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Law Enforcement and Criminal Subcommittee

**Tuesday, April 26, 2022
10:00 a.m.
Blatt Room 110**

Archived Video Available

- I. Pursuant to House Legislative Oversight Committee Rule 6.7, 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 Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Wooten on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building. All members are present for all or a portion of the meeting. Additionally, Representative Doug Gilliam is present.

Approval of 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.

- II. Representative Magnuson makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the March 8, 2022, meeting. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Rep. Magnuson's motion to approve the meeting minutes.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. K. Johnson	✓		
Rep. McCravy	✓		
Rep. Magnuson	✓		
Rep. Wooten	✓		

Constituent Testimony

- I. Prior to the meeting, a constituent requested the opportunity to testify; however, the constituent was not present.

Administration of Oath

- I. Chair Wooten reminds all others placed under oath at prior meetings that they remain under oath.

- II. Chair Wooten places the following agency personnel under oath:
 - a. B.J. Nelson, Director of Crime Victim Services;
 - b. Veronica Swain Kunz, State Victim Ombudsman;
 - c. Ginger Dukes, Deputy Director for Crime Victim Training, Provider Certification and Statical Analysis Section; and
 - d. Debbie Curtis, Deputy Director of Victim Compensation.

Discussion of Attorney General's Office

- I. Barry Bernstein, Deputy Attorney General, makes remarks to provide clarity on testimony of agency personnel from the prior meeting.

- II. Mrs. Nelson introduces the Crime Victim Services Division. Ms. Kunz provides information about the State Victim Ombudsman section. Ms. Dukes provides information about the Crime Victim Training, Provider Certification and Statical Analysisist Section.
- III. Subcommittee members ask questions relating to the following:
 - a. Conflicts of interest with Attorney General's Office victim advocate;
 - b. Crime Victim Ombudsman;
 - c. How much impact does a victim have on plea;
 - d. Most common type of complaint from a crime victim;
 - e. Victim complaint statistics;
 - f. Evaluation of ombudsman training;
 - g. Victim complaint process;
 - h. Tracking implementation of CVO's recommendations;
 - i. Formal complaints statistics and trends;
 - j. Dismissal of complaints by victim;
 - k. Enforcement mechanism for victims rights;
 - l. Address Confidentially Program;
 - m. Manual entry of data;
 - n. Duplication of victim notification;
 - o. Certification of victim service providers; and
 - p. Promulgation of training standards.

Agency personnel respond to the questions.

Adjournment

- I. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.