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Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee

Tuesday, May 1, 2018
10:30 am
Blatt Room 511

Archived Video Available

- I. Pursuant to House Legislative Oversight Committee Rule 6.8, 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 Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Subcommittee Chairman Edward R. Tallon, Sr., on Tuesday, May 1, 2018, in Room 511 of the Blatt Building. All members of the Subcommittee were present for either 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. It is the practice of the Legislative Oversight Committee to provide minutes for its subcommittee meetings.
- II. Representative Johnson makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the prior Subcommittee meeting.

Rep. Johnson's motion to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2018, meeting:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Arrington	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		
Rep. Johnson	✓		
Rep. Tallon	✓		

Discussion of the Commission on Indigent Defense

- I. Chairman Tallon explains the purpose of the meeting today is to ask any questions related to information presented during the previous meeting and for agency representatives to provide details regarding the Death Penalty Trial Division.
- II. Subcommittee members ask questions related to the following topics, which Director Hugh Ryan, and other agency representatives, answer:
 - a. lack of agency regulations;
 - b. hiring process, vacant positions, and turnover rate;
 - c. employee morale, evaluations, and feedback;
 - d. agency's commission;
 - e. evaluation of the director, circuit public defenders, and commissioners; and
 - f. screening for indigents in different courts and counties.

During the questions, and for the remainder of the meeting, Rep. Hixon serves as acting chair.

- III. Subcommittee members make various motions, which are listed on the next pages. A roll call vote is held for these motions, and, among the members present, the motions pass unanimously.

Rep. Johnson's motion that the Subcommittee Study include a recommendation that the agency provide each commission member a document outlining the commission's duties under the law, require the member to sign the document acknowledging their understanding of the duties, and post the signed document on the agency's website. Additionally, the motion recommends the General Assembly make this a requirement, for this agency, and all other agencies with a board or commission:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)
Rep. Arrington	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		
Rep. Johnson	✓		
Rep. Tallon			✓

Rep. Johnson's motion that the Subcommittee Study include a recommendation that the General Assembly amend state statute to require onboarding training for all new members of state agency governing boards or commissions and annual training for all current members:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)
Rep. Arrington	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		
Rep. Johnson	✓		
Rep. Tallon			✓

Rep. Johnson's motion that the Subcommittee Study include a recommendation that the General Assembly amend SC Code of Laws Section 17-3-30 to clarify which entity is responsible for screening application for indigent assistance:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)
Rep. Arrington	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		
Rep. Johnson	✓		
Rep. Tallon			✓

Rep. Johnson's motion to amend his prior motion so that the recommendation is to delete SC Code of Laws Section 17-3-30 if it is viewed by the Committee and General Assembly to not be necessary:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)
Rep. Arrington	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		
Rep. Johnson	✓		
Rep. Tallon			✓

IV. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.