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Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Blatt Room 427

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Attendance

- I. The Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chair William M. (Bill) Hixon on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, in Room 427 of the Blatt Building. The following other members of the Subcommittee were present for either all or a portion of the meeting: Representative Mandy Powers Norrell and Representative Marvin R. Pendarvis.

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. It is the practice of the Legislative Oversight Committee to provide minutes for its subcommittee meetings.

- II. Representative Pendarvis moves to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2019, meeting. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

Rep. Hewitt’s motion to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2019, meeting:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Hewitt			✓ (absent)
Rep. Norrell	✓		
Rep. Pendarvis	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		

Discussion of the Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA)

- I. Chair Hixon swears in the following RIA representatives:
 - a. Bonnie Ammons, RIA Executive Director
 - b. Liz Rosinski, RIA Grant Program Manager and Outreach Coordinator
 - c. Chris Huffman, Chief Financial Officer for SC Department of Commerce and RIA
 - d. Karen Manning, Chief Legal Counsel for SC Department of Commerce and RIA

- II. RIA Director Bonnie Ammons and RIA CFO Chris Huffman present an overview of the agency, including the following topics:
 - a. Mission
 - b. Vision
 - c. History
 - d. Leadership
 - e. Organization
 - f. Major programs
 - g. Resources
 - h. Successes, challenges, and emerging issues
 - i. Reviews, records, and reports

Ms. Ammons and Mr. Huffman respond to questions from Subcommittee members during and after the presentation.

- III. Ms. Ammons and Mr. Huffman present an overview of the agency’s grants programs, including the following topics:
 - a. Organization
 - b. Staff
 - c. Strategic planning
 - d. Funding
 - e. Grant eligibility
 - f. Types of grants
 - g. Application and selection process
 - h. Grant administration
 - i. Performance measures

- j. Customer assistance
- k. Outreach and communication
- l. Funding coordination

Ms. Ammons and Mr. Huffman respond to questions from Subcommittee members during and after the presentation.

Discussion of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

- I. Ms. Trish Blake, DMV Director of Administration, Ms. Kristin Wicker, DMV Deputy Director of Finance, and Mr. John Padgett, DMV Legislative Liaison respond to Subcommittee member questions related to the Subcommittee's recommendation that the Department of Motor Vehicles examine the option of processing checks electronically at the point of sale.
- II. The meeting is adjourned.