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Economic Development, Transportation and Natural Resources Subcommittee

Monday, July 10, 2017 at 2:00 pm in Blatt Building Room 110

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Attendance

- I. The Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Laurie Slade Funderburk on Monday, July 10, 2017, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building. The following members of the Subcommittee were present for all or a portion of the meeting: Representative Mandy Powers Norrell and Representative Robert L. Ridgeway.

Minutes

- I. House Rule 4.5 requires standing committees to prepare and make available to the public the minutes of committee meetings; 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 moved to approve the minutes from the Subcommittee’s meeting on June 22, 2017. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Rep. Ridgeway motions to approve the minutes from the June 22, 2017 meeting:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)	Not Voting (Present)
Rep. Collins			✓	
Rep. Norrell	✓			
Rep. Ridgeway	✓			
Rep. Funderburk	✓			

Discussion of the Human Affairs Commission

- I. Vice-Chair Funderburk provides an update of the Subcommittee’s work related to the Human Affairs Commission. She stated the purpose of this meeting is to move into the discussion of the agency’s strategic plan, in particular its goals and how they align with daily operations; resources available (employees and funds) to achieve the strategic plan; the methodology utilized to allocate these resources to its objectives; relationships with other entities; and how complainants can get any questions and concerns about the investigation of their case addressed.
- II. Vice-Chair Funderburk reminds agency representatives that have been previously sworn in that they remain under oath for any testimony before this Subcommittee or the full Committee.
- III. Commissioner Raymond Buxton II provides answers to additional questions that the Subcommittee had for the agency at the conclusion of the last meeting regarding a statistical breakdown of each month statewide and by county of the complaints the agency receives through its intake division.
- IV. Commissioner Buxton then presents information on the agency’s **goal one**– prevent and eliminate employment discrimination. Subcommittee members ask questions, which different agency representatives answer.
- V. Marvin Caldwell, Director of Fair Housing, presents information on **goal two**–prevent and eliminate housing discrimination.
- VI. Lee Ann Rice, Staff Counsel, presents information on **goal three**–education citizens about the use of legal remedies to achieve justice and fairness. Subcommittee members ask questions about mediation, which different agency representatives answer.
- VII. Dan Koon, Deputy Commissioner, presents information on **goal four**–foster culturally sensitive and social inclusive communities statewide. Subcommittee members ask questions about Community Relations Councils, which different agency representatives answer.

- VIII. Stephanie Price, EEO Consultant, presents information on **goal five**—advocate the compliance of Agency Affirmative Action Policies within all State Agencies.
- IX. Subcommittee members asked various questions regarding investigations, which different agency representatives answered.
- X. Commissioner Buxton then made closing remarks.

Discussion of the Department of Agriculture

- I. Vice-Chair Funderburk explains that this meeting will again be a work session to further identify questions members may have for the agency and to discuss the agency's recommendations to the Subcommittee.
- II. Vice-Chair Funderburk reminds agency representatives that have been previously sworn in that they remain under oath for any testimony before this Subcommittee or the full Committee. Assistant Commissioner Aaron Wood and Assistant Commissioner Derek Underwood are present to answer any questions that Subcommittee members may have.
- III. Vice-Chair Funderburk explains that each recommendation will be discussed individually.

Subcommittee members ask questions about the following recommendations, which different agency representatives answer:

- a. Recommendation #4: Adopt the model feed law proposed by the American Association of Feed Control Officials;
 - b. Recommendation #5: Authorize a \$25 fee for registration verification certificate and registration verification certificate annual renewal;
 - c. Recommendation #6: Require businesses that dispense petroleum products to notify the agency within 30 days of operating dispensers;
 - d. Recommendation #7: Authorize a \$5 per dispenser registration fee for businesses that dispense petroleum products; and
 - e. Recommendation #8: Enforce a scalable monetary penalty for habitual and willful offenders of petroleum law, when taking advantage of consumer.
- IV. Various motions are made by Subcommittee members to approve agency recommendations:
 - a. Representative Ridgeway moved to approve the agency's recommendation, based on the draft language, to adopt the model feed law proposed by the American Association of Feed Control Officials (Recommendation #4). A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Representative Ridgeway motions to approve the agency's recommendation, based on the draft language, to adopt the model feed law proposed by the American Association of Feed Control Officials:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)	Not Voting (Present)
Rep. Collins			✓	
Rep. Norrell	✓			
Rep. Ridgeway	✓			
Rep. Funderburk	✓			

- b. Representative Norrell moved to approve the agency's recommendations, based on the draft language, to require businesses that dispense petroleum products to notify the agency within 30 days of operating dispensers (Recommendation #6); authorize a \$5 per dispenser registration fee for businesses that dispense petroleum products (Recommendation #7); and enforce a scalable monetary penalty for habitual and willful offenders of petroleum law, when taking advantage of consumer (Recommendation #8). A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Rep. Norrell motions to approve the agency's recommendation, based on the draft language, to require businesses that dispense petroleum products to notify the agency within 30 days of operating dispensers; authorize a \$5 per dispenser registration fee for businesses that dispense petroleum products; and enforce a scalable monetary penalty for habitual and willful offenders of petroleum law, when taking advantage of consumer:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)	Not Voting (Present)
Rep. Collins			✓	
Rep. Norrell	✓			
Rep. Ridgeway	✓			
Rep. Funderburk	✓			

- c. Representative Norrell moved to approve the agency's recommendations, based on the draft language, approve the agency's recommendation, based on the draft language, to authorize a \$25 fee for registration verification

certificate (Recommendation #10); to authorize registration verification certificate annual renewal (Recommendation #11). A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Rep. Norrell motions to approve the agency's recommendation, based on the draft language, to authorize a \$25 fee for registration verification certificate; to authorize registration verification certificate annual renewal:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)	Not Voting (Present)
Rep. Collins			✓	
Rep. Norrell	✓			
Rep. Ridgeway	✓			
Rep. Funderburk	✓			

V. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.