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Legislative Oversight Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, January 10, 2017
Blatt Building Room 516**

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 House Legislative Oversight Committee was called to order by Chair Wm. Weston J. Newton on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, in Room 516 of the Blatt Building. All members of the Committee were present for all or a portion of the meeting, except: Representative William K. "Bill" Bowers; Representative Todd Rutherford; and Representative Tommy Stringer.

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. Representative Smith moved to approve the minutes from the Committee's meeting on December 7, 2016. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Representative Smith's motion to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2016, meeting:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Katherine E. Arrington	✓			
William K. Bowers				✓
Gary E. Clary	✓			
Neal Collins	✓			
MaryGail Douglas	✓			
Raye Felder	✓			
Laurie Slade Funderburk	✓			
Phyllis Henderson				✓
Bill Hixon	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Ralph W. Norman				✓
Mandy Powers Norrell	✓			
Robert L. Ridgeway, III				✓
Todd Rutherford				✓
James E. Smith, Jr.	✓			
Tommy Stringer				✓
Edward R. Tallon	✓			
Bill Taylor	✓			
Robert Q. Williams				✓
Wm. Weston J. Newton	✓			

Assigning Agencies to the Subcommittees

- I. Chair Newton explained the assignment of agencies to Subcommittees was revised during this General Assembly to allow each Subcommittee to review an equivalent number of agencies. Also, he provided an overview of agencies whose studies had been completed in the previous session and agencies whose studies were ongoing.
- II. As Chair of the Education and Cultural Subcommittee, Representative Smith said he did not have a preference for an agency for the Subcommittee to study in 2017, and he would leave the decision to the Committee. Chair Newton said that it had been suggested that the Education and Cultural Subcommittee study the John de la Howe School, and Representative Smith moved that the Subcommittee study the School. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Representative Smith's motion to study the John de la Howe School:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Katherine E. Arrington	✓			
William K. Bowers				✓
Gary E. Clary	✓			
Neal Collins	✓			
MaryGail Douglas	✓			
Raye Felder	✓			
Laurie Slade Funderburk	✓			
Phyllis Henderson	✓			
Bill Hixon	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Ralph W. Norman	✓			
Mandy Powers Norrell	✓			
Robert L. Ridgeway, III				✓
Todd Rutherford				✓
James E. Smith, Jr.	✓			
Tommy Stringer				✓
Edward R. Tallon	✓			
Bill Taylor	✓			
Robert Q. Williams	✓			
Wm. Weston J. Newton	✓			

Representative Norman, as Chair of the Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee, put forth the names of three agencies that had been suggested for study in 2017: the Human Affairs Commission, the Department of Motor Vehicles, and the Department of Employment and Workforce. Chair Newton noted the Human Affairs Commission was of a size that would accommodate the Committee's present workload. Representative Norman moved to study the Human Affairs Commission. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Representative Norman's motion to study the Human Affairs Commission:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Katherine E. Arrington	✓			
William K. Bowers				✓
Gary E. Clary	✓			
Neal Collins	✓			
MaryGail Douglas	✓			
Raye Felder	✓			
Laurie Slade Funderburk	✓			
Phyllis Henderson	✓			
Bill Hixon	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Ralph W. Norman	✓			
Mandy Powers Norrell	✓			
Robert L. Ridgeway, III				✓
Todd Rutherford				✓
James E. Smith, Jr.	✓			
Tommy Stringer				✓
Edward R. Tallon	✓			
Bill Taylor	✓			
Robert Q. Williams	✓			
Wm. Weston J. Newton	✓			

Representative Clary, as Chair of the Executive Subcommittee, recommended that the Subcommittee study the Election Commission. Representative Henderson noted there may be multiple special elections in 2017; also, it was noted 2017 is not a general election year. Representative Clary moved to study the Election Commission. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Representative Clary's motion to study the Election Commission:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Katherine E. Arrington	✓			
William K. Bowers				✓
Gary E. Clary	✓			
Neal Collins	✓			
MaryGail Douglas	✓			
Raye Felder	✓			
Laurie Slade Funderburk	✓			
Phyllis Henderson	✓			
Bill Hixon	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Ralph W. Norman	✓			
Mandy Powers Norrell	✓			
Robert L. Ridgeway, III				✓
Todd Rutherford				✓
James E. Smith, Jr.	✓			
Tommy Stringer				✓
Edward R. Tallon	✓			
Bill Taylor	✓			
Robert Q. Williams	✓			
Wm. Weston J. Newton	✓			

Chair Newton said noted it may be efficient for the Executive Subcommittee' study of the Retirement System Investment Commission to be placed on hold until the Joint Committee on Pension Systems Review had completed its work. Representative Clary moved to suspend the study of the Retirement System Investment Commission until such time as the Joint Committee on Pension Systems Review has completed its work. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Representative Clary's motion to place the study of RSIC on hold while the Joint Committee on Pensions Review completes its work:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Katherine E. Arrington	✓			
William K. Bowers				✓
Gary E. Clary	✓			
Neal Collins	✓			
MaryGail Douglas	✓			
Raye Felder	✓			
Laurie Slade Funderburk	✓			
Phyllis Henderson	✓			
Bill Hixon	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Ralph W. Norman	✓			
Mandy Powers Norrell	✓			
Robert L. Ridgeway, III				✓
Todd Rutherford				✓
James E. Smith, Jr.	✓			
Tommy Stringer				✓
Edward R. Tallon	✓			
Bill Taylor	✓			
Robert Q. Williams	✓			
Wm. Weston J. Newton	✓			

Representative Henderson, as Chair of the Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee, recommended the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs as the next agency to study. Recent concerns raised with the agency about the life, health, and safety of some of the state's most vulnerable citizens was noted. Representative Henderson moved for the Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee to study the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Representative Henderson's motion to study the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Katherine E. Arrington	✓			
William K. Bowers				✓
Gary E. Clary	✓			
Neal Collins	✓			
MaryGail Douglas	✓			
Raye Felder	✓			
Laurie Slade Funderburk	✓			
Phyllis Henderson	✓			
Bill Hixon	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Ralph W. Norman	✓			
Mandy Powers Norrell	✓			
Robert L. Ridgeway, III				✓
Todd Rutherford				✓
James E. Smith, Jr.	✓			
Tommy Stringer				✓
Edward R. Tallon	✓			
Bill Taylor	✓			
Robert Q. Williams	✓			
Wm. Weston J. Newton	✓			

Representative Tallon, as Chair of the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee, recommended that the Subcommittee forego the study of an additional agency until it completed work on its three ongoing studies.

Organizational Matters

- I. Chair Newton solicited questions and comments about the Committee's Standard Practices and suggested revisions. Representative Smith asked whether the new revisions would prohibit the sharing of anonymous comments by members, and Chair Newton answered that anonymous comments would continue to be allowed. Representative Felder asked whether the Standard Practices would require an agency under study to notify all of its employees that it was under study, and Chair Newton answered in the affirmative.

- II. The meeting was adjourned