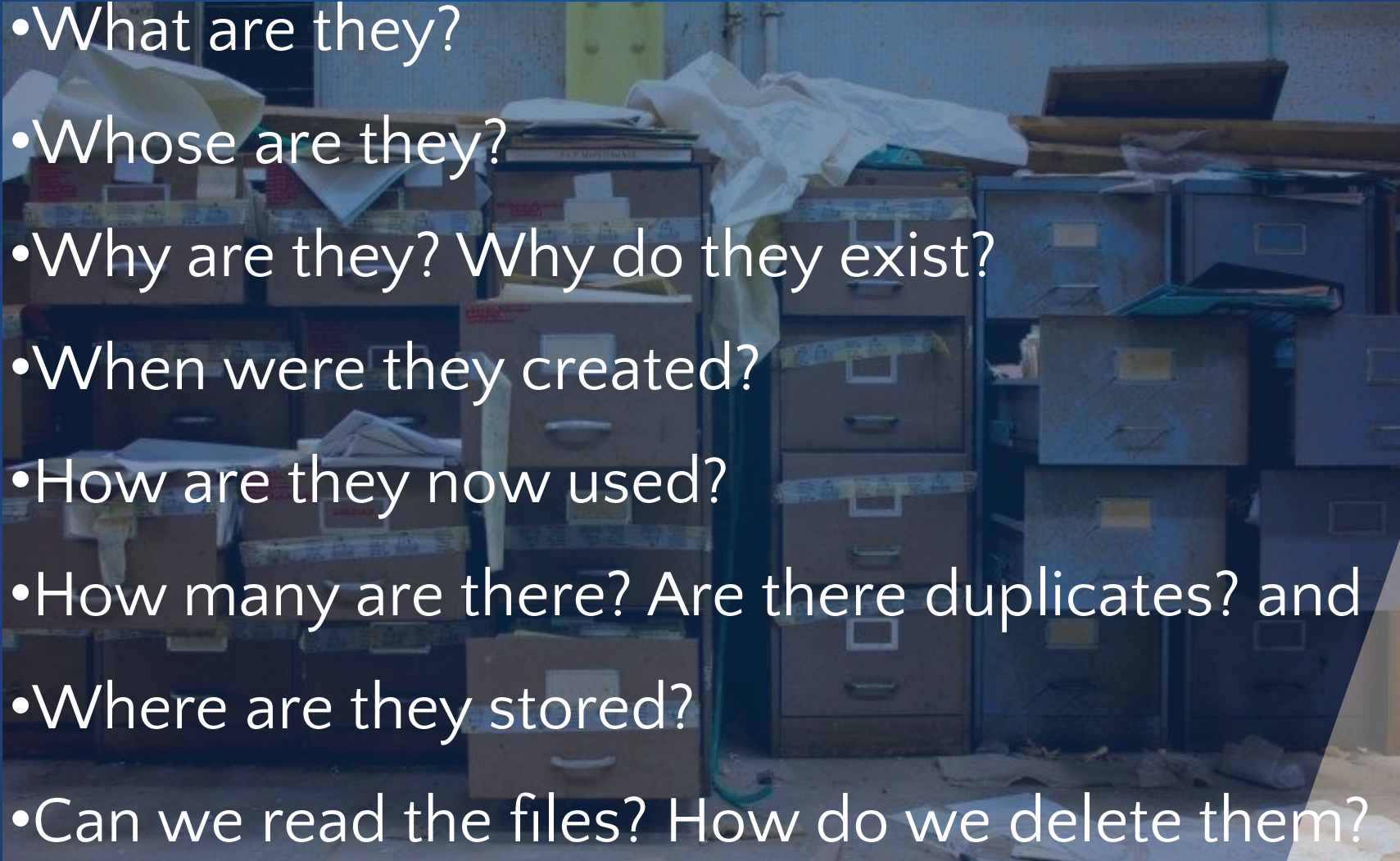
Records & Information Management (RIM)
Electronic Records Survey/Interview Findings

Records Series Name: GRAMA Requests Tracking

Records Purpose and Workflow Findings

Data Item	Answers/Details
Records Format(s)	• Electronic database (master copy) • No duplicate copies are filed (any paper printouts & e-mailed documents are discarded once immediate usage has expired, and no e-docs are saved on the network)
Records Purpose/Function	• Used to track GRAMA requests for information • The database on which these records are stored generates reports and assigns request numbers; it also contains key information on request type, request source, request received date, request summary, whether fees have been paid, response due date, etc. • This information is used to calculate time allowed to process requests, whether extra time may be allotted to process the request itself, and all other time, money, and related reporting matters associated with processing GRAMA requests
Records Status (vital, important, useful, non-important)	• Useful
Records Value (Historical or not)	• Not Historical
Administrative/Operational	• Administrative
Master Copy of record been altered (e.g., digitally scanned)?	• No
Personal/Confidential Information	• Yes
Access Permissions/Restrictions	• Access to the database is restricted to GRAMA Coordinators • Although all government departments use the GRAMA database, GRAMA Coordinators may only view their

Data Item	Answers/Details
	4. The GRAMA database is also used to generate weekly reports for the departments, with these reports being sent out weekly via e-mail to relevant directors
Other Comments	• This type of record is not exclusive to this particular department (i.e., common across the government)
Operational Retention Requirements	• Once the GRAMA request has been fully processed, and the time period for complaints has expired, we typically never need to access these records again

Technology Findings

Data Item	Answers/Details
Technology Name	• Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA) database
Types of Data Fields	• Information about the request itself, information about the requestor (e.g., address, etc.), action items to take on the request, exceptions to releasing information (space allocated to quote sections from GRAMA) • Also information about status (e.g., number of days required to process request, etc.), review information, general remarks, and reports (i.e., weekly & yearly statistics for the department)
Volume of Data	• Roughly 3.5 gigabytes (GB)
Estimated Storage Capacity	• Roughly 10 gigabytes (GB)
Anticipated Changes	• N/A
Network Connection Clients	• No third party access • Designated staff cannot access database outside the office.
Audit Trail	• Standard
Security Practices	• Standard (and no external access)
Date Range of Records	• 2012 to present (no data moved off-line to date)

