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Department of Corrections Ad Hoc Subcommittee

**Tuesday, October 1, 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. The Department of Corrections Ad Hoc Subcommittee meeting is called to order by Chair Edward R. Tallon, Sr. on Tuesday, October 1, 2019, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building. The following other members of the Subcommittee are present for either all or a portion of the meeting: Representative Gary E. Clary; Representative Micajah P. "Micah" Caskey, IV; Representative Chandra E. Dillard; Representative Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.; 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 Williams moves to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2019, meeting. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

| Rep. Jefferson's motion to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2019, meeting: | Yea | Nay | Not Voting |
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| Rep. Clary | ✓ | | |
| Rep. Caskey | ✓ | | |
| Rep. Dillard | | | ✓ (absent for vote) |
| Rep. Jefferson | ✓ | | |
| Rep. Johnson | | | ✓ (absent) |
| 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 discuss the North Carolina Statewide Misdemeanant Confinement program, continue discussion of the agency's health services unit, and discuss the agency's legal and compliance 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:
 - a. Mr. Eddie Caldwell, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, North Carolina Sheriffs' Association;
 - b. Dr. April Clarke, SCDC Chief Medical Doctor;
 - c. Mr. Greg Mason, SCDC Division Director for Addiction Recovery Services;
 - d. Mr. Joe Merrifield, SCDC Director of Information, Security, and Privacy Division;
 - e. Mr. Bart Vincent, SCDC General Counsel;
 - f. Ms. Kensey Evans, SCDC Deputy General Counsel;

- g. Ms. Annie Rumler, SCDC Deputy General Counsel;
 - h. Mr. Stephen Lunsford, SCDC Deputy General Counsel;
 - i. Mr. Sherman Anderson, SCDC Branch Chief of Inmate Grievance Branch;
 - j. Ms. Sandra Bowie, SCDC Branch Chief of Policy Development;
 - k. Mr. Shontate Morley, SCDC Agency Mail Room Coordinator;
 - l. Mr. David Martinez, SCDC ADA Coordinator and Records Manager;
 - m. Mr. Blake Taylor, SCDC Division Director of Compliance, Standards and Inspections; and
 - n. Mr. Daniel Mullins, SCDC Health Information Branch Chief.
- III. Mr. Eddie Caldwell, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, presents information on the North Carolina Statewide Misdemeanant Confinement program. Members ask questions, which Mr. Caldwell answers.
- IV. Ms. Terre Marshall, SCDC Director for Health Services, with the assistance of other agency personnel, presents information about the agency's division, which includes, but is not limited to:
- a. suicide prevention;
 - b. addiction and recovery;
 - c. telehealth; and
 - d. electronic health records.

Members ask questions, which Ms. Marshall and other agency personnel answer.

- V. Ms. Sally Elliott, SCDC Director for Legal and Compliance, with the assistance of other agency personnel, presents information about the agency's division, which includes, but is not limited to:
- a. Overview of the Division;
 - i. Organizational chart for division;
 - ii. Overview of responsibilities;
 - b. General Counsel;
 - i. Organizational chart and general responsibilities; and
 - ii. Automated request to staff process for inmate requests.

Members ask questions, which Ms. Elliott and other agency personnel answer.

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