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Legislative Oversight Committee

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

8:30 a.m.

Blatt Room 321

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Attendance

- I. The Executive Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Committee Vice-Chair and Executive Subcommittee Chair Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr., on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, in Room 321 of the Blatt Building. All members (Representative Travis A. Moore; Representative Wm. Weston J. Newton; and Representative Melissa Lackey Oremus) were present for all or 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 May 13, 2021, meeting. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Rep. Newton motion to approve the May 13, 2021, meeting minutes.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Jefferson	✓		
Rep. Moore	✓		
Rep. Newton	✓		
Rep. Oremus	✓		

Discussion of State Ethics Commission

- I. Chair Jefferson reminds Ms. Meghan Walker, Executive Director of the State Ethics Commission, Ms. Courtney Laster, General Counsel of the State Ethics commission, and Rynne Caldwell, Chief Investigator for the State Ethics Commission that they remain under oath.
- II. Agency staff provide comments related to the following:
 - a. Required filings;
 - b. Campaign disclosure reports;
 - c. Crypto currency;
 - d. Statements of economic interest;
 - e. Lobbyist and lobbyist principal registrations;
 - f. Committee statement of organizations;
 - g. Certified campaign reports;
 - h. Agency's recommendations for law changes;
 - i. What does the Ethics Act prohibit;
 - j. What steps are taken to ensure compliance;
 - k. Reviews of required filings;
 - l. What happens if a debt is sent to the Department of Revenue;
 - m. Complaint process;
 - n. Investigations;

- o. What occurs during the hearing;
 - p. Appellate panel;
 - q. Case management system;
 - r. Administration services; and
 - s. Associated performance measures.
- III. Subcommittee members ask questions relating to the following:
- a. Candidate notification about filing requirements;
 - b. Agency notification about candidates;
 - c. Electronic notification about filing dates for special elections;
 - d. Interagency collaboration with Department of Administration;
 - e. Volume of letters sent by the agency and cost per unit;
 - f. Lobbyist and lobbyist principal disclosures;
 - g. Number of committees that continue to file and design of filing portal to accommodate these filings;
 - h. Commission approval of recommendations for law changes;
 - i. Notification about lobbyists and lobbyist principals;
 - j. Process of updating information filed;
 - k. Noncompliance letters;
 - l. Review of required filings;
 - m. Recovery on debts;
 - n. Verified versus non-verified complaint;
 - o. Complaints about legislators;
 - p. Electronic complaints;
 - q. Investigations;
 - r. What occurs during the hearing;
 - s. Case management system; and
 - t. Order preparations.

Agency staff respond to the members' questions.

Adjournment

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