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## **Legislative Oversight Committee**



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### **Legislative Oversight Committee Meeting**

Thursday, March 9, 2017  
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. The House Legislative Oversight Committee was called to order by Chair Wm. Weston J Newton on Thursday, March 9, 2017, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building. All members of the Committee were present for all or a portion of the meeting, except: Representative Neal Collins; Representative Raye Felder; Representative Mandy Powers Norrell; Representative Todd Rutherford; Representative James E. Smith, Jr.; and Representative Tommy M. Stringer

#### **Minutes**

- I. House Rule 4.5 requires standing committees to prepare and make available to the public the minutes of committee meetings, but the minutes do not have to be verbatim accounts of meetings. Representative Jefferson moved to approve the minutes from the Committee's meeting on March 2, 2017. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

<b>Representative Jefferson's motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting:</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Not Voting: Present</b>	<b>Not Voting: Absent</b>
Katherine E. Arrington	✓			
William K. Bowers				✓
Gary E. Clary	✓			
Neal Collins				✓
MaryGail Douglas	✓			
Raye Felder				✓
Laurie Slade Funderburk	✓			
Phyllis Henderson	✓			
Bill Hixon	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Mandy Powers Norrell				✓
Robert L. Ridgeway, III	✓			
Todd Rutherford				✓
James E. Smith, Jr.				✓
Tommy Stringer				✓
Edward R. Tallon	✓			
Bill Taylor	✓			
Robert Q. Williams	✓			
Wm. Weston J. Newton			✓	

### **Agency Introductions**

- I. Chairman Newton stated that the purpose of this meeting is to hear public testimony regarding the State Election Commission, Human Affairs Commission, and Law Enforcement Training Council and Criminal Justice Academy. When the discussion turned to the Human Affairs Commission, Chairman Newton recused himself.
- II. Chairman Newton stated that in order to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our public interest meeting, there will be an opportunity for agencies to provide closing comments after the public testimony.

### **Public Testimony**

- I. Members of the public provided testimony about the agencies. Before giving any testimony, each person was administered an oath by Chairman Newton. Given below are the names of each person who testified and the time in the archived video

at which the testimony begins. The testimony is grouped below by the agency about which the testimony relates, instead of the order in which the individuals testified.

**Ms. Kim Murphy (08:50) (State Election Commission)**

Ms. Murphy testified that she ran for school board in Richland County School District 5, but her name was removed from the ballot and her family's right to vote was stripped. She has filed a *pro se* appeal that a judge has accepted. Ms. Murphy testifies that she is paying taxes in Richland County, but she and her family have to register in Lexington County because of boundary lines. Ms. Murphy does not want to vote for representatives that do not tax her as this is taxation without representation. She testifies the right to vote was never litigated, and Ms. Murphy never received a letter with an opportunity to respond as required by federal and state law. These state mapping and tax lines need to be reassessed and better define ill-established lines. County of residence cannot be subjective.

**Mr. Tiger Wells (19:30) (Law Enforcement Training Council and Criminal Justice Academy)**

Mr. Wells testified that in his role with the Municipal Association of South Carolina, he was surprised to find out a couple of years ago that this agency, which is responsible for providing the training for every law enforcement officer in this state, bases most of its budget on fines and fees revenue. This agency should not be funded by fines and fees revenue which can be an up and down stream of revenue.

**Agency Closing Statements and Adjournment**

- I. Marci Andino provided closing statements on the SC Election Commission.
- II. Jackie Swindler provided closing comments on behalf of the Criminal Justice Academy.
- III. Vice Chair Funderburk asked Director Ray Buxton to testify on behalf of the Human Affairs Commission. Vice Chair Funderburk administered the oath, and then Director Buxton provided closing comments.
- IV. Chair Newton reminded everyone that members of the public are still able to submit comments about the agencies on the Committee's website.
- V. The meeting was adjourned.