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**Legislative Oversight Committee Meeting
January 28, 2016
9:00 a.m.
Room 521 - Blatt Building**

ARCHIVED VIDEO

- I. You may access archived video of this meeting by visiting the South Carolina General Assembly's website (<http://www.scstatehouse.gov>) and click on "Committee Postings and Reports," then under House Standing Committees click on "Legislative Oversight". Lastly, click on "Video Archives" for a listing of archived videos for the Legislative Oversight Committee.

MINUTES

- II. House Rule 4.5 requires the standing committees of the House to prepare and make available for public inspection, in compliance with Section 30-4-90, the minutes of full committee meetings. House Rule 4.5 further provides that such minutes need not be verbatim accounts of such meetings.
- III. The House Legislative Oversight Committee (Committee) was called to order by Chairman Wm. Weston J. Newton on Thursday, January 28, 2016, in Room 521 of the Blatt Building, Columbia, South Carolina.
- IV. Representative Smith moved to approve the minutes from the Committee's previous meeting, which was held on December 15, 2015. A roll call vote was held, and the results were as follows.

Rep. Smith's Motion to Approve the Minutes from the Committee's Meeting on December 15, 2015:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Nathan Ballentine			Not Present
William K. "Bill" Bowers			Not Present
Gary E. Clary	✓		
Raye Felder			Not Present
Kirkman Finlay, III			Not Present
Laurie Slade Funderburk			Not Present
Phyllis Henderson	✓		
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓		
Mia S. McLeod			Not Present
Walton J. McLeod			Not Present
Ralph W. Norman			Not Present
Joshua A. Putnam			Not Present
Robert L. Ridgeway, III	✓		
Samuel Rivers, Jr.	✓		
James E. Smith, Jr.	✓		
Tommy M. Stringer			Not Present
Edward R. "Eddie" Tallon	✓		
Bill Taylor			Not Present
Robert Q. Williams	✓		
Wm. Weston J. Newton	✓		

V. The next order of business was a discussion of the priority for agencies to be studied. Chairman Newton explained that the following agencies are currently scheduled to be studied by the respective Subcommittees:

- 1) Retirement Investment Commission (Executive Subcommittee);
- 2) Patriot's Point (Education and Cultural Subcommittee);
- 3) The Department of Health and Environmental Control (Healthcare Subcommittee);
- 4) The Department of Employment and Workforce (Economic Development, Transportation, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Subcommittee); and
- 5) Law Enforcement Training Council (Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice).

Chairman Newton related the list of agencies to be studied in 2016 by the Senate Oversight Committee.

Representative Smith requested that the Education and Cultural Subcommittee prioritize a study of the Department of Archives and History in 2016 rather than Patriot's Point due to the fact that Patriot's Point had just been audited by the Legislative Audit Council. Representative Smith moved to that effect. Representative Williams asked questions of Representative Smith related to the motion. A roll call vote was held, and the results were as follows.

Rep. Smith’s Motion for the Education and Cultural Subcommittee to Study the Department of Archives and History in 2016 rather than Patriot’s Point:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Nathan Ballentine			Not Present
William K. “Bill” Bowers			Not Present
Gary E. Clary	✓		
Raye Felder			Not Present
Kirkman Finlay, III	✓		
Laurie Slade Funderburk	✓		
Phyllis Henderson	✓		
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓		
Mia S. McLeod			Not Present
Walton J. McLeod	✓		
Ralph W. Norman			Not Present
Joshua A. Putnam			Not Present
Robert L. Ridgeway, III	✓		
Samuel Rivers, Jr.	✓		
James E. Smith, Jr.	✓		
Tommy M. Stringer			Not Present
Edward R. “Eddie” Tallon	✓		
Bill Taylor			Not Present
Robert Q. Williams	✓		
Wm. Weston J. Newton	✓		

VI. Representatives Norman and Henderson requested that the Economic Development, Transportation, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Subcommittee prioritize a study of the Department of Agriculture in 2016 rather than the Department of Employment of Workforce due to the fact that the Department of Agriculture had recently been audited by the Legislative Audit Council, and found to have deficiencies related to the Farmers’ Market. Representative Williams asked questions of Representative Henderson related to the request. Representative Henderson moved to adopt the request. A roll call vote was held, and the results were as follows.

Rep. Henderson’s Motion for the Economic Development, Transportation, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Subcommittee to Study the Department of Agriculture in 2016 rather than the Department of Employment and Workforce:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Nathan Ballentine			Not Present
William K. “Bill” Bowers			Not Present
Gary E. Clary	✓		
Raye Felder			Not Present
Kirkman Finlay, III	✓		
Laurie Slade Funderburk	✓		
Phyllis Henderson	✓		
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓		
Mia S. McLeod			Not Present
Walton J. McLeod	✓		
Ralph W. Norman			Not Present
Joshua A. Putnam			Not Present
Robert L. Ridgeway, III	✓		
Samuel Rivers, Jr.	✓		
James E. Smith, Jr.			Not Present
Tommy M. Stringer			Not Present
Edward R. “Eddie” Tallon	✓		
Bill Taylor			Not Present
Robert Q. Williams	✓		
Wm. Weston J. Newton	✓		

VI. Chairman Newton shared his goal with the Committee that its members decrease their reliance on binders of printed material so as to reduce the negative impact on Committee resources, such as time, money, physical storage space, etc. Representatives Williams and Finlay shared their agreement with the goal.

VII. Representative Finlay asked of Chairman Newton if a Subcommittee could use the Legislative Audit Council’s services to verify that the data reported to a Subcommittee by an agency under study are accurate.

Representative Finlay also asked if a Subcommittee could request the presence of officials from a state agency at the meeting of that Subcommittee with another agency if the testimony of the agency under study had some bearing on the observing agency.

VIII. Chairman Newton explained that, in order to keep the pace of the Committee’s work efficient and timely, Committee staff would be individually assigned to assist, in a primary capacity, specific Subcommittees in their work. The assignments are as follows:

Charles Appleby

- Executive Subcommittee
- Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee

Carmen McCutcheon

- Education and Cultural Subcommittee
- Healthcare Subcommittee

Jennifer Dobson

- Economic Development, Transportation, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Subcommittee

- IX. Chairman Newton provided discussed that any legislation arising from a study of the agency will go through the normal legislative process.
- X. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.