- Amount/volume
- Date range
- Quality (esp. if digitized or aged)
- Location environment
- Workflow involved
- Security & accessibility
- Copies: record, duplicate
- Copies: paper, digital
- Originating office
- Legal requirements
- Appraisal value & operational need
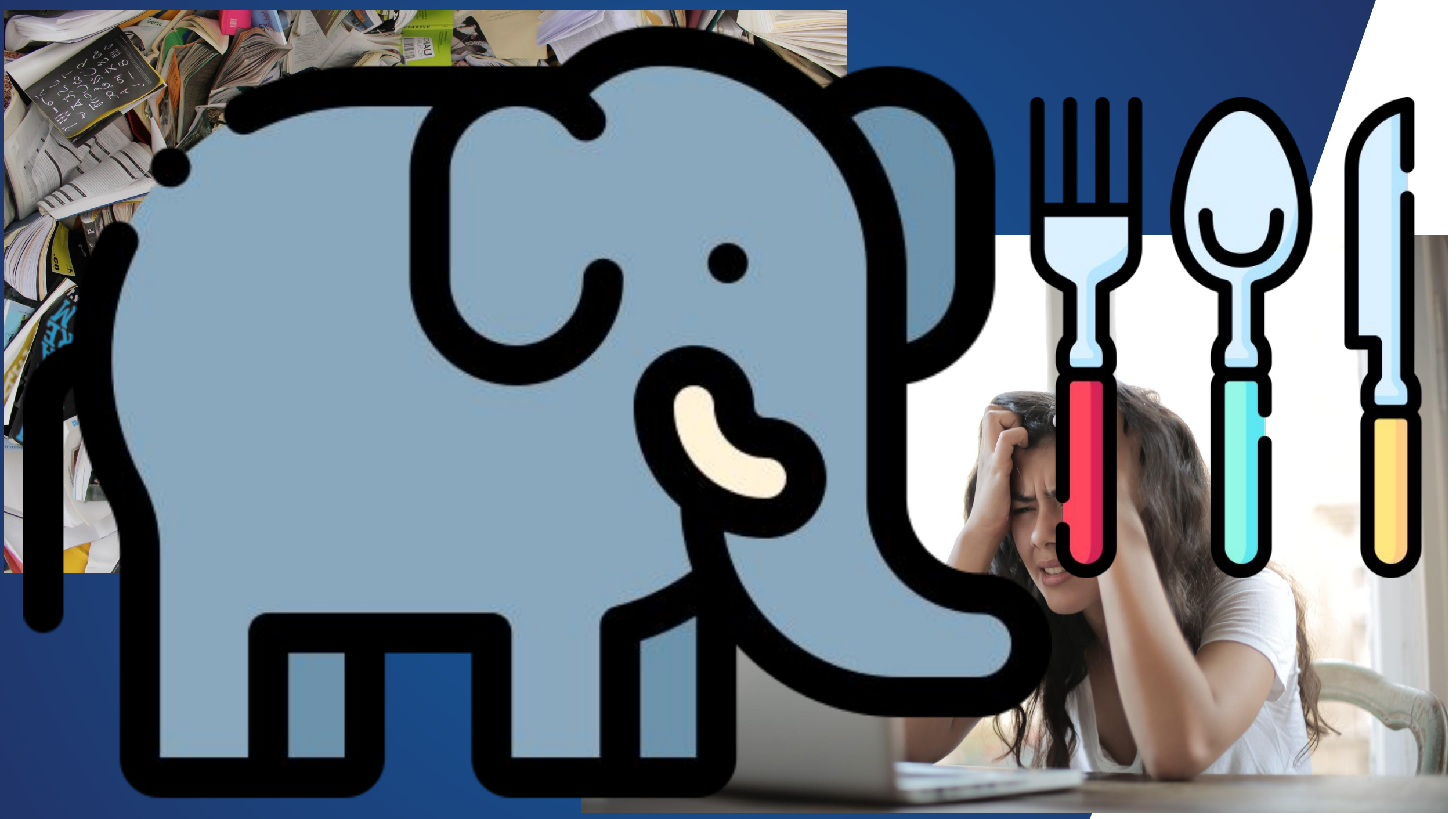
- Take a deep breath
- Do what you can
- One step at a time

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Detailed Outline

Webinar 1: Getting started / learning about your records / getting others on board

1. Where do I start?

- **Existing RIM records**
  - any inventories, transfer sheets, etc from previous people
    - located on shared drive, in email, with physical files
  - Archives website
  - Archives box report

- **Inventory**
  - several ways to document what you have
    - by location
    - by type (hard copy, digital)
    - by employee
    - (examples of inventories)
      - very detailed may not be feasible to start
      - best start: is this a record?
        - definitions
          - record
            - what is a record
            - digital is records
            - UETA
            - databases contain records
            - email is a record
            - social media is a record
          - Series

- **Agency functions**
  - law says what functions your agency does (for state agencies; local sometimes have to look elsewhere)

