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**Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee**  
Tuesday, November 28, 2017  
10:30 am  
Blatt Room 427

**These minutes were revised to correct an error in the attendance section.**

### **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 Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chair Bruce W. Bannister on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, in Room 427 of the Blatt Building. The following members of the Subcommittee were present for either all or a portion of the meeting: Representative Neal Collins, Representative Mandy Powers Norrell, and Representative Robert L. Ridgeway, III.

### **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 Collins makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the prior Subcommittee meeting. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

Rep. Collins' motion to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2017 meeting:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Collins	✓		
Rep. Norrell			Not Present
Rep. Ridgeway			Not Voting
Rep. Bannister	✓		

### Discussion of the Commission for Minority Affairs

- I. Chair Bannister states that this is the Subcommittee's third meeting with the Commission for Minority Affairs (CMA). He explains that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the agency's products, services, and customers; resources available; relationships with other entities; goals; and strategic plan.
- II. Chair Bannister announces that two constituents will address the Subcommittee prior to the agency's testimony.
- a. Chair Bannister reminds Ms. Lisa McQueen-Starling that she remains under oath for any testimony before this Subcommittee or the full Committee.
    - i. Ms. Starling testifies to clarify the Wassamasaw Indian Nation. In April 2012, the Wassamasaw Indian Nation filed a Petition with the CMA of over 2,000 pages to be recognized as a Native American Indian tribe in South Carolina. The tribe did not hear anything until 17 months later. South Carolina law provides that there are 120 days to be approved or denied. She has filed an appeal. She provides their petition.
    - ii. Members ask questions, which Ms. Lisa McQueen-Starling answers.
  - b. Chair Bannister reminds Chief Louie Chavis that he remains under oath for any testimony before this Subcommittee or the full Committee.
    - i. Chief Chavis testifies about the great problems with the Commission for Minority Affairs and, as a board member, he provides his thoughts on the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- III. Chair Bannister reminds everyone who has been previously sworn in at an Oversight Committee or Subcommittee meeting that they remain under oath for any testimony before this Subcommittee or the full Committee.

- IV. CMA Director Thomas Smith and other agency representatives present information on the following topics:
  - a. Products, services, and customers:
    - i. Native American Affairs Program; and
    - ii. Research and Policy Services;
  - b. Resources available; and
  - c. Relationships with other entities.
- V. Members ask questions, which different agency representatives answer.
- VI. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.