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Department of Corrections Ad Hoc Subcommittee

**Thursday, February 21, 2019
30 minutes after adjournment
Blatt Room 110**

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Attendance

- I. Subcommittee Chairman Edward R. Tallon Sr. calls the Department of Corrections Ad Hoc Subcommittee meeting to order on Thursday, February 21, 2019, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building. The following members of the Subcommittee are present during all or part of the meeting: Subcommittee Chairman Tallon, Representative Robert Q. Williams, Representative Jeffrey E. "Jeff" Johnson, Representative Micajah P. "Micah" Caskey, IV, Representative Gary E. Clary, Representative Chandra E. Dillard, and Representative Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.

Discussion of the S.C. Department of Corrections

- I. Subcommittee Chairman Tallon explains the purpose of today's meeting is for the S.C. Department of Corrections (SCDC) to present an overview of the agency, including: history, legal directives, mission and vision, resources available, governing body, and organizational chart.
- II. Subcommittee Chairman Tallon explains that while Members are permitted to ask any questions they desire, there will be some questions the agency is unable to answer in a public venue such as the legislative oversight process (e.g. questions in which the answer may endanger the safety of the inmates and agency staff, questions related to any pending litigation involving the agency). Also, he explains the House Oversight Committee requested the Legislative Audit Council (LAC) conduct an audit of the Department of Corrections in June 2018 and the LAC anticipates completing its report this July. Once the report is published, the Subcommittee will invite LAC representatives to present the report at a Subcommittee meeting. Subcommittee Chairman Tallon states that after receiving the report, the Subcommittee can continue to meet with the agency.
- III. Subcommittee Chairman Tallon explains that all testimony given to this subcommittee, which is an investigating committee, must be under oath. He reminds agency personnel previously sworn in that they remain under oath. Subcommittee Chairman Tallon swears in the following agency personnel:
 - a. Mr. Brian Stirling, Director;
 - b. Mr. Michael McCall, Deputy Director for Operations;
 - c. Mr. Thomas Osmer, Deputy Director for Administration;
 - d. Mr. Brian Bolchoz, Deputy Director for Police Services;
 - e. Ms. Nena Staley, Deputy Director for Programs, Rehabilitation and Reentry Services;
 - f. Ms. Terre Marshall, Deputy Director for Health Services;
 - g. Mr. Dexter Lee, Legislative Liaison;
 - h. Ms. Dayne Haile, Executive Assistant; and
 - i. Ms. Chrysti Shain, Director Information Services.
- IV. Mr. Brian Stirling, Director of SCDC, presents information on the agency's history; mission and vision; organizational structure; flow charts illustrating the following: (1) potential movement of inmates from initial booking to release, and (2) hour by hour timeline of an average day for an inmate; and deliverables related to the Director's Office.
- V. Members ask questions related to the following topics, which Director Stirling answers:
 - a. Percentage of inmates released;
 - b. Reception and Evaluation Center;
 - c. Visitation;

- d. Employee hiring, retention, and morale;
- e. Tablet pilot program; and
- f. Re-entry programs.

VI. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.