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3. Review Agency Functions

- Map out your business processes

- Search all possible locations

- Multiple copies and formats

- Enlist help

- Document findings
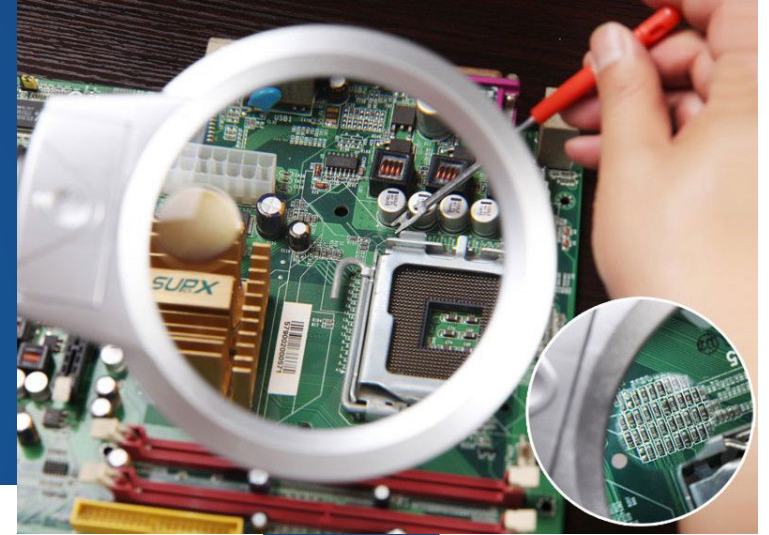
Understanding functions and resulting records

Governmental entities exist to carry out the public's business

Beverly Hills City Council Meeting, undated
http://www.beverlyhills.org/search/website/?Q=government%20council%20meetings%20default

Understanding Functions

Common administrative functions

- Human Resources
- Budgeting
- Policy creation
- Accounts Payable and Receivable

Unique business functions

- Mosquito abatement
- Safety inspection
- Medicaid eligibility screening
- Oversee horse races
- Facilitate economic development in the state

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Functions found in statute or ordinances

- Division of Archives and Records Service:

Index **Utah Code**

Title 63A **Utah Administrative Services Code**

Chapter 12 **Public Records Management Act**

Section **Division of Archives and Records Service created -- Duties.** *(Effective* 101 *5/14/2019)*

(e) establish standards for the preparation of schedules providing for the retention of records of continuing value and for the prompt and orderly disposal of state records no longer possessing sufficient administrative, historical, legal, or fiscal value to warrant further retention;

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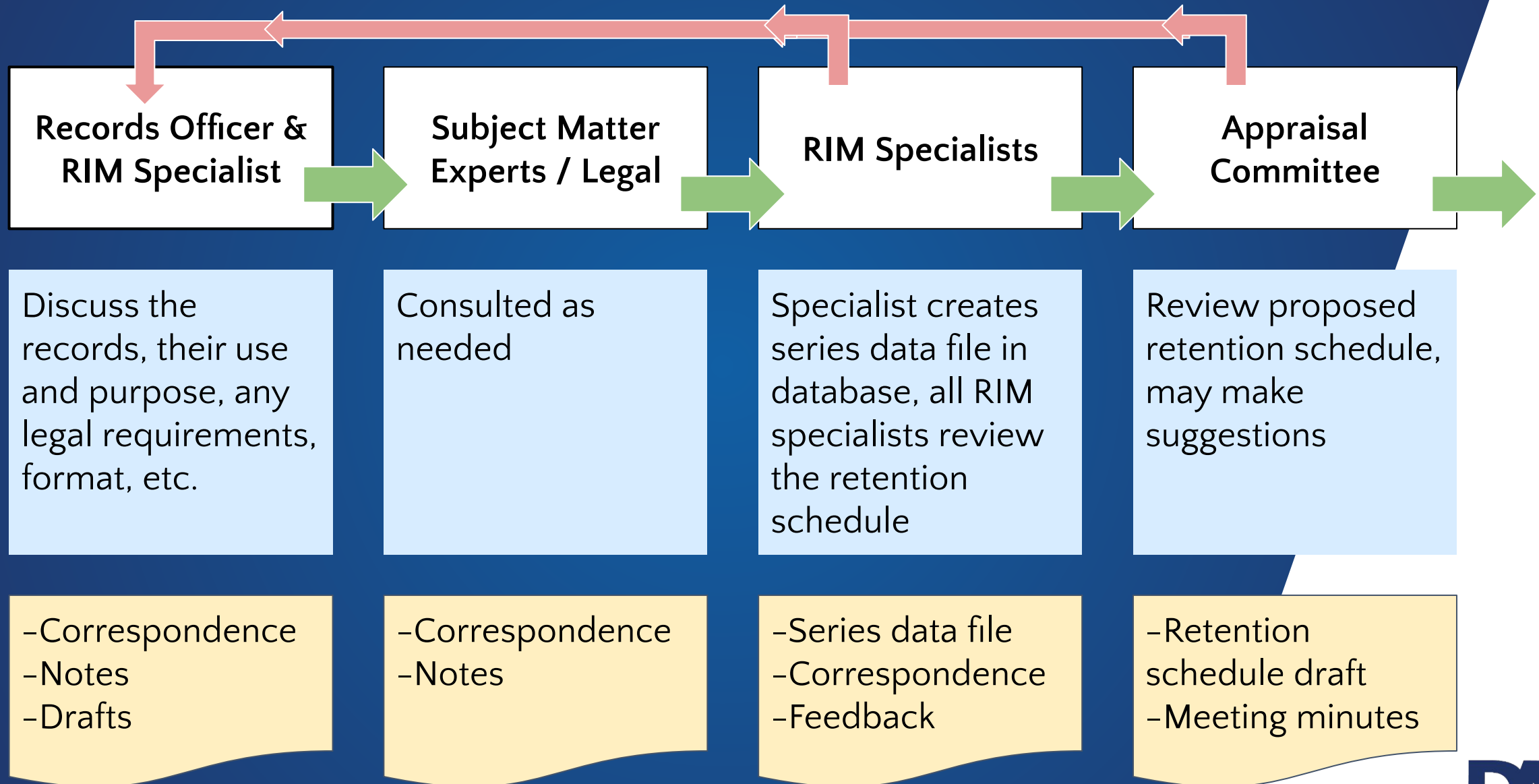- Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) example:

