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Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee Wednesday, May 1, 2019 1:15 p.m. Blatt Room 321

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Attendance

I. The Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chair William M. (Bill) Hixon on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, 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 Lee Hewitt, Representative Mandy Powers Norrell, and Representative Marvin R. Pendarvis.

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 Hewitt moves to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2019, meeting. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

Rep. Hewitt's motion to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2019, meeting:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Hewitt	✓		
Rep. Norrell			✓ (absent)
Rep. Pendarvis	✓		
Rep. Hixon	\checkmark		

Discussion of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

- I. DMV Executive Director Kevin Shwedo and other DMV representatives address Subcommittee member questions regarding the follow-up information DMV sent to the Subcommittee on April 25, 2019.
- II. Chair Hixon swears in Mr. Julian Barton, Legislative Liaison for the South Carolina Department of Insurance (DOI). Mr. Barton answers questions from Subcommittee members about the Uninsured Motorist Fund.
- III. Director Shwedo and other DMV representatives answer Subcommittee member questions about a variety of additional topics related to DMV's recommendations for law changes.
- IV. Subcommittee members make several motions to include recommendations in the Subcommittee study. A roll call vote is held for each. All motions pass.

Rep. Pendarvis' motion to recommend that DMV work with the Department of Insurance to propose legislation that would remove the ability of drivers to voluntarily register as uninsured while preserving the penalty for those who are found to be driving without insurance:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Hewitt	\checkmark		
Rep. Norrell	\checkmark		
Rep. Pendarvis	\checkmark		
Rep. Hixon	\checkmark		

Rep. Pendarvis' motion to adopt DMV's recommendation 11, to eliminate a conflicting requirement regarding verification of insurance:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Hewitt	\checkmark		
Rep. Norrell	\checkmark		
Rep. Pendarvis	\checkmark		
Rep. Hixon	\checkmark		

Rep. Hewitt's motion to recommend that DMV look at its licensure procedure so that out-of-state vehicle dealers can issue SC temporary tags:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Hewitt	\checkmark		
Rep. Norrell	\checkmark		
Rep. Pendarvis	\checkmark		
Rep. Hixon	\checkmark		

Rep. Pendarvis' motion to adopt DMV's law recommendation 19, to strengthen laws relating to unfair dealer practices:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Hewitt	✓		
Rep. Norrell	✓		
Rep. Pendarvis	✓		
Rep. Hixon	\checkmark		

Rep. Norrell's motion to recommend that DMV post online information, including a searchable list of licensed dealers and an indication of which dealers have been cited for licensure violations, to help consumers avoid unlicensed dealers and unfair dealer practices:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Hewitt	✓		
Rep. Norrell	✓		
Rep. Pendarvis	✓		
Rep. Hixon	\checkmark		

Rep. Norrell's motion to adopt DMV's recommendation that the General Assembly amend state law to clarify that a watermark printed from the DMV online system is sufficient certification of the document for use in court proceedings:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Hewitt	✓		
Rep. Norrell	✓		
Rep. Pendarvis	✓		
Rep. Hixon	\checkmark		

Rep. Hewitt's motion to recommend that the agency update outdated regulations, including Section 90-107, which prohibits the location of truck driver training schools within 1500 feet of DMV offices:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Hewitt	\checkmark		
Rep. Norrell	\checkmark		
Rep. Pendarvis	\checkmark		
Rep. Hixon	\checkmark		

Rep. Hewitt's motion to recommend that DMV develop policies and guidance for counties regarding a consistent process or forms to use when collecting road use fees:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Hewitt	✓		
Rep. Norrell	✓		
Rep. Pendarvis	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		

V. Rep. Norrell moves to direct staff to draft the report of the Subcommittee's study. A roll call vote is held and the motion passes.

Rep. Norrell's motion to direct staff to draft the subcommittee report of the study:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Hewitt	✓		
Rep. Norrell	✓		
Rep. Pendarvis	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		

- VI. Rep. Hixon announces that staff will distribute the draft report to members on Wednesday, June 5. He directs any members who would like to submit a statement to be published with the report to do so by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12. He states that if no member requests an additional meeting by that time, he will give notice to the full Committee that the report is available for consideration.
- VII. Director Shwedo recognizes Melissa Cisson, DMV Deputy Director of the Contact Center, for her work as the lead contact for Committee staff during the study.
- VIII. Rep. Hixon and other Subcommittee members thank Director Shwedo and DMV staff for their contributions to the study process.
- IX. The meeting is adjourned.