

AGENDA

South Carolina
House of Representatives



Legislative Oversight Committee

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUBCOMMITTEE

The Honorable Chris Wooten, Chairman

The Honorable Kimberly O. Johnson

The Honorable Josiah Magnuson

The Honorable John R. McCravy, III

Thursday, August 26, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Room 321, Blatt Building

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AGENDA

- I. Approval of Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**
- II. Discussion of the study of the Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services**
- III. Adjournment**

MEETING MINUTES

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**Tuesday, July 27, 2021
Blatt Room 321**

Archived Video Available

- I. Pursuant to House Legislative Oversight Committee Rule 6.7, 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 Chair Chris Wooten on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, in Room 321 of the Blatt Building. All other members (Rep. Kimberly O. Johnson; Rep. Josiah Magnuson; and Rep. John R. McCravy, III) were present for all or a portion of the meeting. Rep. McCravy participated virtually.

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.

Approval of Minutes

- I. Representative makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the June 22, 2021, meeting. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Rep. McCravy's motion to approve the meeting minutes.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. K. Johnson	✓		
Rep. McCravy	✓		
Rep. Magnuson			✓ (NP)
Rep. Wooten	✓		

Discussion of Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services (PPP)

- I. Chair Wooten reminds all others placed under oath at prior meetings that they remain under oath.
- II. Chair Wooten places the following board members under oath:
 - a. Reno Boyd;
 - b. Henry Eldridge;
 - c. Kim Fredrick;
 - d. Mollie DuPriest Taylor;
 - e. Frank Dan Wideman; and
 - f. Dr. Ronnie Landolf Jr.
- III. Mr. Ben Aplin, Deputy Director for Legals and Policy Management, continues discussion of the agency's field operations.

Topics discussed include:

- a. Agency's recommendations for law revisions (e.g., modernization);
and
- b. Unestablished deliverables.

Ms. Valerie Suber, Associate Deputy Director for Paroles, Pardons, and Release Services presents about the board.

- c. Agency personnel;
- d. Board of Paroles and Pardons;

- e. Board demographics and terms;
- f. Board appointments and removals;
- g. Board powers, responsibilities, and duties;
- h. Criteria for parole consideration;
- i. Board hearings – vote requirements and case scheduling;
- j. Board member training (initial and annual);
- k. Pardon eligibility, application, certificate of pardon and civil rights;
- l. Parole eligibility, case scheduling; investigations/examinations;

IV. Subcommittee members ask questions relating to the following:

- a. GPS with offenders;
- b. Inter-agency collaboration among corrections agencies for shared services;
- c. Implementation of laws;
- d. Court decisions declaring certain statutory provisions unconstitutional;
- e. Offender restrictions on possessing and purchasing firearms;
- f. Police Officer Retirement System participation and eligibility;
- g. Home detention;
- h. GED Learn and Earn Program;
- i. Restitution centers;
- j. Day reporting systems;
- k. Submission of material by an attorney about an offender;
- l. Video conferencing with offenders;
- m. Board demographics and terms;
- n. Board training and suggestions for improvement;
- o. Availability of board decisions online;
- p. Quasi-judicial status of the board;
- q. Criteria in consideration of pardons and paroles;
- r. Submission of material by an attorney about an offender;
- s. Costs for storage of data about hearings;
- t. Equipment assigned to a board member;
- u. Board member occupation and knowledge of board vacancy;
- v. Board member review of cases;
- w. Board member case scheduling suggestions for improvement;
- x. Training for pardon;
- y. Recommendations by agency about parole;
- z. Investigation/examination process, risk assessment; hearing facilitation; special parole considerations; and parole release;
- aa. Mandatory release
- bb. Per diem and imbursements;

Agency personnel and board members respond to the questions.

Adjournment

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

STUDY TIMELINE

The House Legislative Oversight Committee's (Committee) process for studying the Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services (agency) includes actions by the full Committee; Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee (Subcommittee); the agency; and the public. Key dates and actions are listed below in Figure 1.

Legislative Oversight Committee Actions

- December 5, 2018 – Holds **Meeting #1** and prioritizes the agency for study
- January 9, 2019 – Provides the agency notice about the oversight process
- February 27 – April 1, 2019 - Solicits input about the agency in the form of an online public survey
- August 13, 2019 – Holds **Meeting #2** to receive public testimony about the agency

Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee Actions

- May 6, 2021 - Holds **Meeting #3** to discuss the agency's vision; mission; director responsibilities; organizational structure; history; and general information about finances and employees
- June 8, 2021 – Holds **Meeting #4** to discuss the agency's field operations divisions and services provided by that division
- June 22, 2021 – Holds **Meeting #5** to continue discussion of the agency's field operations divisions and services provided by that division
- July 27, 2021 - Holds **Meeting #6** to continue discussion of the agency's field operations divisions and services provided by that division and discuss the agency's paroles, pardons, and release services division
- August 26, 2021 - Holds **Meeting #7 (TODAY)** to discuss the agency's victim services division and additional services provided by its executive division

Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services

- March 31, 2015 - Submits its **Annual Restructuring and Seven-Year Plan Report**
- January 12, 2016 - Submits its **2016 Annual Restructuring Report**
- September 2016 - Submits its **2015-16 Accountability Report**
- September 2017 - Submits its **2016-17 Accountability Report**
- September 2018 - Submits its **2017-18 Accountability Report**
- September 2019 - Submits its **2018-19 Accountability Report**
- June 12, 2019 - Submits its **Program Evaluation Report**
- September 2020 - Submits its **2019-20 Accountability Report**
- January 27, 2020 - Submits updates to its **Program Evaluation Report**
- December, 2018 - Present - Responds to Subcommittee's inquiries

Public's Actions

- February 27 – April 1, 2019 - Provides input about the agency via an **online public survey**
- Ongoing - Submits written comments on the Committee's webpage on the General Assembly's website (www.scstatehouse.gov)

Figure 1. Key dates in the study process.