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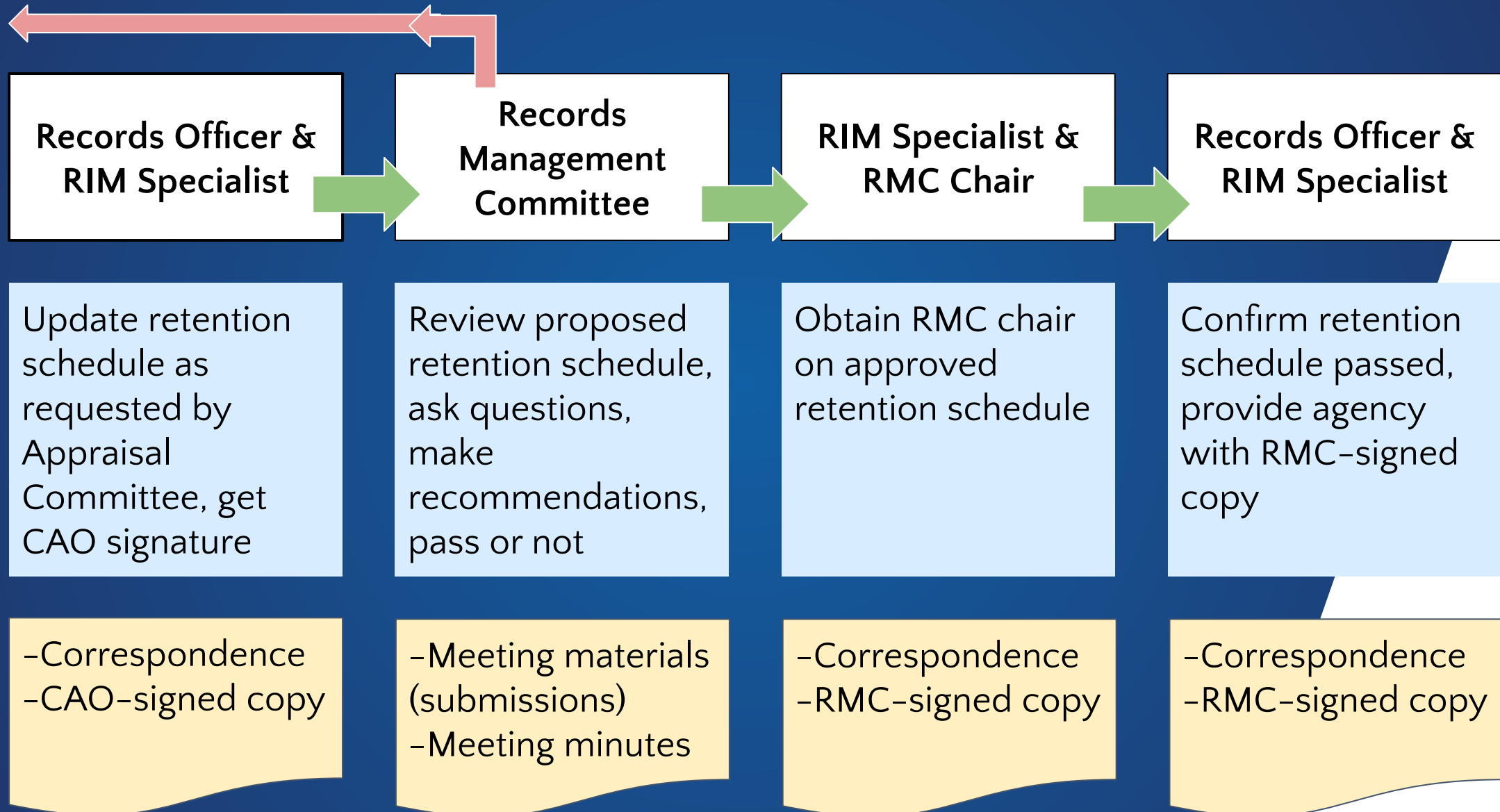
Chapter 8   Motion Picture Incentives

