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**Economic Development, Transportation, Natural Resources and Regulatory Subcommittee Meeting
April 28, 2015
10:00 a.m.
Room 511 - Blatt Building**

ARCHIVED VIDEO AVAILABLE

- 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 (<http://www.scstatehouse.gov>) 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.

Attendance

- II. The Economic Development, Transportation, Natural Resource and Regulatory Subcommittee (Subcommittee) meeting was called to order by Subcommittee Chair Phyllis J. Henderson on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, in Room 511 of the Blatt Building, Columbia, South Carolina. The following Subcommittee Members were present: Subcommittee Chair Henderson, Representative Robert L. Ridgeway III, Representative Samuel Rivers and Representative Wm. Weston Newton.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

III. Subcommittee Chair Henderson submitted proposed minutes from the Committee’s previous meeting, February 17, 2015. Representative Newton moved to approve the minutes. In a general announcement, the subcommittee was reminded that under *Mason’s Manual of Legislative Procedure* a second to a motion is not required by standard legislative parliamentary procedure; further, there is no rule in the House Legislative Oversight Committee that requires a second to a motion. A roll call vote was held, and all present voted in favor of approval.

Rep. Newton’s Motion to Approve the Minutes from the February 17, 2015 Meeting	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Phyllis Henderson	Yea		
Rep. Ralph Norman			(Not Present)
Rep. Robert Ridgeway	Yea		
Rep. Samuel Rivers	Yea		
LOC Chairman, Rep. Weston Newton, at his discretion may vote on any subcommittee matter	Yea		

Discussion of the Scope of the Study of the Department of Transportation

IV. This was the second meeting with the Department of Transportation held to provide the agency and the public an update on the status of the oversight study of the agency; allow Subcommittee Members to ask preliminary questions about the agency’s Restructuring and Seven Year Plan Report; ensure the agency understood what was required from it in the Program Evaluation Report, which is due May 22, 2015; and allow the Subcommittee Members to ask any additional questions. Subcommittee Chair Henderson provided an update on the status of the oversight study. Since entry meeting had already occurred. She then swore under oath the individuals who were present to speak on behalf of DOT, which included: Secretary Oakley; Wendy Nicholas, Chief of Staff; Mark Lester, Deputy Secretary Intermodal Planning; Allen Hutto, Legislative Liaison; and Beacham Brooker, Assistant Chief Counsel. After all witnesses were sworn in, Subcommittee Chair Henderson asked several questions to Secretary Oakley to ensure the agency understood what was required in the Program Evaluation Report. Subcommittee Chair Henderson, Representative Ridgeway, Representative Rivers and Representative Newton then each asked several questions to the witnesses.

Preliminary Meeting with the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank

V. This was also a preliminary meeting with the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank (“SIB”) held pursuant to Legislative Oversight Committee’s Standard Practice 8.3 to discuss preliminary matters relating to the legislative oversight and investigation process with the agency. Subcommittee Chair Henderson provided the agency information on the following: the purpose of legislative oversight as set forth in statute; the Legislative Oversight Committee’s goals for the legislative oversight process; the process the Legislative Oversight Committee and this Subcommittee intends to follow in studying the agency; the Legislative Oversight Committee’s expectations of an agency undergoing the study.

VI. The Subcommittee received a brief overview of the agency from Director Debra Rountree. Also in attendance at the meeting from SIB was Tami Reed, who oversees the day to day operations of the agency.

Director Rountree answered questions from Members. Additionally, Director Rountree was offered an opportunity to ask questions about the legislative oversight process to the Subcommittee.

Adjournment

VI. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.