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Education and Cultural Subcommittee

Thursday, April 5, 2018
Room 321 Blatt Building

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Attendance

- I. The Education and Cultural Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chairman Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr., Thursday, April 5, 2018, in Room 321 of the Blatt Building. All members were present for some or all of the meeting except Representative Tommy M. Stringer.

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 Chandra E. Dillard moves to approve the minutes from the Subcommittee’s meeting on February 8, 2018. A roll call vote is held, and the motions pass.

Representative Dillard’s motion to approve the minutes from the February 8, 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 John de la Howe School (“John de la Howe”)

- I. Chairman Jefferson calls the meeting to order and states that this is the subcommittee’s fifth meeting with John de la Howe School. Further, he explains the purpose of today’s meeting is to take what Subcommittee has learned about the agency, and determine if there are any recommendations, either to the agency itself or for changes to the law. Dr. Franklin will not be giving a presentation, but he is available for questions.
- II. Chairman Jefferson reminds those sworn in during previous meetings that they remain under oath.
- III. Representative Jay West makes a motion, to accept as information only, to develop and operate a Magnet School for Agricultural Education for girls and boys in grades 11-12.
- a. Different Subcommittee members ask questions regarding the motion, which Mr. Dan Shonka, chair of the Board of Trustees, answers.
 - b. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

Rep. West, IV, moves the Subcommittee study include a recommendation to develop and operate a Magnet School for Agricultural Education for girls and boys in grades 11-12, as information only.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Tommy Stringer				✓

John Taliaferro (Jay) West, IV	✓			
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IV. Subcommittee members make various motions. A roll call vote is held for the various motions, and the various motions pass.

Rep. Chandra Dillard moves the Subcommittee study include a recommendation to continue operating the Wilderness Program for at-risk boys in grades 6-8.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Tommy Stringer				✓
John Taliaferro (Jay) West, IV	✓			

Rep. Chandra Dillard moves the Subcommittee study accept as information only, a recommendation to amend SC Code of Laws Section 59-49-100, related to the purpose of the school, to delete “for some urgent reason need to be separated from their home or community” and add “wish to focus on agricultural and mechanical studies prior to high school graduation.”	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Tommy Stringer				✓
John Taliaferro (Jay) West, IV	✓			

Rep. West, IV, moves the Subcommittee study accept as information only, a recommendation to amend SC Code of Laws Section 59-49-150, related to the expenses of students, to specify that it applies to students “in full-time residence at the school.”	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			

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

Rep. West, IV, moves the Subcommittee study accept as information only, a recommendation to amend SC Code of Laws Section 59-49-80, related to the superintendent and president, to change any occurrence of the word “superintendent” to “president.”	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Tommy Stringer				✓
John Taliaferro (Jay) West, IV	✓			

Rep. West, IV, moves the Subcommittee study accept a recommendation to amend SC Code of Laws Section 59-49-90, related to the oath of the trustees and bond of the superintendent, to change any occurrence of the word “superintendent” to “president.”	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Tommy Stringer				✓
John Taliaferro (Jay) West, IV	✓			

Rep. Dillard moves the Subcommittee study accept a recommendation to amend SC Code §59-49-40, to require board members to attend, in person, at least half of the regularly scheduled John de la Howe board meetings per year AND to amend SC Code §59-49-30 to read, “The members of the board may at any time be removed by the Governor for good cause. The failure of any member of the board to attend at least one meeting half of the regularly scheduled board of trustees meetings thereof in any year, unless excused	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
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by formal vote of the board, may be construed by the Governor as the resignation of such non-attending member.”				
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Tommy Stringer				✓
John Taliaferro (Jay) West, IV	✓			

Rep. West, IV, moves the Subcommittee study accept a recommendation that the John de la Howe School amplify its measurement of the wilderness program by tracking and monitoring students who leave the program for any reason in the following areas: (1) Completion of the grades following departure from the wilderness program; (2) High school graduation; (3) Higher education application and acceptance rates; and (4) Military service.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Tommy Stringer				✓
John Taliaferro (Jay) West, IV	✓			

Rep. West, IV, moves the Subcommittee study accept a recommendation that (1) staff include any subcommittee member written statements, pursuant to Standard Practice 12.4, which staff receives prior to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 27, 2018 with the Subcommittee Study; and unless I receive an alternative request by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 27, 2018, I provide notice pursuant to Standard Practice 12.5, that a study is available for consideration by the full committee.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Tommy Stringer				✓
John Taliaferro (Jay) West, IV	✓			

Brief Recess

- I. 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 notes that there a few more recommendations related to the study of John de la Howe.
- II. Representative Jefferson makes two motions. Roll call votes are held, and the motions pass.

Rep. Jefferson moves the Subcommittee study include a recommendation that (1) the John de la Howe School board consider and approve the marketing plan, and that the school include an update on implementation of the plan in its annual report to the Governor and General Assembly (accountability report); and (2) in the event the purpose of John de la Howe does not change, John de la Howe staff should include communication with the Department of Juvenile Justice’s juvenile arbitration program in its list of marketing targets.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Tommy Stringer				✓
John Taliaferro (Jay) West, IV	✓			

Rep. Jefferson moves the Subcommittee study include a recommendation that John de la Howe School staff contact the Department of Archives and History and do the following: (1) Seek advice on creating an updated records retention plan; (2) Determine what is required of an agency to remain active; and (3) Implement a compliant state records retention policy.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Tommy Stringer				✓
John Taliaferro (Jay) West, IV	✓			

Brief Recess

- I. The meeting was called to a brief recess.

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 discuss the draft report of the Subcommittee study and to address issues at the Subcommittee level before it reaches the full committee.
- II. Subcommittee members make various motions. A roll call vote is held for the various motions, and the various motions pass.

Rep. West, IV, moves the Subcommittee study accept a recommendation to reverse the adoption of Recommendation #1 in the Subcommittee Study Report.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Tommy Stringer				✓
John Taliaferro (Jay) West, IV	✓			

Rep. West, IV, moves the Subcommittee study accept a recommendation that pursuant to the requirement in SC Code Section 1-30-10 (E), the Patriots Point Development Authority should submit an Annual Restructuring Report, whether it is in the form of a separate report or the combined accountability report.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Tommy Stringer				✓
John Taliaferro (Jay) West, IV	✓			

Rep. Dillard moves the Subcommittee study accept a recommendation to include a finding regarding Patriots Point's educational programming.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Tommy Stringer				✓
John Taliaferro (Jay) West, IV	✓			

Adjournment

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