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**Tuesday, June 8, 2021
Blatt Room 321**

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Attendance

- I. The Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Wooten on Tuesday, June 8, 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. Additionally, Rep. Leon D. "Doug" Gilliam and Rep. Robert Q. Williams were present for a portion of the meeting.

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 McCravy makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the May 6, 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			✓
Rep. Wooten	✓		

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

- I. Chair Wooten places the following under oath:
 - a. Mr. Chad Gambrell, Deputy Director for Field Operations;
 - b. Mr. Derek Brown, Associate Deputy Director for Field Operations;
 - c. Ms. Melissa Ray, Director of Training Compliance and Professional Development;
 - d. Mr. Ben Aplin, Deputy Director for Legals and Policy Management;
 - e. Ms. Jennifer Brice, Director of Emergency Operations and Field Programs;
 - f. Ms. Sharon Chafin, Mental and Behavioral Health Services Manager;
 - g. Ms. Shannon P. Myers, Domestic Violence Unit Manager;
 - h. Ms. Debbie Curtis, Director of Victim Services;
 - i. Ms. Kay N. Hutson, Director of Administrative Hearings;
 - j. Mr. Christopher Harris, Director of Interstate Compact Services;
 - k. Mr. Thomas W. Nicholson, Director of Ignition Interlock Device Program; and
 - l. Mr. Taylor Cox, GPS Program.

- II. Chair Wooten reminds all others placed under oath at prior meetings that they remain under oath.

- III. Mr. Brown, Ms. Ray, and Mr. Aplin provide an overview of PPP's field operations division. Topics discussed include:
- a. Agency purpose;
 - b. Agency mission;
 - c. Background – estimating costs of deliverables;
 - d. Field Operations Division staff;
 - e. Probation agent oath, powers and duties, and case documentation;
 - f. Offender Supervision Specialists;
 - g. Training for field operations staff;
 - h. Agent involvement in sentencing;
 - i. Active offender intake;
 - j. Restitution and fees; and
 - k. Supervision types.
- IV. Subcommittee members ask questions relating to the following:
- a. Regional caseloads;
 - b. Impact of COVID-19;
 - c. Variations in cost per customer;
 - d. Vacancies;
 - e. Training;
 - f. Grants;
 - g. Mental health information provided to the court by agents;
 - h. Supervision types;
 - i. Recidivism; and
 - j. Offender assessments.

Agency staff respond to the questions.

Adjournment

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