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Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee

Monday, September 9, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Blatt Room 110

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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 Monday, September 9, 2019, in Room 110 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 and Representative Mandy Powers Norrell.

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 Hewitt moves to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2019, meeting. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

| Rep. Hewitt’s motion to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2019, meeting: | Yea | Nay | Not Voting |
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| Rep. Hewitt | ✓ | | |
| Rep. Norrell | ✓ | | |
| Rep. Pendarvis | | | ✓ (absent) |
| Rep. Hixon | ✓ | | |

Discussion of the Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA)

- I. RIA Director Bonnie Ammons presents the agency’s recommendations for law changes and other clarifying information. Director Ammons and RIA Legal Counsel Karen Manning respond to questions from Subcommittee members.
- II. Chair Hixon swears in Keith McCook, General Counsel for the State Fiscal Accountability Authority. Mr. McCook responds to questions from Subcommittee members about the S.C. Resources Authority and the Water Resources Coordinating Council.
- III. Subcommittee members make two motions regarding study recommendations and findings. Both motions pass by roll call vote.

| Rep. Hewitt’s motion to adopt agency recommendations 2, 3, and 6 from the agency’s Program Evaluation Report, as well as the two additional recommendations regarding project eligibility language in 11-50-40, as presented at this meeting: | Yea | Nay | Not Voting |
|---|-----|-----|------------|
| Rep. Hewitt | ✓ | | |
| Rep. Norrell | ✓ | | |
| Rep. Pendarvis | | | ✓ (absent) |
| Rep. Hixon | ✓ | | |

| Rep. Norrell’s motion that the Subcommittee find that it supports legislative action to provid resources to support statewide access to broadband services, including in rural communities: | Yea | Nay | Not Voting |
|---|-----|-----|------------|
| Rep. Hewitt | ✓ | | |
| Rep. Norrell | ✓ | | |
| Rep. Pendarvis | | | ✓ (absent) |
| Rep. Hixon | ✓ | | |

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

- I. Chair Hixon swears in the following representatives of SC Housing:
 - a. Sara Martinez, Development Director
 - b. Clayton Ingram, Communications Director
- II. The following SC Housing representatives respond to Subcommittee member questions about the follow-up information provided by the agency on August 26, 2019:
 - a. Bonita Shropshire, Executive Director
 - b. Sara Martinez, Development Director
 - c. Carl Bowen, Director of Rental Assistance and Compliance
 - d. Bryan Grady, Ph.D., Chief Research Officer
 - e. Tracey Easton, General Counsel
 - f. Steve Clements, Director of Home Ownership
- III. Mr. Ingram presents the agency's performance measures.
- IV. SC Housing Accounting Manager Paul Linhardt presents details about the agency's expenditures. He answers questions from Subcommittee members during and after his presentation.
- V. The meeting is adjourned.