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Department of Corrections Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

11:00 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, May 14, 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 March 21, 2019, meeting:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Not present for vote)
Rep. Clary	✓		
Rep. Caskey	✓		
Rep. Dillard	✓		
Rep. Jefferson	✓		
Rep. Johnson	✓		
Rep. Tallon	✓		
Rep. Williams	✓		

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 and for the Department of Corrections (SCDC) to continue presenting information about its operations 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. Subcommittee Chairman Tallon swears in the following agency personnel:
 - a. Ms. Donna Strong, Division Director for Quality Improvement and Risk Management;
 - b. Mr. Kenneth Nelsen, Lee Correctional Institution Warden; and
 - c. Ms. Christina Bigelow, Deputy General Counsel.

- III. Members ask questions about the topics below as follow-up to information presented during the previous meeting:
 - a. Assistance counties need to ensure they are providing accurate and complete information to SCDC;
 - b. Classification system, in particular, status of contract and information from a vendor hired to assist in revamping the system (i.e., Dr. Austin); and
 - c. Average inmate day timelines.
- IV. Mr. Joel Anderson, SCDC Director of Operations, continues the agency's presentation on its operations organizational unit, with the assistance of other agency personnel from that unit, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Inmate processing/classification
 - i. Data about inmates from local detention facilities
 - ii. Operating capacity
 - iii. Sentence length required for housing inmates in state correctional institutes data
 - iv. Inmates released within one month of admission to SCDC
 - v. Average Daily Population statistics 2001-2018
 - vi. Bed Utilization data
 - b. Inmate work opportunities
 - i. Paid employment in community
 - ii. Labor on public improvement
 - iii. Public service work
 - iv. Work on SCDC maintenance/construction
 - v. Other inmate work available
 - vi. Training programs in community for inmates
 - c. Credits
 - i. Work credits
 - ii. Work data: participation
 - iii. Vocational and job training data: participation
 - iv. Education credits
 - v. Education data: participation
 - d. Outcomes
 - i. Impact on recidivism of work and education programs
 - ii. Impact on recidivism of education programs
 - iii. Impact on recidivism of other programming
- V. Members ask questions which Mr. Anderson and other agency personnel answer
- VI. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.