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Economic Development, Transportation and Natural Resources Subcommittee

Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 10:00 am in Room 108

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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 Thursday, June 22, 2017, in Room 108 of the Blatt Building. The following members of the Subcommittee were present for all or a portion of the meeting: Representative Mandy Powers Norrell, Representative Robert L Ridgeway, and Representative Neal A. Collins.

Minutes

- I. House Rule 4.5 requires standing committees to prepare and make available to the public the minutes of committee meetings; 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 Norrell moved to approve the minutes from the Subcommittee’s meeting on June 15, 2017. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Rep. Norrell motions to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2017 meeting:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)	Not Voting (Present)
Rep. Collins	✓			
Rep. Norrell	✓			
Rep. Ridgeway	✓			
Rep. Funderburk	✓			

Discussion of the Human Affairs Commission

- I. Vice-Chair Funderburk provides an update of the Subcommittee’s work related to the Human Affairs Commission. She stated the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the agency’s history, mission, and the services it provides to citizens.
- II. Vice-Chair Funderburk reminds everyone that has previously been sworn in that they remain under oath for any testimony before this Subcommittee or the full Committee. Vice-Chair Funderburk swears in the following agency representatives:
- a. John A. Oakland, Chair of the Governing Board, Aiken County
 - b. Lee Ann Rice, Staff Counsel
 - c. Stephanie Price, EEO Consultant
 - d. Marvin Caldwell, Director of Fair Housing Division
 - e. Dan Koon, Deputy Commissioner
- III. Chair John A. Oakland gives an overview of the functions and responsibilities of the Governing Board of Commissioners. (00:07:20)
- IV. Commissioner Raymond Buxton II presents information on the agency’s history, mission, and major programs, while other agency representatives provide information on the services it provides to citizens under the major programs. (00:12:00)
- V. Lee Ann Rice, staff counsel, gives an overview of the three state laws related to the agency and the federal laws enforced by the agency (00:19:10):
- a. South Carolina Human Affairs Law: Title 1, Chapter 13
 - b. South Carolina Fair Housing Law: Title 31, Chapter 21
 - c. South Carolina Equal Enjoyment and Privileges to Public Accommodations: Title 45, Chapter 9
 - d. Federal Laws Prohibiting Discrimination: Title VII of the 1963 Civil Rights Act, Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Pregnancy Discrimination Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act

Further, Ms. Rice discussed the mediation process. (00:30:45)

VI. Dan Koon, Deputy Commissioner, gives an overview of how the employment law is administered, including the intake process and the investigation process. (00:24:45)

Further, Mr. Koon discussed Community Relations. (00:40:25)

VII. Marvin Caldwell, Director of Fair Housing Division, gives an overview of the Fair Housing Department at the Human Affairs Commission. (00:34:10)

VIII. Stephanie Price, EEO Consultant, gives an overview of the Technical Service Department (00:38:00), including:

- a. Consultative Services
- b. Affirmative Action Plan
- c. Training

Discussion of the Department of Agriculture

IX. Vice-Chair Funderburk explains that since agency representatives were unable to attend today’s meeting, this meeting would be a work session to further identify questions Subcommittee members may have for the agency and to discuss the agency’s recommendations to the Subcommittee.

X. Various motions are made by Subcommittee members to approve agency recommendations:

- a. Vice-Chair Funderburk moved to approve the agency’s recommendation, based on the draft language, to remove bonding requirements of the Commissioner of Agriculture. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Vice-Chair Funderburk motions to approve the agency’s recommendation, based on the draft language, to remove bonding requirements of the Commissioner of Agriculture:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)	Not Voting (Present)
Rep. Collins	✓			
Rep. Norrell	✓			
Rep. Ridgeway	✓			
Rep. Funderburk	✓			

- b. Representative Collins moved to approve the agency’s recommendation, based on the draft language, to remove the Agriculture Commission’s authority to establish the agency’s policies and annually approve the agency’s budget. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Rep. Collins motions to approve the agency's recommendation, based on the draft language, to remove the Agriculture Commission's authority to establish the agency's policies and annually approve the agency's budget:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)	Not Voting (Present)
Rep. Collins	✓			
Rep. Norrell	✓			
Rep. Ridgeway	✓			
Rep. Funderburk	✓			

- c. Representative Collins moved to approve the agency's recommendation, based on the draft language, to revise the appointment procedure of Commission of Agriculture to address a seat that has either been vacant or the term has expired, so that a Commissioner shall continue to serve until their successor is elected and qualified, and may only serve until their successors are elected and qualified, and provided a commissioner may only serve in a hold over capacity for a period not to exceeding six months, and to correct the scrivener's spelling error in the drafted language. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Rep. Collins motions to approve the agency's recommendation, based on the draft language, to revise the appointment procedure of Commission of Agriculture to address a seat that has either been vacant or the term has expired, so that a Commissioner shall continue to serve until their successor is elected and qualified, and may only serve until their successors are elected and qualified, and provided a commissioner may only serve in a hold over capacity for a period not to exceeding six months, and to correct the scrivener's spelling error in the drafted language:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)	Not Voting (Present)
Rep. Collins	✓			
Rep. Norrell	✓			

Rep. Ridgeway	✓			
Rep. Funderburk	✓			

- d. Representative Collins moved to approve the agency’s recommendation, based on the draft language, to modernize the cotton warehouse receipt law (i.e., accept Permanent Bale Identification from a cotton gin as the universal warehouse receipt number). A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

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Rep. Collins	✓			
Rep. Norrell	✓			
Rep. Ridgeway	✓			
Rep. Funderburk	✓			

- e. Rep. Collins moved to approve the agency’s recommendation, based on the draft language, to remove the agency involvement with the “cottage bill” - (i.e., remove the exemption registration burden from small home-based food produces). A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

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Rep. Collins	✓			
Rep. Norrell	✓			
Rep. Ridgeway	✓			
Rep. Funderburk	✓			

- f. Rep. Collins moved to approve the agency’s recommendation, based on the draft language, to revise state egg law (i.e., Exempt United State Department of Agriculture graded facilities from state licensing; add quail eggs; and

remove the licensing requirements for small producers). A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Rep. Collins motions to approve the agency’s recommendation, based on the draft language, to revise state egg law (i.e., Exempt United State Department of Agriculture graded facilities from state licensing; add quail eggs; and remove the licensing requirements for small producers):	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)	Not Voting (Present)
Rep. Collins	✓			
Rep. Norrell	✓			
Rep. Ridgeway	✓			
Rep. Funderburk	✓			

XI. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.