AGENCY SNAPSHOT

Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services

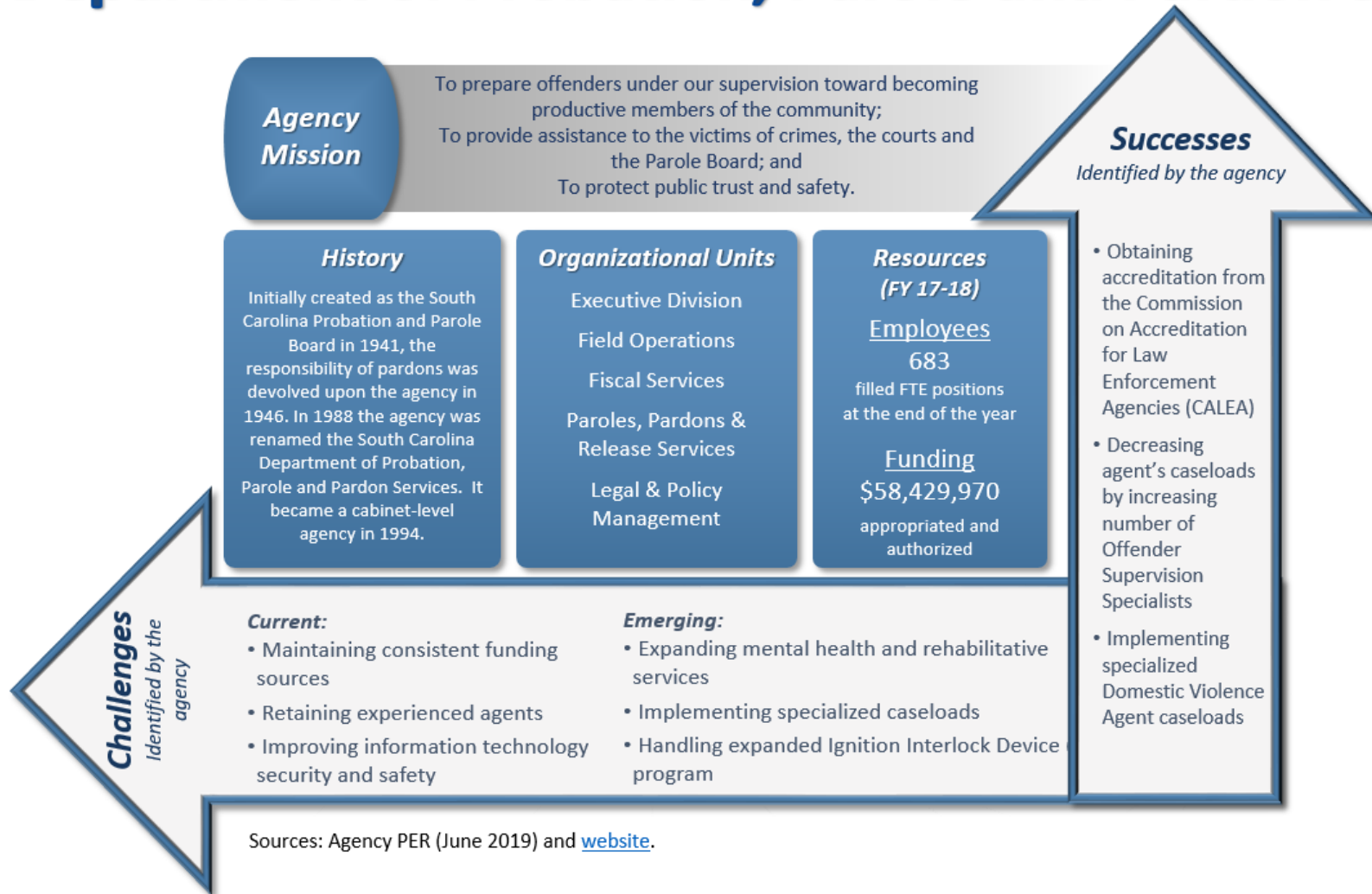


Figure 2. Snapshot of the agency's major organizational units, fiscal year 2017-18 resources (employees and funding), successes, and challenges.¹

AGENCY PRESENTATION – VICTIM SERVICES AND EXECUTIVE DIVISIONS

COMMITTEE CONTACT INFORMATION AND UPCOMING MEETINGS

Legislative Oversight Committee



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Committee Mission

Determine if agency laws and programs are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of the General Assembly and whether they should be continued, curtailed or eliminated. Inform the public about state agencies.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee

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END NOTES

¹ Visual Summary Figure 2 is compiled from information in the Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services study materials available online under “Citizens’ Interest,” under “House Legislative Oversight Committee Postings and Reports,” and then under “Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services, Department of” <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyPHPFiles/ProbationParoleandPardon.php> (accessed April 22, 2021).