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Law Enforcement and Criminal Subcommittee

**Wednesday, October 27, 2021
10:30 a.m.
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 Wednesday, October 27, 2021, in Room 321 of the Blatt Building. Rep. Kimberly O. Johnson, Rep. Josiah Magnuson, and Rep. John R. McCravy, III are present for all or 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 Magnuson makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the August 26, 2021, meeting. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

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

Administration of Oath

- I. Chair Wooten reminds all others placed under oath at prior meetings that they remain under oath.
- II. Chair Wooten places the following under oath:
 - a. Schwann Hopkins, Region Three Regional Director, Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services (PPP)
 - b. Michaela Talley, Dorchester County Agent-in-Charge, PPP
 - c. Gregory Whittaker, Regional Program Administrator, PPP
 - d. William Speaks, Application Development Manager, PPP
 - e. Hugh Ryan, Executive Director, Commission on Indigent Defense
 - f. Trisha Allen, Director, Victim Advocacy Division, Attorney General's Office
 - g. BJ Nelson, Director, Crime Victims Services Division, Attorney General's Office
 - h. Dr. Delores Dacosta, Executive Director, Commission on Minority Affairs
 - i. Grey Parks, Assistant Executive Director, Employment Services, Department of Employment and Workforce
 - j. Ryan Alphin, Executive Affairs Director, State Law Enforcement Division

- k. Lisa Catalanotto, Executive Director, Commission on Prosecution Coordination
- l. Dexter Lee, Legislative Liaison, Department of Corrections
- m. Eden Hendrick, Executive Director, Department of Juvenile Justice
- n. Kianna Benson, Chief Hearing Officer (responsible for Victim Services), Juvenile Parole Board
- o. David Patterson, Director, Health and Demographics Division, Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office
- p. Adam Whitset, General Counsel, State Law Enforcement Division
- q. Herverly Young, Commission on Indigent Defense
- r. Brenton Brown, Commission on Minority Affairs

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

- III. Director Adger provides introductory remarks about paperless offices. Schwann Hopkins, Region Three Regional Director, Michaela Talley, Dorchester County Agent-in-Charge, Gregory Whittaker, Regional Program Administrator, and William Speaks, Application Development Manager, provide PPP's E-Filing presentation. Topics discussed include:
 - a. E-file offender management system;
 - b. Training;
 - c. Auditing; and
 - d. Benefits of the e-filing process.
- IV. Subcommittee members ask questions relating to the following:
 - a. Timeline for statewide implementation;
 - b. Interstate Compact;
 - c. Offender profile information;
 - d. Forms;
 - e. Data entry;
 - f. Security; and
 - g. Contingency planning for emergencies.

Agency personnel respond to the questions.

Discussion of Subcommittee Findings and Recommendations

- V. Chair Wooten requests a representative from each agency present to explain whether their agency has any objections to potential recommendations in which they are referenced or other comments they would like to make about the opportunities for collaboration. Agencies represented and responses from them are below.

- a. Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services – No objections
- b. Law Enforcement Training Council – No objections
- c. Commission on Indigent Defense – No objections
- d. Attorney General’s Office – No objections
- e. Commission on Minority Affairs – No objections
- f. Department of Employment and Workforce – No objections
- g. State Law Enforcement Division – No objections
- h. Prosecution Coordination Commission – No objections
- i. Department of Corrections – No objections
- j. Department of Juvenile Justice – No objections
- k. Juvenile Parole Board – No objections
- l. RFA – No objections

Agency staff respond to the questions.

- II. Representative McCravy makes a motion to include the findings and recommendations as provided in the meeting packet as the final version for inclusion in the study report. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Rep. McCravy’s motion that the Subcommittee Study include the findings and recommendations as provided in the meeting packet as the final version for inclusion in the study report.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. K. Johnson	✓		
Rep. McCravy	✓		
Rep. Magnuson	✓		
Rep. Wooten	✓		

Discussion of Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)

- VI. Executive Director Hendrix provides an overview of DJJ operations and actions since she assumed leadership. Topics included the following:

Before Director Hendrick’s appointment as acting director

- a. Her background and past experience with DJJ;
- b. Initial purpose/areas in which Department of Administration (DOA) was to assist DJJ;
- c. Situations discovered during DOA’s initial assistance to DJJ and impact those situations had on problems occurring at the agency (e.g., assaults, isolation, vacancies, etc.);

After Director Hendrick's appointment as acting director

- d. Changes made including staff, policies, etc. (to the extent not covered during testimony at prior legislative meetings);
- e. Current short-term (less than 6 months), mid-range (6-18 months), and long-term (greater than 18 months) goals in priority order;
- f. Information you regularly receive to track status of progress on the goal and general agency operations, including which you are willing to post online for transparency purposes (e.g., vacancy/application status report, PbS reports, etc.);
- g. Accountability for staff;
- h. Accountability for entities with whom the agency contracts for services (recruitment entity, wilderness camps, etc.); and
- i. Ways in which the Oversight Committee and General Assembly may assist the agency.

Subcommittee members ask questions. Agency personnel respond to the questions.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.