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Legislative Oversight Committee Meeting

Monday, November 13, 2017

Blatt Building Room 110

10:30 a.m.

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 Monday, November 13, 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 William K. Bowers, 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.
- II. Chairman Weston Newton calls the meeting to order.
- III. Representative Gary E. Clary moves to approve the minutes from the Committee's meeting on October 16, 2017. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

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

Discussion of the Department of Public Safety

- I. The Committee continues its discussion of the study of the Department of Public Safety.
 - a. Director Leroy Smith addresses the Committee regarding the department’s progress on the State Inspector General office’s recently released report on the agency regarding climate and leadership.
 - b. Sergeant David Whatley (Florence County) shares his concerns about the Department of Public Safety and resigns from his position.
 - c. Members ask questions, which Sgt. Whatley answers, about various topics, including, but not limited to:
 - i. Disparity of punishment;
 - ii. Office of Professional Responsibility’s chain of command; and
 - iii. Morale.
 - d. Members ask questions, which Director Smith and his staff answers, about various topics, including, but not limited to:
 - i. Transporting civilians to ceremonies, receptions and other events;
 - ii. Troopers accompanying college football coaches and teams;
 - iii. Director Smith’s response Inspector General’s report;
 - iv. Decrease in number of Troopers;
 - v. Travel policies; and
 - vi. Morale.
 - e. Representative Gary E. Clary requests the Department of Public Safety provide the Committee a cost breakdown of the travel miles and time involved (for Majors and above) on a monthly and yearly basis.

- IV. Representative Eddie Tallon moves to approve the Subcommittee Report on the Department of Public Safety, as presented. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

Representative Tallon’s motion to approve the approve the Subcommittee Report on the Department of Public Safety, as presented:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Katherine E. Arrington	✓			
Bruce W. Bannister			✓	
William K. Bowers				✓
Gary E. Clary	✓			

Neal Collins	✓			
Chandra E. Dillard			✓	
MaryGail Douglas	✓			
Raye Felder	✓			
Laurie Slade Funderburk	✓			
Phyllis Henderson				✓
Bill Hixon	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Mandy Powers Norrell	✓			
Robert L. Ridgeway, III				✓
Todd Rutherford				✓
Tommy Stringer				✓
Edward R. Tallon	✓			
Bill Taylor				✓
Robert Q. Williams	✓			
Wm. Weston J. Newton	✓			

Commission for Minority Affairs

- I. Director Thomas Smith responds to the testimony given at the public input hearing on October 16, 2017.

Department of Natural Resources

- II. Director Alvin Taylor responds to testimony given at the public input hearing on October 16, 2017.
- III. Representative Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr., commends the agency for a project that has come to fruition in his district.

State Election Commission

- I. Representative Gary E. Clary provides an overview of the Executive Subcommittee’s study of the State Election Commission.
- II. Members ask questions, which Director Marci Andino and her staff answers, about various topics, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Scheduling of primaries and municipal elections;
 - b. Orientation for new board members;
 - c. Absentee ballots;

- d. Responsibility for elections;
 - e. County usage;
 - f. Notification of polling place changes to the public; and
 - g. Election results protests.
- III. Members ask questions, which Mr. Will Roberts, Mapping Program Director with the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, answers about various topics, including, but not limited to:
- a. Geographic boundaries; and
 - b. Geodetic surveys.
- IV. A constituent, Ms. Kim Murphy, addresses the committee regarding her concerns about issues relating to county boundaries.

Discussion of the Department of Health and Environmental Control

- I. The Committee continues its discussion of the Department of Health and Environmental Control.
- II. Members ask questions which Acting Director David Wilson answers, about various topics, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Beach base line and set-back line;
 - b. Certificates of Need; and
 - c. Former agency heads having consulting arrangements with DHEC.

Human Affairs Commission

- I. Committee Vice-Chair, Representative Laurie Slade Funderburk, provides an overview of the Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee's study of the Human Affairs Commission.
- II. Members ask questions which Director Ray Buxton and his staff, answers, about various topics, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Number of Housing complaints/investigations;
 - b. Documents stored with the Department of Archives and History; and
 - c. Possibility of consolidation of the Human Affairs Commission and the Commission for Minority Affairs.

III. Representative Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr., moves to approve the Subcommittee Report on the Human Affairs Commission, as presented. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

Representative Jefferson's motion to approve the subcommittee study of the Human Affairs Commission:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Katherine E. Arrington	✓			
Bruce W. Bannister			✓	
William K. Bowers				✓
Gary E. Clary	✓			
Neal Collins	✓			
Chandra E. Dillard				✓
MaryGail Douglas	✓			
Raye Felder	✓			
Laurie Slade Funderburk	✓			
Phyllis Henderson				✓
Bill Hixon	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Mandy Powers Norrell	✓			
Robert L. Ridgeway, III	✓			
Todd Rutherford	✓			
Tommy Stringer				✓
Edward R. Tallon	✓			
Bill Taylor				✓
Robert Q. Williams	✓			
Wm. Weston J. Newton			✓	

IV. Chairman Newton provides information regarding next agencies to study, which will be discussed further at an upcoming meeting.

V. There being no further business; the meeting is adjourned.