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Education and Cultural Subcommittee

**Tuesday, December 5, 2017
Room 321 Blatt Building**

Archived Video Available

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Attendance

- I. The Education and Cultural Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Representative Joe Jefferson, Tuesday, December 5, 2017, in Room 321 of the Blatt Building. All members were present for some or all of the meeting, except Representative 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 Felder moves to approve the minutes from the Subcommittee’s meeting on November 6, 2017. A roll call vote is held, and the motions pass.

Representative Felder’s motion to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2017, meeting:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Raye Felder	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Chandra E. Dillard			✓	
Tommy Stringer				✓

Discussion of John de la Howe School

- I. Representative Jefferson states that this is the subcommittee’s third meeting with John de la Howe. Further, he explains that the purpose of today’s meeting is to hear testimony about the agency’s feasibility study, performed under the authority of Proviso 7.5 in the 2017-2018 General Appropriations Act.
- II. Representative Jefferson explains that all testimony given to this subcommittee, which is an investigating committee, must be under oath. All those present from John de la Howe are sworn in, and those sworn in previous meetings remain under oath.
- III. Dr. James Franklin provides an introduction to the John de la Howe Feasibility Study performed by the Student-Centered Education Consulting Group.
- IV. Mr. Gerald Moore introduces and explains the purpose of the Student-Centered Education Consulting Group. Further, he presents the John de la Howe Feasibility Study on the following topics:
 - a. Findings
 - b. General Recommendations
 - c. Options for Future of School
- V. Dr. Jimmy Littlefield presents the finance portion of the John de la Howe Feasibility Study.
- VI. Subcommittee members ask questions, which different John de la Howe and Student-Centered Education Consulting Group representatives answer.
- VII. There being no further business, there was a short recess.

Discussion of Patriots Point Authority

- I. Representative Jefferson states that this is the subcommittee's second meeting with Patriots Point Authority.
- II. Representative Jefferson explains that the purpose of today's meeting is to receive testimony about the agency's human and financial resources.
- III. Representative Jefferson explains that all testimony given to this subcommittee, which is an investigating committee, must be under oath. Representative Jefferson reminds those previously sworn in that they remain under oath and swears in the following individuals:
 - a. Mac Burdette, Executive Director
 - b. Royce Breland, Admin Services/Chief Financial Officer
 - c. Allison Hunt, Grants Administrator
- IV. Mr. Burdette testifies about the agency's human and financial resources. Subcommittee members ask questions. Various topics discussed and questioned include:
 - a. Additional ships
 - b. Admission cost
 - c. Accommodations tax
 - d. FTEs
 - e. Land leases and renovations
 - f. Archives

Adjournment

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