63N-8-104. Motion picture incentives -- Standards to qualify for an incentive -- Limitations -- Content of agreement between office and motion picture company or digital media company.
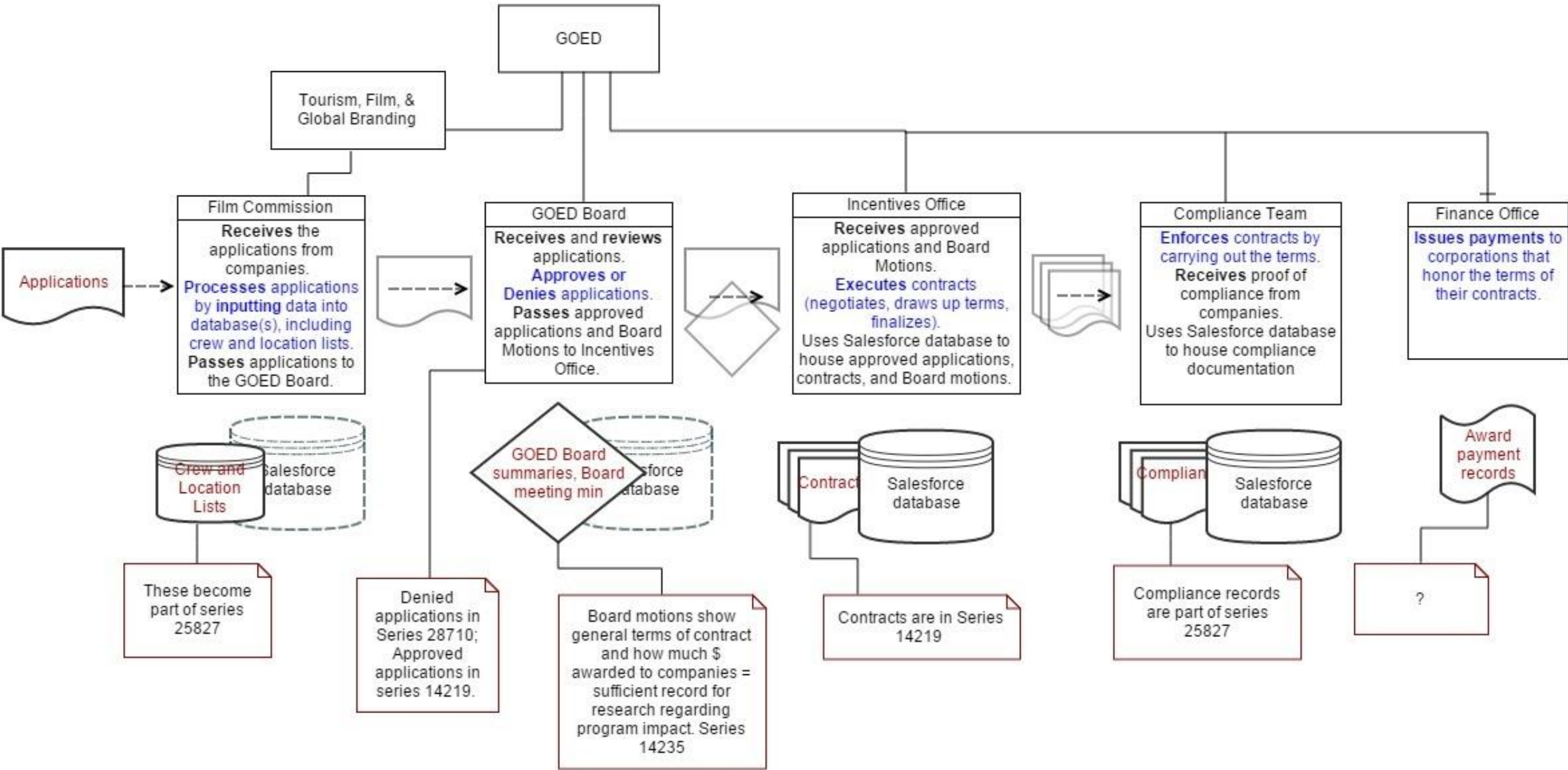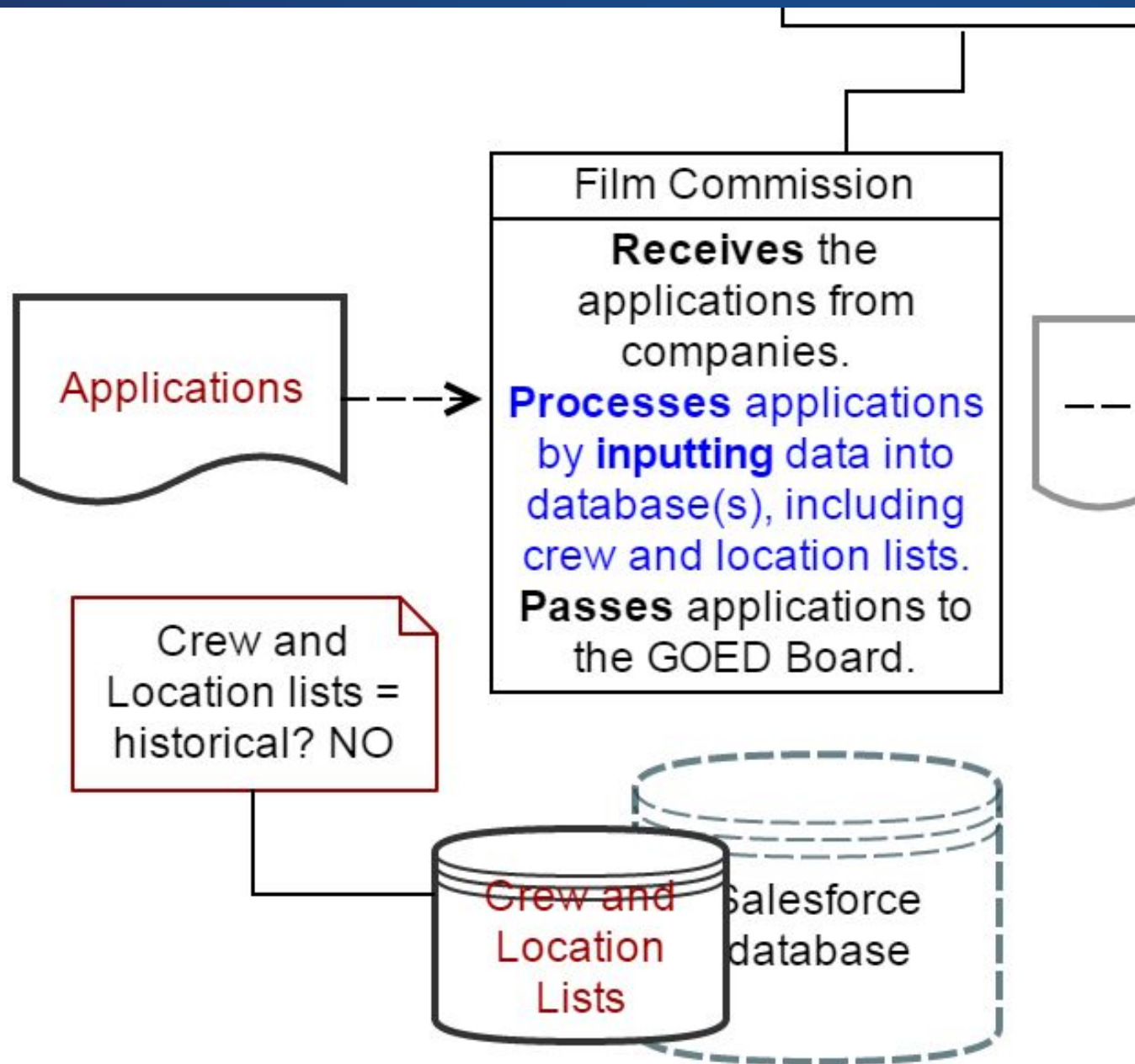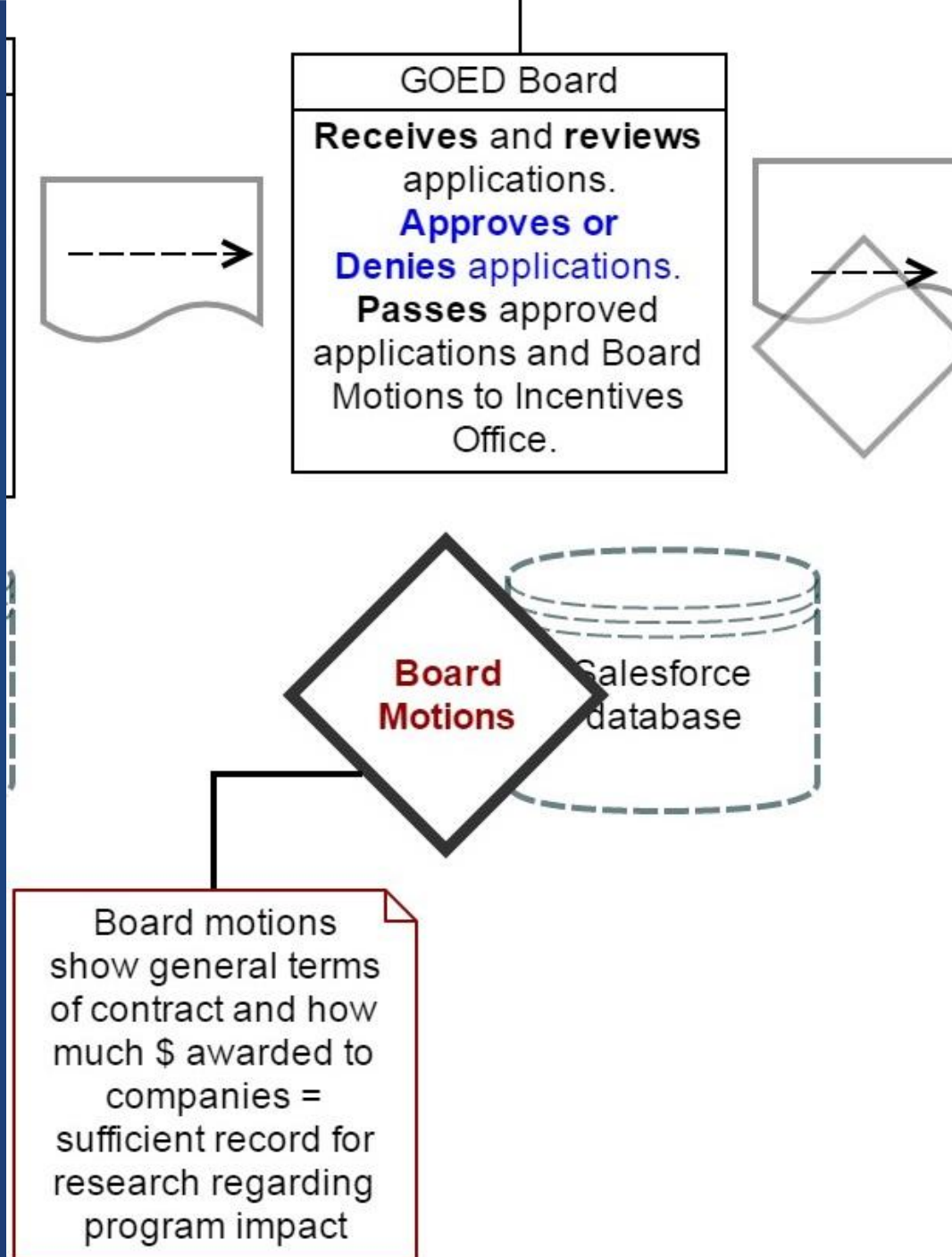
Creating a Retention Schedule

