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I. Pursuant to House Legislative Oversight Committee Rule 6.8, S.C. ETV was allowed access for streaming the Subcommittee meeting. You may access archived video of this meeting by visiting the South Carolina General Assembly's website (<a href="http://www.scstatehouse.gov">http://www.scstatehouse.gov</a>) and click on "Committee Postings and Reports," then under House Standing Committees click on "Legislative Oversight". Lastly, click on "Video Archives" for a listing of archived videos for the Legislative Oversight Committee.

#### **MINUTES**

- I. House Rule 4.5 requires the standing committees of the House to prepare and make available for public inspection, in compliance with Section 30-4-90, the minutes of full committee meetings. House Rule 4.5 further provides that such minutes need not be verbatim accounts of such meetings. It is the practice of the House Legislative Oversight Committee to provide minutes, which are not verbatim accounts of such meetings, for its subcommittee meetings.
- II. The Executive Subcommittee (Subcommittee) meeting was called to order by Subcommittee Chair Joshua Putnam on Thursday, September 10, 2015, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building, Columbia, South Carolina. The following Subcommittee Members were present: Subcommittee Chair Putnam, Representative Laurie Slade Funderburk, Representative Robert Q. Williams, and Committee Chair Wm. Weston Newton. In attendance from the Treasurer's Office were the following: Treasurer Curtis Loftis, Clarissa Adams (Chief of Staff), Cynthia Daniels (Deputy State Treasurer); and Tonia Morris (Deputy State Treasurer). In attendance from the Comptroller General's Office were the following: Comptroller General Richard Eckstrom, CPA, William E. Gunn (Chief of Staff), David Starkey, CPA

- (Senior Assistant Comptroller General), Eric Ward (Public Information Director) and Allison Houpt (Business Manager).
- III. Subcommittee Chair Putnam submitted proposed minutes from the Committee's previous meeting, June 2, 2015. Subcommittee Chair Putnam moved to approve the minutes, and Representative Williams made a motion to second. A roll call vote was held, and all present voted in favor of approval.

Subcommittee Chair. Putnam's Motion to Approve the	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Minutes from the June 2, 2015 Meeting			
Laurie Slade Funderburk	Yea		
Wm. Weston J. Newton	Yea		
Robert Q. Williams	Yea		
Joshua Putnam	Yea		

#### **DISCUSSION OF THE STUDY OF THE TREASURER'S OFFICE**

- I. The Treasurer was questioned as to whether or not he had informed his staff about the survey. He stated that he did. Representative Funderburk asked if staff knew the survey was confidential, and he stated that they did.
- II. Discussion regarding the status of the agency's conversion to the South Carolina Enterprise Information Systems, SCEIS. The Treasurer discussed the status. The Treasurer confirmed that he will review the laws to be evaluated by the Comptroller General that also relate to the Treasurer's Office. There was a discussion regarding the employee turnover rate at the Treasurer's Office. When questioned as to whether the Treasurer's Office and the Comptroller General's Office should be combined, the Treasurer stated that they work better separately but he had not thought much about it.

## **DISCUSSION OF THE STUDY OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL'S OFFICE**

- I. Committee staff provided a brief overview of the legislative oversight process and of the Committee staff study. The staff study is not an expression of the House of Representatives, the Legislative Oversight Committee, or any of its Subcommittees. The staff study is available online.
- II. Comptroller General Eckstrom explained the agency's recommendations to the committee and responded to Members' questions. The agency's recommendations are available for review online in the staff study.
- III. Representative Newton asked Chairman Putnam if the Chairman thought it would be appropriate to recognize the Comptroller General's Office for voluntarily making changes in the way it performs its duties as a response to its own findings during the legislative oversight process. The Chairman felt that such a recognition would be appropriate, and Representative Newton so moved.

Representative Newton's Motion to Acknowledge the Changes the Comptroller General's Office Has Voluntarily Made as a Consequence of the Legislative Oversight Process	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Joshua Putnam	Yea		
Laurie Slade Funderburk	Yea		
Wm. Weston J. Newton	Yea		
Robert Q. Williams	Yea		

Representative Newton acknowledged that the Comptroller General's Office had identified over 100 statutes in need of revision, and inquired whether it would be prudent to ask any agency that would be affected by those revisions for input before taking legislative action. Other Subcommittee members agreed, and the motion was made.

Representative Newton's Motion to Have Legislative Oversight Committee Staff Contact Agencies that Could Be Affected by the Revision of the Statutes Identified by the Comptroller General's Office to ensure that those Agencies Do Not Object to Such	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Revision			
Joshua Putnam	Yea		
Laurie Slade Funderburk	Yea		
Wm. Weston J. Newton	Yea		
Robert Q. Williams	Yea		

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