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### **Legislative Oversight Committee**

Thursday, April 29, 2021

One hour after adjournment of the House (1:30 p.m.)  
Blatt Room 110

#### **Archived Video Available**

- I. Pursuant to House Legislative Oversight Committee Rule 6.7, 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 Education and Cultural Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Committee Vice-Chair and Executive Subcommittee Chair Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr., on Thursday, April 29, 2021, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building. All members (Representative Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.; Representative Travis A. Moore; Representative Wm. Weston J. Newton; and Representative Melissa Lackey Oremus) were present for all of the meeting. Additionally, Representative Bill Hixon attended a portion of the meeting.

## 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.

## Approval of Minutes

- I. Representative Newton makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the June 25, 2020, meeting. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

<b>Rep. Newton motion to approve the June 25, 2020, meeting minutes.</b>	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Jefferson	✓		
Rep. Moore	✓		
Rep. Newton	✓		
Rep. Oremus	✓		

## Discussion of State Ethics Commission

- I. Chair Jefferson swears in Ms. Ami Franklin, Assistant Director of the State Ethics Commission. Also, Chair Jefferson reminds Ms. Meghan Walker, Executive Director of the State Ethics Commission that she remains under oath.
- II. Chair Jefferson notes Mr. Skip Hoagland requested to provide testimony, but he was not present at the meeting.
- III. Director Walker provides brief comments related to:
  - a. agency mission;
  - b. agency history;
  - c. agency organization: governing body, director and employees;
  - d. staff overview;
  - e. federal and state counterparts;
  - f. regulation, policies, records, and audits;
  - g. manual data entry;
  - h. emerging issues, successes, and challenges
- IV. Subcommittee members ask questions relating to the following:
  - a. commissioner demographics;
  - b. qualifications to serve as executive director of the agency;

- c. agency employee training;
- d. actions taken as a result of an employee morale survey;
- e. separating employees: exit interviews and any identifiable trends in separation;
- f. agency carryforward;
- g. agency's review and update of regulations;
- h. interagency collaboration challenges;
- i. agency actions arising from audit findings;
- j. agency energy consumption reduction efforts;
- k. agency software;
- l. resolution of backlog of cases;
- m. COVID-19 impacts on agency operations; and
- n. virtual hearings.

Agency staff respond to the members' questions.

### **Adjournment**

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