Records Officer & RIM Specialist	Subject Matter Experts / Legal	RIM Specialists	Appraisal Committee
Discuss the records, their use and purpose, any legal requirements, format, etc.	Consulted as needed	Specialist creates series data file in database, all RIM specialists review the retention schedule	Review proposed retention schedule, may make suggestions
–Correspondence –Notes –Drafts	–Correspondence –Notes	–Series data file –Correspondence –Feedback	–Retention schedule draft –Meeting minutes

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Creating a Retention Schedule

Records Officer & RIM Specialist	Records Management Committee	RIM Specialist & RMC Chair	Records Officer & RIM Specialist
Update retention schedule as requested by Appraisal Committee, get CAO signature	Review proposed retention schedule, ask questions, make recommendations, pass or not	Obtain RMC chair on approved retention schedule	Confirm retention schedule passed, provide agency with RMC–signed copy
–Correspondence –CAO–signed copy	–Meeting materials (submissions) –Meeting minutes	–Correspondence –RMC–signed copy	–Correspondence –RMC–signed copy

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MOTION PICTURE INCENTIVE PROGRAM function flowchart

GOED

Tourism, Film, & Global Branding

Film Commission
Receives the applications from companies.
Processes applications by **inputting** data into database(s), including crew and location lists.
Passes applications to the GOED Board.

Applications

GOED Board
Receives and **reviews** applications.
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Incentives Office
Receives approved applications and Board Motions.
Executes contracts (negotiates, draws up terms, finalizes).
Uses Salesforce database to house approved applications, contracts, and Board motions.

Compliance Team
Enforces contracts by carrying out the terms.
Receives proof of compliance from companies.
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Finance Office
Issues payments to corporations that honor the terms of their contracts.

