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### **Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee**

**Wednesday, April 11, 2018  
30 minutes after adjournment of the House  
Blatt Room 321**

#### **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 Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chair Bruce W. Bannister on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, in Room 321 of the Blatt Building. The following other members of the Subcommittee were present for either all or a portion of the meeting: Representative Mandy Powers Norrell, Representative Neal A. Collins, and Representative Robert L. Ridgeway, III.

#### **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. It is the practice of the Legislative Oversight Committee to provide minutes for its subcommittee meetings.

- II. Representative Ridgeway makes a motion to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2018 meeting. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

Rep. Ridgeway’s motion to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2018 meeting:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Collins	✓		
Rep. Norrell	✓		
Rep. Ridgeway	✓		
Rep. Bannister	✓		

**Discussion of the Commission for Minority Affairs (CMA)**

- I. Before public testimony and the discussion of subcommittee recommendations, the Subcommittee notes that two bills relating to CMA passed the House last week.
  - a. H. 5090: would allow the use of wild turkey parts (not just feathers) in Native American crafts sold by members of state recognized tribes.
  - b. H. 3177: would require CMA to cease recognition of Native American “groups,” but not tribes or special interest organizations.
- II. Director Smith addresses the committee and testifies that the Board has opted not to take an official position on these bills, but that the Native American Advisory Committee supports both.

**Public Testimony regarding the Commission for Minority Affairs (CMA)**

- I. Chair Bannister states that before hearing agency testimony, there are two constituents who have asked to address the Subcommittee.
- II. The following constituents testify and answer questions from Subcommittee members after being sworn in by Chair Bannister:
  - a. Ms. Jennifer Powers testifies that she is the president and owner of JD Powers, LLC General Contractors. She discusses the assistance with her business that she has received from various state agencies including CMA.
  - b. Ms. Bonita Clemons, Bonita Global, LLC, testifies about the assistance CMA has provided with her tea business.

**Discussion of the Commission for Minority Affairs (CMA)**

- I. At Chair Bannister’s request, CMA Director Thomas Smith and other agency representatives provide testimony on internal changes the agency has made or plans to make as a result of the oversight study:
  - a. Tracking telephone calls and technical assistance more consistently;
  - b. Language translation feature on website;
  - c. Posting meeting dates on website;
  - d. Adding meeting agendas and minutes to the website (planned);
  - e. Tracking technical assistance on a spreadsheet; and
  - f. Focusing on outcomes of goals and objectives.
- II. Members ask questions regarding goals, outcomes, and statutory duties, which different agency representatives answer.
- III. There is a brief recess.
- IV. Before discussion of the agency recommendations and findings, each Subcommittee member addresses the agency individually.
- V. Subcommittee members make various motions, which are listed below. A roll call vote is held for each motion, and all pass.

Rep. Norrell’s motion to reject the agency recommendation to delete S.C. Code of Laws § 1-31-40(5), which states, “Provide the minority community with assistance and information on Voting Rights Act submissions in the State, as well as other related areas of concern to the minority community.”	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Collins	✓		
Rep. Norrell	✓		
Rep. Ridgeway	✓		
Rep. Bannister	✓		

Rep. Norrell's motion to reject the agency recommendation to amend the regulation which mandates the composition of the Native American Advisory Committee to include term limits for members.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Collins	✓		
Rep. Norrell	✓		
Rep. Ridgeway	✓		
Rep. Bannister	✓		

Rep. Collins' motion to make a finding that the Subcommittee has no confidence that CMA is efficiently or effectively fulfilling their mission.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Collins	✓		
Rep. Norrell	✓		
Rep. Ridgeway	✓		
Rep. Bannister	✓		

Rep. Bannister's motion that the CMA refrain from starting or maintaining any non-profit organizations.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Collins	✓		
Rep. Norrell	✓		
Rep. Ridgeway	✓		
Rep. Bannister	✓		

VI. Chair Bannister directs staff to draft the Subcommittee Study Report and then the following motion is made and passes after a roll call vote:

Rep. Norrell's motion that (1) Staff include any subcommittee member written statements, pursuant to Standard Practice 12.4, which staff receives prior to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 27, 2018 with the Subcommittee Study; and (2) Unless Chair Bannister receives an alternative request by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 30, 2018, he provide notice pursuant to Standard Practice 12.5, that a study is available for consideration by the full committee. If this occurs, the study may be taken up during the May 3, 2018 full Committee meeting.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Collins	✓		
Rep. Norrell	✓		
Rep. Ridgeway	✓		
Rep. Bannister	✓		

VII. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.