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MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 30, 2025
10:30 a.m.
Room 516 – Blatt Building

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Attendance

The Law Enforcement and Criminal and Civil Justice Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Wooten on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, in Room 516 of the Blatt Building. Representative Leon D. “Doug” Gilliam, and Representative William H. Bailey were present for all or a portion of the meeting. Representative Jeffrey E. “Jeff” Johnson and Representative Kambrell H. Garvin were not in attendance.

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 Gilliam made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from prior meeting. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Rep. Garvin's motion to approve meeting minutes.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Wooten	✓		
Rep. Johnson			✓
Rep. Garvin			✓
Rep. Gilliam	✓		
Rep. Bailey	✓		

Discussion of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

- I. Prior to beginning today's testimony, Chair Wooten asks if there are any agency representatives who may address the subcommittee today or at future meetings who have not been placed under oath. Captain Matt Downey, Vice Special Operations and Interdiction Unit; Captain William B. Keller, Arson Unit; Lieutenant Aubrey Richardson, III, Bomb Squad and Counterterrorism Drive Unit; and Lieutenant Catherine Powell, Protective Services Emergency Management Unit, were all sworn.
- II. Captain Matt Downey then begins his presentation to the subcommittee and discusses the following topics:
 1. Vice Special Operations and Investigations.

Throughout his presentation to the subcommittee, Members ask Captain Downey questions and he responds.

- III. Major Stewart Robertson begins his presentation to the subcommittee and discusses the following topics:
 1. Overview of SLED Counterterrorism Unit.

Throughout her presentation to the subcommittee, Members ask Major Robertson questions and she responds.

IV. Captain William B. Keller begins his presentation to the subcommittee and discusses the following topics:

1. SLED Arson Investigations Unit.

Throughout his presentation to the subcommittee, Members ask Captain Keller questions and he responds.

Adjournment

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