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Education and Cultural Subcommittee

Thursday, March 21, 2019
Room 321 Blatt Building

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Attendance

- I. The Education and Cultural Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chairman Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr., Thursday, March 21, 2019, in Room 321 of the Blatt Building. All members were present for some or all of the meeting.

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 meeting on February 28, 2019. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

Representative Henegan’s motion to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2019, meeting:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Neal A Collins	✓			
Patricia Moore Henegan	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Tommy Stringer	✓			

Discussion of Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School

- I. Chairman Jefferson provides opening comments and states that this is the subcommittee’s fourth meeting with Wil Lou Gray. Further, he explains the purpose of the meeting is to receive testimony about staffing.
- II. Chairman Jefferson states all testimony provided to this Committee is under oath, and reminds everyone previously sworn in that they remain under oath.
- III. Ms. Melissa Thurstin (Director of Finance and Human Resources) and Ms. Theresa Trowell (Human Resources Manager) provide testimony about Wil Lou Gray’s staffing, employee retention measures, and employee training.
- IV. Agency staff respond to Subcommittee member questions about:
- Medical staff turnover;
 - Student transportation;
 - Methods for receiving feedback about employee work conditions; and
 - Methods for receiving feedback from parents and guardians.

Adjournment

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