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Legislative Oversight Committee

Thursday, May 13, 2021

8:30 a.m.

Blatt Room 321

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 Executive Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Committee Vice-Chair and Executive Subcommittee Chair Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr., on Thursday, May 13, 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. Additionally, Representative Robert Q. Williams attended the meeting, and staff of the House Ethics Committee attended 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 April 29, 2021, meeting. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Rep. Newton motion to approve the April 29, 2021, meeting minutes.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Jefferson	✓		
Rep. Moore	✓		
Rep. Newton	✓		
Rep. Oremus	✓		

Constituent Testimony

- I. Chair Jefferson places Mr. Skip Hoagland of Hilton Head under oath. Mr. Hoagland provided brief testimony, and there were no questions from members concerning his testimony.

Discussion of State Ethics Commission

- I. Chair Jefferson reminds Ms. Meghan Walker, Executive Director of the State Ethics Commission, and Ms. Courtney Laster, General Counsel of the State Ethics commission, that they remain under oath.
- II. Director Walker and Ms. Laster provide comments related to:
 - a. Who must comply with the ethics act?
 - i. Candidates;
 - ii. Public officials have required filings;
 - iii. Public members – filings;
 - iv. Lobbyists and lobbyist principals; and
 - v. Committees.

- b. What information does everyone receive?
 - i. Website;
 - ii. Social media;
 - iii. Additional communication: brochures and newsletters;
 - iv. Advisory opinions: informal and formal;
 - v. Associated performance measures;
 - vi. Technology breaches (none); and
 - vii. Recommended law change.

III. Subcommittee members ask questions relating to the following:

- a. Candidate filings;
- b. Public officials;
- c. Public members;
- d. Gaps in notification to the agency about candidates;
- e. Constitutional concerns about the definition of committee;
- f. Website usage;
- g. Marketing of social media information;
- h. Trends in violations;
- i. Delivery of the training (e.g., how to videos);
- j. Notification requirements about appointments;
- k. Informal advisory opinions; and
- l. Associated performance measures.

Agency staff respond to the members' questions.

Adjournment

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