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### **Education and Cultural Subcommittee**

Tuesday, February 12, 2019 Room 321 Blatt Building

#### Archived Video Available

I. Pursuant to House Legislative Oversight Committee Rule 6.8, South Carolina ETV was allowed access for streaming the meeting. You may access an archived video of this meeting by visiting the South Carolina General Assembly's website (http://www.scstatehouse.gov) and clicking on *Committee Postings and Reports*, then under *House Standing Committees* click on *Legislative Oversight*. Then, click on *Video Archives* for a listing of archived videos for the Committee.

### Attendance

I. The Education and Cultural Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chairman Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr., Tuesday, February 12, 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 Tommy Stringer moves to approve the minutes from the Subcommittee's meeting on January 31, 2019. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

Representative Stringer's motion to approve the minutes from the January 31, 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 first meeting with Wil Lou Gray. Further, he explains the purpose of the meeting is to receive testimony about enrollment.
- II. Chairman Jefferson states all testimony provided to this Committee is under oath, and reminds everyone previously sworn in that they remain under oath. He swore in the following Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School staff:
  - Gary Newsome, Residential Director.
- III. Stewart Cooner, WLGOS Board Vice-Chair provided remarks about the board's goals for the school.
- IV. Director Smith and Mr. Scott Gaines (Principal) provide testimony about Wil Lou Gray's student enrollment.
- V. Agency staff respond to Subcommittee member questions about:
  - Enrollment procedures;
  - Marketing;
  - Board training; and
  - Student dropouts and expulsions.

## Adjournment

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