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Education and Cultural Subcommittee Meeting
February 10, 2016
9:00 a.m.
Room 110 - Blatt Building

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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 Education and Cultural Subcommittee (Subcommittee) meeting was called to order by Representative Smith on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building, Columbia, South Carolina. The following Subcommittee Members were present: Subcommittee Chairman Smith, Representative Gary E. Clary, Representative Tommy M. Stringer, and Representative Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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- II. Representative Smith submitted proposed minutes from the Committee's previous meeting on January 14, 2016. Representative Clary moved to approve the minutes. A roll call vote was held, and all present voted in favor of approval.

Rep. Clary's Motion to Approve the Minutes from the January 14, 2016 Meeting	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Gary E. Clary	Yea		
Rep. Joseph H. Jefferson Jr.	Yea		
Rep. Tommy M. Stringer	Yea		
Rep. James E. Smith Jr.	Yea		

FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE STUDY OF FIRST STEPS

- III. In attendance from the South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness (First Steps) were the following: Julia-Ellen Davis (Interim Director), Dan Wuori (Deputy Director); Mark Barnes (Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer); Debbie Robertson (Chief Partnership Officer). Representative Smith swore in the representatives from First Steps.
- IV. Representative Smith explained that the purpose of the meeting was to hear from the agency about the laws that they recommend that the Subcommittee review. He pointed out that all of the recommendations were for proviso changes and asked if the agency had presented them all to the House Ways and Means Public Education and Special Schools Subcommittee. Dan Wuori responded that, with the exception of one that was implemented in the last appropriations act, they had presented them all. Dr. Wuori then proceeded to present the other recommendations. He responded to questions from the subcommittee members about the recommendations.
- V. Since the House Ways and Means Committee was considering the agency's recommendations at the time, Representative Jefferson moved that the Subcommittee include the recommendations in the Subcommittee Report for information purposes only.

Rep. Jefferson's Motion to Include the Recommendations in the Subcommittee Report for Information Purposes Only	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Gary E. Clary	Yea		
Rep. Joseph H. Jefferson Jr.	Yea		
Rep. Tommy M. Stringer	Yea		
Rep. James E. Smith Jr.	Yea		

Adjournment