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Education and Cultural Subcommittee

Wednesday, October 9, 2019
Room 110 Blatt Building

Archived Video Available

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Attendance

- I. The Education and Cultural Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chairman Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr., Wednesday, October 9, 2019, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building. All members were present for some or all of the meeting, except Rep. Neal Collins.

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 Patricia Henegan moves to approve the minutes from the Subcommittee’s prior meeting on June 11, 2019, with leave for staff to correct any scrivener’s errors. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

Representative Henegan’s motion to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2019 meeting:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Neal A Collins				✓
Patricia Moore Henegan	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Tommy Stringer	✓			

Discussion of the Department of Education

- I. Chairman Jefferson explains the purpose of today’s meeting is to receive an overview of the Department of Education.
- II. Chairman Jefferson places Ms. Katie Nilges, Assistant General Counsel for the Department of Education under oath. He states that all individuals sworn in during prior Committee meetings remain under oath.
- III. Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman presents an overview of the Department of Education, which includes, but is not limited to:
- a. Mission;
 - b. Vision;
 - c. Profile of the South Carolina graduate;
 - d. General statistics;
 - e. Agency head qualifications; duties; school visits and speaking engagements;
 - f. State Board of Education;
 - g. Agency history;
 - h. Agency organizational chart;
 - i. Employee overview;
 - j. Finance overview;
 - k. Compliance - records management; regulation review; submission of reports to the Legislative Services Agency and State Library;
 - l. Brief discussion of roles and responsibilities of counterpart agencies - United States Department of Education and Local Education Agencies;
 - m. Partnerships - technical colleges; education consortiums; educator preparation programs;
 - n. Agency successes - school safety; teacher support; student outcomes and improved technical assistance; consolidation and shared services;
 - o. Agency challenges - student outcomes; meetings the needs of an ever-changing workforce; teacher retention and recruitment; and possible changes to the education funding model; and

- p. Agency emerging issues - data systems and infrastructure; serving additional underperforming schools and districts; instructional materials replacement.

IV. Members ask questions, which Superintendent Spearman answers.

Adjournment

- I. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.