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Legislative Oversight Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 26, 2020
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- 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 Gary E. Clary, Representative Neal A. Collins, Representative Pat Henegan, Representative Jeffrey E. Johnson, and Representative Tommy M. Stringer.

Minutes

- I. Representative Edward R. Tallon, Sr., moves to approve the minutes from the meeting on December 9, 2019. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

Representative Tallon’s motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on December 9, 2019.	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: the Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee’s study of the Department of Mental Health; the Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee’s study of the Housing Finance and Development Authority; the Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee’s study of the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services; and Committee administrative matters.

Discussion of the Department of Mental Health

- I. Representative John Taliaferro (Jay) West, IV answers Representative Robert Q. Williams’s question regarding the Department of Mental Health, or “DMH,” collaborating with the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

- II. Representative West has two recommendations for the committee to consider:
- i. Clarify recommendation 27 to note that this recommendation does not address the amount of the pass-through funds.
 - ii. The addition of recommendation 28 to the full committee study that DMH provide an update in an approved format once a quarter for two years after the study is approved or the committee revisits the need for the updates.
- III. Representative West moves to approve the clarification to recommendation 27 and the addition of recommendation 28 to the full committee study. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

Representative West’s motion to approve the clarification to recommendation 27 and the addition of recommendation 28 to the full committee study.	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	✓			

- IV. Representative West moves to approve the study on DMH as amended. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

Representative West’s motion to approve the study on DMH as amended.	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 Housing Finance and Development Authority

- I. Representative William M. (Bill) Hixon provides an overview of the Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee’s study of the Housing Finance and Development Authority, or “SC Housing.”
- II. Representative Hixon states that the subcommittee has 10 individual recommendations arising from the SC Housing study addressing the following topics:
 - i. Effectiveness;

- ii. Efficiency; and
 - iii. Transparency.
- III. Bonita Shropshire, SC Housing Executive Director, John Morrison, SC Housing Controller, Steve Clements, SC Housing Director of Home Ownership, and Brian Lamkin, South Carolina State Inspector General, under oath, answer questions from committee members regarding the SC Housing study and subcommittee recommendations.
- i. Chairman Newton swears in John Morrison, SC Housing Controller at this time.
- IV. Representative Marvin R. Pendarvis reads a written statement, which he submitted for inclusion in the subcommittee study, and asks that it also be included in the Committee’s study whenever it is approved.

Discussion of the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services

- I. Representative West provides an overview of the Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee’s study on the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, or “DAODAS.”
- II. Representative West states that the subcommittee has 11 individual recommendations arising from the DAODAS study addressing the following topics:
- i. Effectiveness;
 - ii. Efficiency;
 - iii. Accountability;
 - iv. Interagency collaboration; and
 - v. Modernization of laws.
- III. Sara Goldsby, Director of DAODAS, under oath, answers Representative Williams’s questions regarding DAODAS collaborating with the Department of Natural Resources and the local county alcohol and drug abuse authorities working with school districts.
- IV. Representative West moves to approve the study on DAODAS. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

Representative West’s motion to approve the study on DAODAS.	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 Committee 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. Chairman Newton refers to the December 9, 2019, full committee meeting regarding receiving testimony from the Department of Social Services’ new director, Michael Leach. He states the committee is working on finding a time to meet with Mr. Leach. Chairman Newton also states he has received a request for receipt of testimony from the Secretary of Transportation, Christy Hall, and Dr. Delores Dacosta, Executive Director for the Commission for Minority Affairs.
- III. Chairman Newton states the Legislative Audit Council will perform a new audit of the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) in order to follow up on recommendations made to DJJ in their 2017 audit as well as various other topics.
- IV. Chairman Newton opens discussion for the prioritization of studies in each subcommittee for 2020.
 - i. Speaking on behalf of the Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee, Representative Hixon suggests the subcommittee prioritize the study of the Department of Commerce.

- ii. Speaking on behalf of the Education and Cultural Subcommittee, Representative Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr. suggests the subcommittee prioritize the study of the Arts Commission.
 - iii. Speaking on behalf of the Executive Subcommittee, Representative Newton suggests the subcommittee prioritize the study of the Department on Aging.
 - iv. Speaking on behalf of the Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee, Representative West suggests the subcommittee prioritize the study of the Department of Health and Human Services.
 - v. Speaking on behalf of the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee, Representative Tallon suggests the subcommittee prioritize the Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services as the subcommittee has already begun the study.
- V. Chairman Newton opens discussion for questions and comments on agencies currently under study and those that were identified for prioritization.
 - i. Representative West asks Representative Jefferson if the Department of Education, which is currently under study by the Cultural and Education Subcommittee, has considered providing a mechanism for behavioral development therapists, or the like, in public schools for families who may need them.
- VI. Chairman Newton notes that a survey will open in March for 30 days to allow public input about the agencies selected for study in 2020.
- VII. There being no further business, the meeting adjourns.