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### **Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee**

Thursday, May 6, 2021  
1 hour after adjournment  
Blatt Room 110

#### **Archived Video Available**

- I. Pursuant to House Legislative Oversight Committee Rule 6.8, 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 Thursday, May 6, 2021, in Room 110 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. Also, Representative Robert Q. Williams attended 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.
- II. Representative Magnuson makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the June 22, 2020, meeting. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

<b>Rep. Magnuson's motion to approve the meeting minutes.</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Not Voting</b>
Rep. K. Johnson	✓		
Rep. McCravy	✓		✓
Rep. Magnuson	✓		
Rep. Wooten	✓		

Also, Chair Wooten noted an archived video of the Wednesday, May 5, 2020, joint meeting with the Corrections and Penology Subcommittee to review the Legislative Audit Council report of the Department of Juvenile Justice is available online for review.

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

- I. Chair Wooten places the following under oath: Mr. Jerry Adger, Director; Ms. Jodi Gallman, Chief Deputy Director, and Mr. Paul Angus, Director of Human Resources.
- II. Mr. Adger introduces other PPP staff present with him today at the meeting.
- III. Director Adger provides an overview of PPP. Topics discussed include:
  - a. agency purpose;
  - b. mission statement;
  - c. vision statement;
  - d. values statement;
  - e. diversity statement;
  - f. agency philosophy;
  - g. agency history;

- h. federal counterparts;
- i. agency head: duties, qualifications, prior directors, and current director's background;
- j. Parole Board: qualifications, duties, current members;
- k. agency divisions: organizational chart, executive division, legals and policy management, administration, field operations,
- l. allocated FTEs;
- m. county field offices;
- n. employee overview: staff demographics, gender and race goal attainment, filled FTEs funding source, temporary employees, law enforcement staff eligible to retire by June 2024, succession planning, vacancy rates, separations, turnover, retention, salary,
- o. training;
- p. financial overview: agency budget authorization, agency grant partnerships and collaboration;
- q. record retention and policy compliance;
- r. regulations review;
- s. policy review;
- t. Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies: policy improvement; accreditation process;
- u. internal audit process: Office of Privacy and Risk Management, internal audits conducted, risk and mitigation action plans;
- v. staff feedback;
- w. whistleblower protections;
- x. Legislative Audit Council recommendations;
- y. Agency accomplishments and emerging issues: caseload reduction through offender supervision specialists; agent to vehicle ratio; domestic violence specialized caseloads; additional specialized caseloads; expansion of mental health and rehabilitative services,
- z. sentencing reform; and
- aa. agency challenges: agency fleet replacement; enhancing the Parole Board decision making process; expansion of inmate release services; balancing act.

IV. Subcommittee members ask questions relating to the following:

- a. agency culture;
- b. turnover to federal government counterpart;
- c. county field offices;
- d. staff demographics;
- e. reorganization of the structure of the agency;
- f. employees paid by other funds;
- g. retention of employees;
- h. length of time to hire employees;

- i. ignition interlock devices;
- j. actions prior to certification;
- k. offender payment process; and
- l. offender supervision fees.

Director Adger, Ms. Gallman, and Mr. Angus respond to the questions.

### **Adjournment**

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