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**Education and Cultural Subcommittee Meeting
February 24, 2015
9:30 a.m.
Room 110 - Blatt Building**

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MINUTES

- I. House Rule 4.5 requires the standing committees of the House to prepare and make available for public inspection, in compliance with Section 30-4-90, the minutes of full committee meetings. House Rule 4.5 further provides that such minutes need not be verbatim accounts of such meetings. It is the practice of the House Legislative Oversight Committee to provide minutes, which are not verbatim accounts of such meetings, for its Subcommittee meetings.
- II. The Education and Cultural Subcommittee (Subcommittee) meeting was called to order by Subcommittee Chair James E. Smith, Jr. on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building, Columbia, South Carolina. The following Subcommittee Members were present: Subcommittee Chair Smith, Representative Gary E. Clary, and Representative Joseph H. Jefferson Jr.
- III. This preliminary meeting with First Steps for School Readiness (First Steps) was held pursuant to Legislative Oversight Committee's Standard Practice 8.3 to discuss preliminary matters relating to the legislative oversight and investigation process with the agency. Subcommittee Chair Smith provided the agency information on the following: the purpose of legislative oversight; and the Legislative Oversight Committee's goals, process it intends to follow in studying the agency and expectations of an agency undergoing the study.

- IV. The Subcommittee received brief remarks from First Step's Board of Trustees Chair, Ken Wingate. The Subcommittee then received a brief overview of the agency in the form of a power point presentation from First Steps' statewide Executive Director Susan DeVenny. Also in attendance at the meeting from First Steps were the following: Mr. Dan Wuori, SC Deputy Director; and Mr. Mark Barnes, SC Chief Finance Officer/Chief Operating Officer. Also, Mr. Rick Noble, Richland County First Steps Chief Executive Officer, was present. Director DeVenny then answered questions from Members. Additionally, Director DeVenny was offered an opportunity to ask questions about the legislative oversight process to the Subcommittee. Subcommittee Chair Smith answered Director DeVenny's questions.
- V. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.