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Department of Corrections Ad Hoc Subcommittee

**Tuesday, June 18, 2019
10:30 a.m.
Blatt Room 110**

Archived Video Available

- I. Pursuant to House Legislative Oversight Committee Rule 6.8, 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. Ad hoc subcommittee Chairman Edward R. Tallon, Sr., calls the Department of Corrections Ad Hoc Subcommittee meeting to order on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building. The following members are present during all or part of the meeting: ad hoc subcommittee Chairman Tallon, Representative Gary E. Clary; Representative Micajah P. "Micah" Caskey, IV; Representative Chandra E. Dillard; Representative Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.; Representative Jeffrey E. "Jeff" Johnson; and Representative Robert Q. Williams.

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 Clary moves to approve the minutes from the prior Subcommittee meeting. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

Rep. Clary moves to approve the minutes from the Subcommittee's June 4, 2019, meeting:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)
Rep. Clary	✓		
Rep. Caskey	✓		
Rep. Dillard	✓		
Rep. Jefferson	✓		
Rep. Johnson			✓ (Absent for June 4, 2019 meeting)
Rep. Tallon	✓		
Rep. Williams			✓ (Absent at time of vote)

Discussion of the S.C. Department of Corrections

- I. Ad hoc subcommittee Chairman Tallon explains the purpose of today's meeting is to ask questions related to information presented during the last meeting, for the Department of Corrections (SCDC) to continue presenting information about its operations organizational unit and for SCDC to present information about its police services organizational unit.
- II. Ad hoc 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. Ad hoc subcommittee Chairman Tallon swears in the following individuals from the agency's Programs, Reentry, and Rehabilitative Services (PRRS) organizational unit:
 - a. Ms. Andrea Thompson, Assistant Deputy Director;
 - b. Ms. Gwendolyn Bright, Inmate Services Division Director;
 - c. Ms. Angela Williams, Director of Public Awareness within PRRS' Inmate Services Division;
 - d. Ms. Stephanie Donaldson, Reentry Services Division Director;

- e. Mr. Michael Brown, Director of Pastoral Care within PRRS' Inmate Services Division;
 - f. Mr. Clark Newsome, Internal Communications Division Director
 - g. Mr. Henry Herbsot, Training and Development Captain;
 - h. Ms. Portia Quiller, Director of Notification within PRRS' Victim Services Division;
 - i. Ms. Sherry Rhodes, Director of Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification within PRRS' Victim Services Division;
 - j. Ms. Harriett Boston, Administrative Coordinator for PRRS Deputy Director;
 - k. Ms. Cynthia Cash-Greene, Palmetto Unified School District Superintendent; and
 - l. Mr. John Shipman, Palmetto Unified School District Vocational Director.
- III. Members ask questions from information presented during the prior meeting and information learned after the meeting related to the SCDC inmates at Core Civic in Mississippi. Director Stirling answers member questions.
- IV. Ms. Nena Walker-Staley, SCDC Director for PRRS, with the assistance of other agency personnel from PRRS, presents information on the unit, which includes, but is not limited to:
- a. Overview of the Division
 - i. Structure agency wide and by facility
 - ii. Internal communications
 - iii. Inmate services
 - iv. Education services
 - v. Reentry services
 - vi. Victim services
 - b. Mandatory and Voluntary Program Participation
 - i. General programs and inmate eligibility
 - ii. Mandatory programs (e.g., character based units and step down program)
 - iii. Mandatory education
 - iv. Division efforts to address gang membership
 - c. Inmate Services
 - i. Chaplains
 - ii. Deaths and medical emergencies of inmates
 - iii. Recreation and wellness programs
 - iv. Volunteers
 - v. Self-paced in-class education
 - vi. Public awareness/crime prevention – Operation get smart and Operation behind bars

- vii. Sick or dying family members of inmates, provide inmates ability to visit
 - viii. Electronic monitoring fees (none)
 - ix. Clinical pastoral training program
- V. Members ask questions which Ms. Walker-Staley and other agency personnel answer
- VI. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.