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**Legislative Oversight Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 10, 2017
Blatt Building Room 516**

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Attendance

- I. The House Legislative Oversight Committee was called to order by Chair Wm. Weston J. Newton on Wednesday, May 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 M. 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 March 30, 2017. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Representative Smith’s motion to approve the minutes from the previous 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.	✓			
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	✓			

Discussion of Additional Studies to Schedule in 2017

- I. The specific task of this Committee is to conduct legislative oversight studies and investigations of state agencies at least once every seven (7) years in a recurring cycle. Chairman Newton provided as update on the status of agency studies. The Committee has completed eight (8) studies of agencies, two additional agencies ready for consideration, and has ten (10) other agencies under study at this time, one of which has been placed on hold with an additional forty-six (46) having been identified that our Committee will revenue in the seven (7) year cycle, and 152 that may be reviewed for a possible total of 217 agencies. The public is invited to

submit public input about agencies to study, and there are many avenues which the public can communicate that information to the Committee.

Chairman Newton shared with the Committee the agencies that had been suggested for study by constituents, legislators, and members, which were:

- a. For the Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee:
 - i. The Department of Employment and Workforce;
 - ii. The Department of Motor Vehicles;
 - iii. The Research Development Authority;
 - iv. The Rural Infrastructure Authority; and
 - v. Commission on Minority Affairs
- b. For the Education and Cultural Subcommittee:
 - i. The Department of Education;
 - ii. Medical University of South Carolina;
 - iii. ETV; and
 - iv. Patriots Point
- c. For the Executive Subcommittee:
 - i. The Secretary of State's Office; and
 - ii. The Adjutant General
- d. For the Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee:
 - i. The Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services;
 - ii. Labor, Licensing & Regulation;
 - iii. The Department of Mental Health;
 - iv. Patient's Compensation Fund; and
 - v. The State Accident Fund
- e. For the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee:
 - i. The Department of Corrections;
 - ii. The Department of Natural Resources;
 - iii. Indigent Defense; and

iv. Prosecution Coordination Commission

Chairman Newton explained as the Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee has two large agencies, the Department of Health and Environmental Control and Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, the Committee may consider deferring scheduling another agency for this Subcommittee at this time.

Additionally, as the budget passed by the House regarding John de la Howe, suspends programmatic and management operations for fiscal year 2017/18, it may be prudent to place this study on hold if this provision is adopted as part of the final budget.

Motions

- II. Representative Felder moved that the Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee study the Commission on Minority Affairs next. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Representative Felder’s motion to study the Commission on Minority Affairs:	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.	✓			
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	✓			

III. Representative Smith moved that the Education and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee study the John de la Howe School on hold if the proviso takes effect which suspends agency operations. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Representative Smith’s motion to place the study of the John de la Howe School on hold if the proviso takes effect which suspends agency operations:	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.	✓			
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	✓			

IV. Representative Smith moved that the Education and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee study the John de la Howe School on hold if the Patriot’s Point Development Authority next. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Representative Smith's motion to study Patriots Point:	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.	✓			
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	✓			

V. Representative Clary moved that the Executive Subcommittee study the Adjutant General's office next. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Representative Clary's motion to study the Adjutant General Office:	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.	✓			
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	✓			

VI. Representative Henderson moved that the Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee defer scheduling any other agencies at this time. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Representative Henderson's motion to defer any further agencies to study:	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.	✓			
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	✓			

VII. Representative Tallon moved that the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee study the Department of Natural Resources next. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Representative Tallon's motion to study the Department of Natural Resources:	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.	✓			
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	✓			

Administrative Matters

- I. The Committee received an update on administrative matters, including the receipt of Program Evaluation Reports from agencies.
- II. The meeting was adjourned.