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Legislative Oversight Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Blatt Building Room 110

Archived Video Available

- I. Pursuant to House Legislative Oversight Committee Rule 6.8, South Carolina ETV was allowed access for streaming the meeting. You may access an archived video of this meeting by visiting the South Carolina General Assembly's website (<http://www.scstatehouse.gov>) and clicking on *Committee Postings and Reports*, then under *House Standing Committees* click on *Legislative Oversight*. Then, click on *Video Archives* for a listing of archived videos for the Committee.

Attendance

- I. Pursuant to Committee Rule 3.1, the public-input meeting of the House Legislative Oversight Committee was called to order by Chairman Wm. Weston J. Newton. All members of the Committee were present for all or a portion of the meeting, except Representative Mandy Powers Norrell and Representative Tommy Stringer.

Minutes

- I. Representative Edward R. Tallon, moved to approve the minutes from the meeting on January 28, 2019. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Representative Tallon’s motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on January 14, 2019:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Micajah P. “Micah” Caskey, IV	✓			
Gary E. Clary	✓			
Neal A. Collins	✓			
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Patricia Moore “Pat” Henegan				✓
Lee Hewitt	✓			
William M. “Bill” Hixon	✓			
Laurie Slade Funderburk	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Jeffrey E. Johnson				✓
Marvin R. Pendarivs	✓			
Mandy Powers Norrell				✓
Robert L. Ridgeway, III	✓			
Tommy M. Stringer				✓
Edward R. “Eddie” Tallon, Sr.	✓			
Bill Taylor	✓			
John T. West	✓			
Robert Q. Williams	✓			
Christopher Sloan “Chris” Wooten	✓			
Wm. Weston J. Newton	✓			

Discussion of Agenda and Procedure

- I. Chairman Newton stated that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss and then hear public testimony regarding the Economic Development, Transportation, Natural Resources and Regulatory Subcommittee’s study of the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. Chairman Newton also provided an overview of the process of approving studies.

Presentation of the Study of the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

- I. Representative Ridgeway provided an overview of the Economic Development, Transportation, Natural Resources and Regulatory Subcommittee’s report on the study of the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.

Public Input

- I. Members of the public provided testimony about the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR). Constituent testimony and Committee minutes summarizing testimony are not the comments or expression of the House Legislative Oversight Committee, any of its Subcommittees, the House of Representatives, or any of these entities staff.

Before each person testifies, Chairman Weston Newton administered an oath to the person. Below are the names of each person who testified and the time in the archived video at which the testimony begins.

Ms. Sarah Wilbanks (07:10)

Ms. Wilbanks testifies that she is an Occupational Therapist and the current Legislative Chair for the South Carolina Occupational Therapy Association (SCOTA). Ms. Wilbanks discusses how the Occupational Therapy Board within LLR interacts with occupational therapy practitioners in the state.

Ms. Reah Smith (27:26)

Ms. Smith testifies that she resides in Oconee County and is the Legislative Chair for the South Carolina Association of Realtors (SCR). Ms. Smith testified about several issues SCR has encountered with the Real Estate Commission of LLR, including staffing issues for the Real Estate Commission, use of nicknames in the LLC licensee database, and signage requirements.

Mr. Ken Newhouse (32:05)

Mr. Newhouse testifies he resides in Richland County and is the Chair of Governmental Affairs for the South Carolina Association of CPAs. Mr. Newhouse testifies about issues with receiving timely FOIA notices for meetings and concerns about new LLR policies being adopted without notice or input from the public.

Mr. Robert Baldwin (35:56)

Mr. Baldwin testifies that he resides in Charleston County and is a CPA. Mr. Baldwin discusses his concerns about the Board of Accountancy's slow response time in licensing new CPAs, the Board's inconsistency in applying educational requirements, and the lack of knowledge or experience in accountancy of those working for the Board.

Mr. Christopher Jenkins (40:02)

Mr. Jenkins testifies that he resides in Lexington County and is the CEO of the South Carolina Association of CPAs (SCAPA). Mr. Jenkins testifies about issues with resource allocation within LLR causing delays in licensing new CPAs and an inability

to complete investigations. Mr. Jenkins also testifies about communication issues between LLR employees and the Board of Accountancy.

Dr. Patricia Hill (46:33)

Dr. Hill testifies that she resides in Greenville County and is the Legislative Chair of the South Carolina Association of Veterinarians. Dr. Hill testifies that veterinarians have had very similar experiences to previous speakers in dealing with LLR. Dr. Hill also states that the veterinarians in her association see there is a need and opportunity to improve communications and relationships with LLR.

Discussion of Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

- I. Ms. Emily Farr, Agency Director for the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, under oath, addresses the committee and answers questions regarding the study and the public input.
- II. Members then ask constituents questions about their testimony.

Discussion of Committee Administrative Matters

- I. Chairman Newton provides an overview of administrative matters regarding the legislative process and announces intent to continue the discussion of the study of the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation at the next meeting.
- II. There being no further business; the meeting adjourns.