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Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

10:00 am

Blatt Room 427

Archived Video Available

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Attendance

- I. The Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Laurie Slade Funderburk on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, in Room 427 of the Blatt Building. The following members of the Subcommittee were present for either all or a portion of the meeting: Representative Neal Collins, Representative Laurie Slade Funderburk, Representative Mandy Powers Norrell, and Representative Robert L. Ridgeway, III.

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 Collins makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the prior Subcommittee meeting. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

Rep. Collins' motion to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2017 meeting:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Collins	✓		
Rep. Norrell			Not Present
Rep. Ridgeway	✓		
Rep. Funderburk	✓		

Discussion of the Human Affairs Commission

- I. Vice-Chair Funderburk provides an update on the Subcommittee's work related to the Human Affairs Commission. She explains that the purpose of this meeting is to allow the agency to go through its responses to the Subcommittee's follow up questions and to discuss study recommendations.
- II. Vice-Chair Funderburk reminds agency personnel who were sworn in during prior meetings that they remain under oath, and she swears in the following individuals:
 - a. Ms. Cheryl Ludlam, Vice-Chair Commissioner, Human Affairs Commission; and
 - b. Mr. Alex Pate, Staff Attorney, Human Affairs Commission.
- III. Commissioner Raymond Buxton II and Mr. Alex Pate present the agency's responses to the questions in the Subcommittee's [follow-up letter dated October 18, 2017](#), which is available online as part of the agency study materials.

Subcommittee members ask questions, which Commissioner Buxton and other agency representatives answer.
- IV. During the discussion of the agency's law recommendations, Subcommittee members make various motions, which are listed below:

Rep. Funderburk's motion to approve a recommendation that authorizes the agency to promulgate a regulation under the Administrative Procedures Act outlining relief that may be awarded by an agency panel for public accommodations discrimination.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Collins		✓	
Rep. Norrell			Not Present
Rep. Ridgeway	✓		
Rep. Funderburk	✓		

Rep. Funderburk's motion to approve a recommendation that Human Affairs Commission review its performance measure for its strategic plan including, but not limited to, designing and implementing performance measures for the agency's work with community relations councils.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Collins	✓		
Rep. Norrell			Not Present
Rep. Ridgeway	✓		
Rep. Funderburk	✓		

Rep. Funderburk's motion that the agency develop a written employee retention policy and that they update their website to include the agency's policies and procedures.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Collins	✓		
Rep. Norrell			Not Present
Rep. Ridgeway	✓		
Rep. Funderburk	✓		

Rep. Funderburk's motion that there be a follow-up with the agency by the end of 2018 about its development of an employee retention plan and any	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
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other questions that the Subcommittee might have for the agency.			
Rep. Collins	✓		
Rep. Norrell	✓		
Rep. Ridgeway	✓		
Rep. Funderburk	✓		

Discussion of the Commission on Minority Affairs

- I. Vice-Chair Funderburk explains this is the agency’s first meeting with the Subcommittee. Vice-Chair explains the purpose of today’s meeting is for the agency to provide an overview of the agency’s purpose; mission; vision; laws enforced; organizational structure; major program areas; and relationships with other agencies.
- II. Vice-Chair Funderburk reminds everyone that they are under oath for any testimony before this Subcommittee or the full Committee. Vice-Chair Funderburk swears in the following agency representatives:
 - a. Mr. Thomas J. Smith, Executive Director;
 - b. Mr. Benjamin Washington, Jr., Program Coordinator for Research and Policy Services;
 - c. Ms. Lauretha Whaley, Administrative Manager;
 - d. Mr. Rogie D. Nelson, Program Coordinator for Small and Minority Business;
 - e. Mr. George H. Dennis, Program Coordinator of African American Affairs;
 - f. Ms. Lee S. McElveen, Program Coordinator for Hispanic Latino Affairs; and
 - g. Ms. Christina Hyppolite, Program Coordinator Non-Profits / Community Based Services.
- III. Director Smith presents information on the agency’s purpose; mission; vision; laws enforced; organizational structure; major program areas; and relationships with other agencies.

Members ask questions on the topics presented, which various agency representatives answer.
- IV. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.