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Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee

Thursday, July 18, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Blatt Room 321

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 Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chair William M. (Bill) Hixon on Thursday, July 18, 2019, in Room 321 of the Blatt Building. The following other members of the Subcommittee were present for either all or a portion of the meeting: Representative Lee Hewitt, 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 June 19, 2019, meeting. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

Rep. Pendarvis' motion to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2019, meeting:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Hewitt	✓		
Rep. Norrell			✓ (absent)
Rep. Pendarvis	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		

Discussion of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

- I. DMV Director Kevin Shwedo responds to several questions from Subcommittee members relating to the agency's "No Pay, No Play" policy as well as golf cart dealers.
- II. Chair Hixon directs staff to complete the report of the Subcommittee's study of DMV and states that he will notify Committee Chair Newton of the report's availability for consideration by the full Committee on Thursday, July 25.

Discussion of the Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA)

- I. Chair Hixon swears in Ms. Letitia Dowling, a resident of Denmark, S.C. and representative of an organization called Denmark Cares. Ms. Dowling testifies about Denmark's need for facilitation and support in its efforts to improve its water system.
- II. RIA Director Bonnie Ammons provides comments in response to Ms. Dowling's testimony.
- III. Director Ammons and RIA CFO Chris Huffman present an overview of RIA's loan programs, including the following topics:
 - a. Organization
 - b. Staff
 - c. State Revolving Fund
 - i. Roles and responsibilities
 - ii. Goals/priorities
 - iii. Eligibility
 - iv. Project approval steps
 - v. Financial benefits
 - vi. Policies
 - vii. Financial requirements
 - viii. Loan statistics
 - ix. Loan Administration
 - d. State Infrastructure Revolving Fund

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

Discussion of the State Housing Finance and Development Authority (SC Housing)

- I. Chair Hixon swears in the following representatives of SC Housing:
 - a. Bonita Shropshire, Executive Director
 - b. John Tyler, Director of Housing Initiatives and Innovation
 - c. Tracey Easton, General Counsel
 - d. Paul Linhardt, Accounting Manager
 - e. Bryan Grady, Ph.D., Chief Research Officer
 - f. Carl Bowen, Director of Rental Assistance and Compliance
 - g. Steve Clements, Director of Home Ownership

- II. SC Housing Executive Director Bonita Shropshire presents an overview of the agency, including the following topics:
 - a. Director's background
 - b. Agency mission and vision
 - c. Agency organization

Director Shropshire responds to questions from Subcommittee members during and after the presentation.

- III. Accounting Manager Paul Linhardt provides a financial overview, including the following topics:
 - a. Agency background
 - b. Budget
 - c. Bond activity
 - d. Audits, reviews, and reporting

Mr. Linhardt responds to questions from Subcommittee members during and after the presentation.

- IV. Director of Home Ownership Steve Clements provides an overview of the agency's single family mortgage programs, including the following topics:
 - a. Homebuyer program
 - b. Palmetto Heroes
 - c. Hardest Hit Fund
 - d. Palmetto Home Advantage
 - e. Mortgage Tax Credit Program

Mr. Clements responds to questions from Subcommittee members during and after the presentation.

- V. Ms. Tracey Easton, General Counsel and former Acting Director of Development, provides an overview of the agency's development programs, including the following topics:
 - a. Low Income Housing Tax Credit Programs
 - b. HOME program
 - c. National Housing Trust Fund program

Ms. Easton and Director Shropshire respond to questions from Subcommittee members during and after the presentation.

VI. The meeting is adjourned.