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Legislative Oversight Committee Meeting

**Monday, October 14, 2020
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 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 Marvin R. Pendarvis, Representative Tommy M. Stringer, and Representative John T. West.

Minutes

- I. Representative Gary E. Clary moves to approve the minutes from the meeting on October 5, 2020. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

Representative Clary’s motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on October 5, 2020.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Micajah P. “Micah” Caskey, IV			✓	
Gary E. Clary	✓			
Neal A. Collins	✓			
Chandra E. Dillard				✓
Laurie Slade Funderburk	✓			
Patricia Moore “Pat” Henegan	✓			
Lee Hewitt	✓			
William M. “Bill” Hixon	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Jeffrey E. Johnson			✓	
Mandy Powers Norrell	✓			
Marvin R. Pendarvis				✓
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 states the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the following items: subcommittee studies and brief administrative matters.

Discussion of the Economic Development, Transportation, Natural Resources Subcommittee’s Study of SC State Housing Finance and Development Authority (SC Housing)

- I. All testimony from the public and agency representatives was provided under oath.
- II. Representative Robert Q. Williams attempts to ask questions on behalf of Representative Marvin R. Pendarvis regarding the need for three additional recommendations. Chairman Newton requests that he hold those questions until Representative William M. “Bill” Hixon makes those recommendations to the committee.

- III. Representative Hixon submits his motion to add additional recommendations and approve the subcommittee study of SC Housing.
- IV. Representative Hixon answers Representative Williams question about the need for the additional recommendations. Representative Williams also asks whether the additional recommendations are consistent with what has been done at other agencies.
- V. Representative Williams questions the agency on whether they welcome the Inspector General's office and the Department of Administration to play a role in the hiring process. Executive Director Bonita Shropshire responds on behalf of the agency.
- VI. Representative Jeffrey E. Johnson questions the agency about its understanding of recommendations two and three and who it will hire to perform climate surveys and. Executive Director Shropshire responds on behalf of the agency.
- VII. Representative Hixon questions the agency regarding its response to the coronavirus. Ellen Eudy, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), responds on behalf of the agency.
- VIII. Representative Johnson and Chairman Newton question the agency regarding the moratorium on evictions due to the coronavirus. Executive Director Shropshire and Tracey Easton, General Counsel, respond on behalf of the agency.
- IX. Representative Williams questions the agency regarding home repairs. Executive Director Shropshire responds on behalf of the agency.
- X. Representative Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr., requests contact information for Executive Director Shropshire, and she provides the telephone numbers for her office and the agency.
- XI. Representative Chandra E. Dillard states that Executive Director Shropshire has been very helpful and that she appreciates working with her.
- XII. Representative Hixon questions the agency regarding the process and agency finances available for home repairs. Executive Director Shropshire and CFO Eudy respond on behalf of the agency.
- XIII. Representative Johnson questions the agency about the requirements of a homeowner to get repair assistance and whether the agency puts a lien on the property. Executive Director Shropshire responds on behalf of the agency.
- XIV. Chairman Newton asks Representative Hixon on behalf of Representative Pendarvis regarding the recommendation to use the Department of Administration in the hiring process. While not present for the meeting, Representative Pendarvis is observing the live stream of the meeting.

XV. Chairman Newton questions the agency on whether the housing rental funds have been exhausted. Executive Director Shropshire responds on behalf of the agency.

XVI. A roll call vote is held on Representative Hixon motion that the Committee approve the additional recommendations and the subcommittee study, and the motion passes.

Representative Hixon’s motion to adopt the Ad Hoc Subcommittee’s study of SC Housing	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Micajah P. “Micah” Caskey, IV	✓			
Gary E. Clary	✓			
Neal A. Collins	✓			
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Laurie Slade Funderburk	✓			
Patricia Moore “Pat” Henegan	✓			
Lee Hewitt	✓			
William M. “Bill” Hixon	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Jeffrey E. Johnson	✓			
Mandy Powers Norrell	✓			
Marvin R. Pendarvis				✓
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 the Executive Subcommittee’s study of the Secretary of State’s Office

- I. Representative Clary presents an overview of the Executive Subcommittee’s study of the Secretary of State’s Office.
- II. Representative Clary states that the subcommittee has 30 recommendations for three different entities. Recommendations 1-19 are to the Secretary of State’s Office and fall into five categories: effectiveness; efficiency; transparency; interagency collaboration; and modernization of laws. Recommendations 20-29 are to the General Assembly and fall into two categories: efficiency; and modernization of laws. Recommendation 30 is to the Attorney General’s office regarding the modernization of laws.
- III. Representative Williams questions Representative Clary and the agency regarding the number of board vacancies. Melissa Dunlap, Deputy Secretary and Chief Legal Counsel and Meredith Augustine, Deputy General Counsel respond on behalf of the agency.
- IV. Representative Dillard questions the agency regarding nonprofits not renewing due to the coronavirus. Deputy Secretary Dunlap responds on behalf of the agency.
- V. Representative Laurie Slade Funderburk request clarification about the percentage that business filings were up. Deputy Secretary Dunlap responds on behalf of the agency.
- VI. Representative Mandy Powers Norrell, Representative Hixon, Representative Williams, and Chairman Newton question the agency regarding online or remote notary. Deputy Secretary Dunlap responds on behalf of the agency.
- XVII. Representative Clary moves to approve the Executive Subcommittee study of the Secretary of State’s Office.

Representative Clary’s motion to adopt the Ad Hoc Subcommittee’s study of the Secretary of State’s Office	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Micajah P. “Micah” Caskey, IV	✓			
Gary E. Clary	✓			
Neal A. Collins	✓			
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Laurie Slade Funderburk	✓			
Patricia Moore “Pat” Henegan	✓			
Lee Hewitt	✓			
William M. “Bill” Hixon	✓			

Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.				✓
Jeffrey E. Johnson	✓			
Mandy Powers Norrell	✓			
Marvin R. Pendarvis				✓
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 Administrative Matters

- I. Chairman Newton provides an overview of administrative matters, including the ability of members to submit written statements for inclusion in committee studies pursuant to Standard Practice Rule 12.6.
- II. Representative Edward R. "Eddie" Tallon, Sr., requests to be identified as a "yea" vote for approval of the study of SC Housing. There are no objections.
- III. Representative Funderburk requests to be identified as a "yea" for all prior votes today. There are no objections.
- IV. Chairman Newton thanks the three committee members not seeking reelection, Representative Clary, Representative Robert L. Ridgeway, III, and Representative Tallon for their talents, commitment, and leadership to improving the lives of all South Carolinians.
- V. There being no further business, the meeting adjourns.