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Education and Cultural Subcommittee

Thursday, February 8, 2018
Room 321 Blatt Building

Archived Video Available

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Attendance

- I. The Education and Cultural Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chairman Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr., Thursday, February 8, 2018, in Room 321 of the Blatt Building. All members were present for some or all 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 meeting.

- II. Representative Jay West moves to approve the minutes from the Subcommittee’s meeting on January 11, 2018. A roll call vote is held, and the motions pass.

Representative West’s motion to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2018, meeting:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Tommy Stringer	✓			
John Taliaferro (Jay) West, IV	✓			

Discussion of Patriots Point Development Authority (“Patriots Point”)

- I. Chairman Jefferson states this is the subcommittee’s fourth meeting with Patriots Point. Further, he explains the purpose of today’s meeting is to ask further questions the subcommittee may have and to discuss possible recommendations, either to the agency itself or for changes to the law.
- II. Chairman Jefferson explains all testimony given to the subcommittee, which is an investigating committee, must be under oath.
- III. Different subcommittee members ask questions, which different agency representatives answers. Question topics include, but are not limited to:
- a. Titling of Property;
 - b. Other State Navy/Maritime Museums;
 - c. Procurement Flexibility; and
 - d. Maintenance of Exhibits.
- IV. Subcommittee members make various motions. A roll call vote is held for the various motions, and the various motions pass.

Rep. Dillard moves the Subcommittee study include a recommendation that the agency provide the same waiver to other organizations that “own” land contained in Proviso 118.2 (SR: Titling of Real Property) (2017-2018 General Appropriations Act):	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)	Not Voting (Present)
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			

Tommy Stringer	✓			
John Taliaferro (Jay) West, IV	✓			

Rep. Stringer moves the Subcommittee study include a recommendation that the agency have procurement flexibility for the purchase of services that are specialized, such as talent for major entertainment/history programs, visiting authors, etc.:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)	Not Voting (Present)
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Tommy Stringer	✓			
John Taliaferro (Jay) West, IV	✓			

Rep. Stringer moves the Subcommittee study include a recommendation that the agency have procurement flexibility that is consistent with the State Museum regarding funding new exhibits and improving existing exhibits:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)	Not Voting (Present)
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Tommy Stringer	✓			
John Taliaferro (Jay) West, IV	✓			

Rep. Stringer moves the Subcommittee study include a recommendation that Patriots Point be added to the list of entities that receive funds through the voluntary income tax contributions:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)	Not Voting (Present)
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Tommy Stringer	✓			
John Taliaferro (Jay) West, IV	✓			

Rep. Dillard moves the Subcommittee study include a recommendation that staff include any subcommittee member written statements, pursuant to Standard Practice 12.4, which staff receives prior to 5:00 p.m. on	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)	Not Voting (Present)
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Thursday, March 23, 2018 with the Subcommittee Study; and unless I receive an alternative request by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 23, 2018, I provide notice pursuant to Standard Practice 12.5, that a study is available for consideration by the full committee:				
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Tommy Stringer	✓			
John Taliaferro (Jay) West, IV	✓			

Brief Recess

- V. There being no further business with Patriots Point, the meeting was called to a brief recess.

Discussion of John de la Howe School (“John de la Howe”)

- I. Chairman Jefferson calls the meeting back to order and states that this is the subcommittee’s fourth meeting with John de la Howe School. Further, he explains the purpose of today’s meeting is to discuss the agency’s performance.
- II. Chairman Jefferson explains all testimony given to the subcommittee, which is an investigating committee, must be under oath. Representative Jefferson swears in the following individual:
 - a. Emily Heatwole, Director of Governmental Affairs and Communication for the Department of Education
- III. Ms. Emily Heatwole discusses the data regarding the performance of students, behaviorally and academically, before and after their time at John de la Howe.
- IV. Different subcommittee members ask questions regarding records, reports, and PowerSchool, which Ms. Heatwole answers.
- V. Dr. Franklin, Interim President of John de la Howe School, and other agency representatives provides testimony on the transition phase—specifically the hiring freeze, the spending freeze on new initiatives, and the enrollment cap.
- VI. Different subcommittee members ask questions, which Dr. Franklin and other agency representatives answer. Question topics include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Board members

- b. Success Tracking
- c. Wilderness Program
- d. Average Cost per Student

III. Representative Jay West makes a motion regarding the student records of John de la Howe students. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

Rep. Jay West moves the Subcommittee study include a recommendation that the forms submitted to the new school be required to be completed and returned by the that school to John de la Howe, so that the data can substantiate the student record:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)	Not Voting (Present)
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Tommy Stringer	✓			
John Taliaferro (Jay) West, IV	✓			

Adjournment

VI. There being no further business the meeting is adjourned.