Crew and Location Lists

Salesforce database

GOED Board summaries, Board meeting min

Salesforce database

Contract

Salesforce database

Complian

Salesforce database

Award payment records

These become part of series 25827

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Analyzing your functions and records

What are we missing?

Why are we doing that?

Do we really need it?

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EMAIL MANAGEMENT GUIDELINE

Effective Date:	March 2017
Revision Date:	November 2019
Review Date:	

PURPOSE: State and local government agencies need to know how to manage and preserve emails, and the Division of Archives and Records Service has the responsibility to establish standards and provide training for the effective management and care of records (Utah Code 63A-12-101(2)(c)). Acknowledging that records management needs, workloads, and complexities vary widely across government, the intent of this guideline is to establish baseline standards that ensure legal compliance but are still broad enough to provide each governmental entity the flexibility to shape management practices to fit its unique requirements.

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EMAIL MANAGEMENT GUIDELINE

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A. Yes

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C. Not sure

EMAIL MANAGEMENT GUIDELINE

Utah Division of Archives and Records Service

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Travel Reimbursement Request for Out-of-State Travel

This required form **MUST** be filled out completely and original receipts sent in order to submit your request accurately and timely. Once completed, submit to *State Travel 4120 SOB, Box 1117* for Inner Office Mail, or email to **dastravel@utah.gov**.

Agencies should ensure travel reimbursement requests are completed accurately and approved within **45 days** from the date of return of the trip.

Name: Renée Wilson	DAS Division: Archives
Employee #	Email: reneewilson@utah.gov
Purpose of Trip: Professional development – Society of American Archivists (SAA) Annual Meeting, plus two full-day courses for DAS (digital archives specialist) re-certification	
Destination: Austin, TX	
Departure Date: Tuesday, July 30, 2019	Departure Time: 11:45 AM
Departure Home Base Address: Archives, 346 S. Rio Grande St., Salt Lake City, UT 84101	
Return Date: Tuesday, August 6, 2019	Return Time: 9:30 PM
Arrival Home Base Address:	

Incidental Expenses. (If no receipt you can only claim $19.99 per item)

Date: Date	Taxi	Amount: $
Date: Tuesday, July 30, 2019, Tuesday, August 6, 2019	Shuttle	Amount: $16.57, $16.57 ($33.14 total)
Date(s): Tuesday, July 30, 2019, Tuesday, August 6, 2019	Baggage Fees	Amount: $30, $30 ($60 total)

SuperShuttle

Call (512) 258-3826 Option 3, at least one day in advance for return reservations

PASSENGER RECEIPT

7/30/2019   6:29:55PM

CONF#:   1079618
PASSENGERS: 1

Wilson, Renee

JW Marriott Austin

Austin   78701

FARE: $ 11.50
SERVICE CHARGE: $ 0.00
DRIVER FEES: $ 0.00
COMPANY FEES: $ 3.00
DISCOUNT: $ 0.00
TIP: $ 2.07
COMP/GIFT CERT: $ 0.00
TOTAL DUE: $ 16.57

PAYMENT TYPE: PREPAID

TOTAL PAID: $ 16.57

CHANGE DUE: $ 0.00

THIS IS A RECEIPT
NOT VALID FOR TRANSPORTATION

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A. Yes
B. No
C. Not sure

12. Is it a record?

A. **Yes**
B. No
C. Not sure

13. Is it a record?

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Issue:
You're trying to implement a RIM program, but no one seems very supportive

1. Who's on your team

2. Legal requirements

3. RIM benefits

Getting started

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Your RIM Team

- Every employee contributes to RIM to some extent

- RIM involves many roles, not just the records manager, though one person may fill many roles

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Elements of a RIM program

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Information Technology (IT)

Legal

Records Management

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Information Technology (IT) · Legal · Records Management · Security · Risk · Compliance

Elements of a RIM program

Assign & train staff members

- Determine who will

  - Track each copy, especially the record copy

  - Monitor retention

  - Destroy and document

- Keep instructions simple and clear

- They need to understand the roles that they play in the management of your agency's records

Training ideas

- Show real–world examples of consequences (negative or positive) of following (or not) RIM policies/procedures
- Share facts during staff meeting or in newsletter
- Post information on the fridge or in bathroom
- Bring chocolate to RIM discussions
- Make it fun / attractive
- Videos with staff acting out situations

