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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.