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Economic Development, Transportation, Natural Resources and Regulatory Subcommittee Meeting
June 30, 2015
9:00 a.m.
Room 110 – Blatt Building

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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, June 30, 2015, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building, Columbia, South Carolina. The following Subcommittee Members were present: Subcommittee Chair Henderson, Representative Robert L. Ridgeway III, and Representative Ralph W. Norman. The following Member arrived after approval of the minutes from the previous meeting: Representative Samuel Rivers, Jr.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

III. Subcommittee Chair Henderson submitted proposed minutes from the Subcommittee's previous meeting, June 2, 2015. Representative Ridgeway moved to approve the minutes. A roll call vote was held, and all present voted in favor of approval.

Rep. Ridgeway's Motion to Approve the Minutes from the June	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
2, 2015 Meeting			
Rep. Phyllis Henderson	Yea		
Rep. Ralph Norman	Yea		
Rep. Robert Ridgeway	Yea		
Rep. Samuel Rivers			(Not Present at time of
			Motion)

Discussion of the Study of the Department of Transportation

IV. This was the fourth meeting with the Department of Transportation ("DOT") held to provide the agency and the public an update on the status of the oversight study of the agency; allow DOT to provide information about their Local Program and each County Transportation Committee ("CTC"), and allow Subcommittee Members to ask questions about the program; and allow the DOT and the Division of State Human Resources ("Division") to provide DOT employee information to the Subcommittee.

Subcommittee Chair Henderson began by providing an update on the status of the oversight study. She then swore in all of the individuals present on behalf of the DOT and the Division of State Human Resources. In attendance from the Department of Transportation were the following: Karl McCottry, Assistant Human Resources Director; Herb Cooper, Local Program Administrator; Christy Hall, Deputy Secretary for Engineering; and Allen Hutto, Government Relations. In attendance from the Division of State Human Resources were the following: Kim Aydlette, Director; and Terry Baggett, ADR Program Manager.

Herb Cooper, Local Program Administrator, began the discussion by giving a brief overview of the CTCs and how state funds are allocated to the various CTCs. Subcommittee Chair Henderson, Representative Rivers, and Representative Norman asked various questions throughout the presentation. Based on the question, DOT determined which of their representatives would answer. Of the DOT representatives, the following answered questions about the CTCs: Herb Cooper, and Christy Hall.

V. Kim Aydlette, Director of the Division, and Karl McCottry, Assistant HR Director for DOT, presented information to the Subcommittee on the types of state employees and how they are affected by the Grievance Act. Subcommittee Chair Henderson, Representative Ridgeway, and Representative Norman asked various questions throughout the discussion. Based on the question, the Division determined which of their representatives would answer or allowed Karl McCottry to answer. Of the Division representatives, the following answered questions: Kim Aydlette and Terry Baggett. Of the DOT representatives, the following answered questions about the employment composition of DOT: Karl

McCottry and Christy Hall.

VI. Christy Hall, Deputy Secretary for Engineering, presented information to the Subcommittee on the DOT's practice of outsourcing, and the estimated number of DOT positions eliminated thereby. Subcommittee Chairman Henderson and Representative Ridgeway asked various questions at the end of the presentation.

The Subcommittee Members requested further details from DOT regarding the following:

- More information on the composition of temporary employees at DOT and their compensation for 2013/14; and
- More information on the composition of temporary employees by district for years prior to those included in the DOT submissions to the Subcommittee.

At the close of the meeting, Chair Henderson mentioned some of the items that the Subcommittee will want DOT to discuss during the next meeting, which included: details about State TIP, testimony from the DOT's internal auditor, testimony from a member of the SCDOT Commission, and details about how DOT prioritizes maintenance projects.

Adjournment

VII. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.