Team Effort

- Create a business case to show value of RIM

- Be an expert

- Certify

- Identify team members

- Consult legal/risk/auditor

200206 Notes: NAGARA webinar: RM Assessments as Opportunities
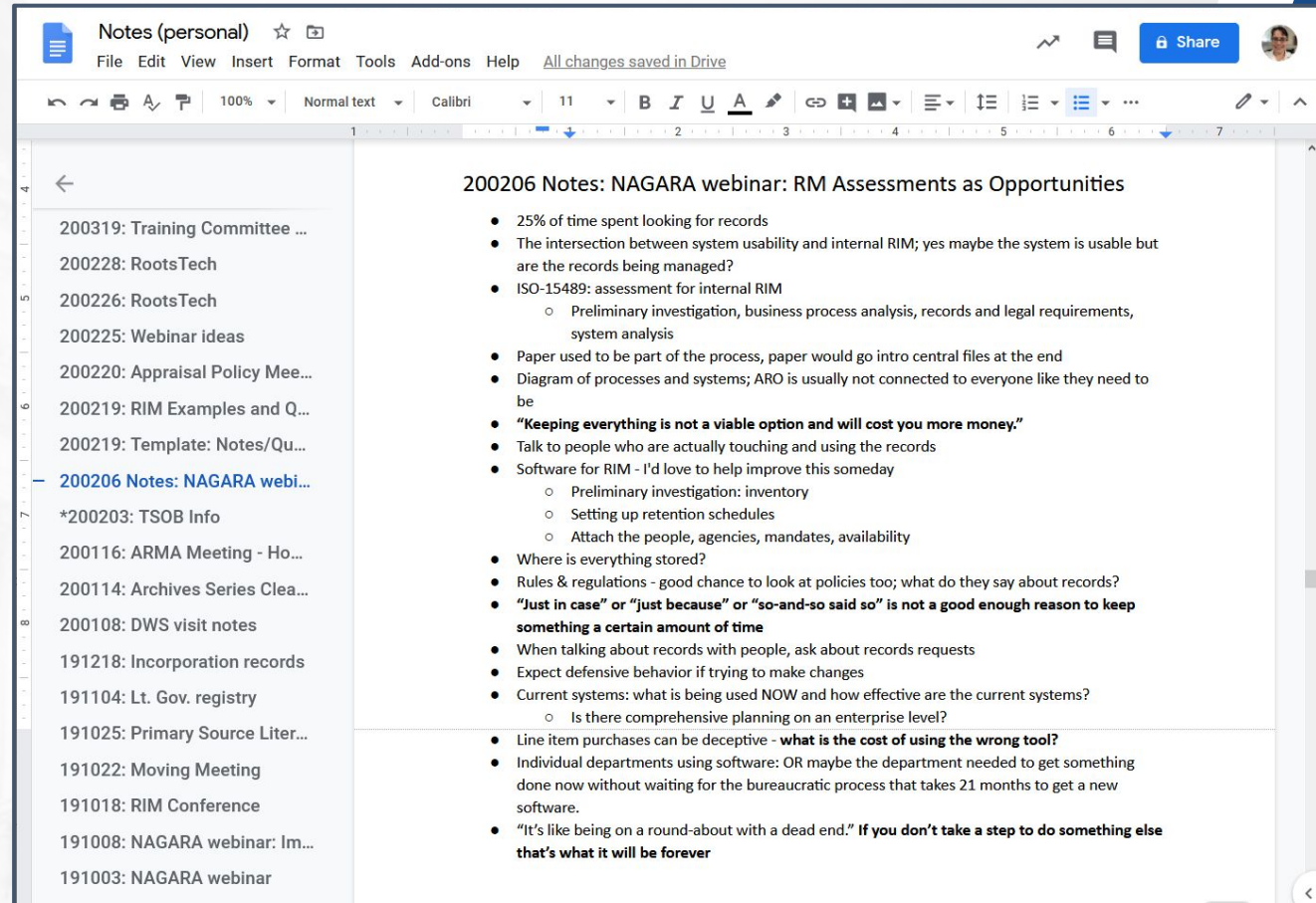
- 25% of time spent looking for records
- The intersection between system usability and internal RIM; yes maybe the system is usable but are the records being managed?
- ISO-15489: assessment for internal RIM
  - Preliminary investigation, business process analysis, records and legal requirements, system analysis
- Paper used to be part of the process, paper would go intro central files at the end
- Diagram of processes and systems; ARO is usually not connected to everyone like they need to be
- **"Keeping everything is not a viable option and will cost you more money."**
- Talk to people who are actually touching and using the records
- Software for RIM - I'd love to help improve this someday
  - Preliminary investigation: inventory
  - Setting up retention schedules
  - Attach the people, agencies, mandates, availability
- Where is everything stored?
- Rules & regulations - good chance to look at policies too; what do they say about records?
- **"Just in case" or "just because" or "so-and-so said so" is not a good enough reason to keep something a certain amount of time**
- When talking about records with people, ask about records requests
- Expect defensive behavior if trying to make changes
- Current systems: what is being used NOW and how effective are the current systems?
  - Is there comprehensive planning on an enterprise level?
- Line item purchases can be deceptive - **what is the cost of using the wrong tool?**
- Individual departments using software: OR maybe the department needed to get something done now without waiting for the bureaucratic process that takes 21 months to get a new software.
- "It's like being on a round-about with a dead end." **If you don't take a step to do something else that's what it will be forever**

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A. Yes
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RIM Guideline for Documenting the Pandemic and Earthquake

We would like to produce something akin to [Wyoming's brief guideline](#) on documenting COVID-19.

What should you save to document your agency's response to the pandemic?

- Consider starting one or more COVID-19 files for documents specifically related to this time. It can be a series in your internal network files, a folder in your email, and a folder for paper files. However you keep your records!
- Social media posts: If you're communicating with the public, or internally with staff, these would be good records to preserve. ~~Unless you are using a vendor to collect your social media, the best way remains taking screen shots of posts and interactions, and saving them as pdfs – in your COVID-19 file.~~
- Website content. If this duplicates what's on your social media, no need to save the content from both places. Save a few screenshots to show you were using your web page during this time and preserve the rest via your social media platforms (or vice versa)
- Typical written documents:
  - Telework and social distancing plans
  - Reports and memos on work and communications during this time
  - Press releases and press coverage of your unit's response
  - Correspondence showing significant new policies or work practices in place during the pandemic. Remember, only save what is produced by your office, not documents that originated elsewhere.
- Photos, videos, and other visual documents of life of your office – on site and virtual. Consider taking a screenshot of your staff video call grid, closed/reduced services signs you posted on your facility, and saving

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Heidi Steed
5:28 PM Apr 20   Resolve

It should be noted that Wyoming's Guideline is for documenting the pandemic (which is a lot more Archives than Records Management). A Records Management guideline would likely provide additional advice about how to manage essential records, and making sure that those records and backed up and appropriately accessible during a pandemic or earthquake. Do we just want to focus on documenting?

Renee Wilson
9:39 AM Apr 21

This is a really good question. There are several different angles we could take here: 1) documenting the history going on around you (what to look for, how to preserve it); 2) citizen documenting of the history going on (like U of U's project); 3) RIM for essential records in a time of crisis; 4) how to adapt your regular processes to the restrictions of emergency circumstances... I'm sure there are more. What is our end goal? What are we hoping agencies will do because of this?

Renee Wilson
9:40 AM Apr 21   Reso

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Questions?

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