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# Legislative Oversight Committee



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#### Attendance

I. Subcommittee Chairman Gary E. Clary calls the Executive Subcommittee meeting to order on Thursday, September 27, 2018, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building. The following members of the Subcommittee are present during all or part of the meeting: Subcommittee Chairman Clary, Representative Wm. Weston J. Newton, and Representative Robert Q. Williams.

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#### 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 Newton moves to approve the minutes from the prior Subcommittee meeting. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

Rep. Newton moves to approve the minutes from the Subcommittee's September 5, 2018, meeting:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Not Present)
Rep. Clary	✓		
Rep. Funderburk			√
Rep. Newton	✓		
Rep. Williams	✓		

### Discussion of the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism

- I. Subcommittee Chairman Clary explains the purpose of today's meeting is for the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism (SCPRT) to present details about the following organizational units: (a) office of recreation, grants, and tourism;
   (b) administrative services; and (c) executive office.
- II. Subcommittee Chairman Clary explains that all testimony given to this subcommittee, which is an investigating committee, must be under oath. He reminds all agency personnel previously sworn in that they remain under oath. Subcommittee Chairman Clary swears in the following agency personnel:
  - a. Mr. Justin Lofurno, Director of Human Resources; and
  - b. Ms. Jeanne Black, Chief Information Officer.
- III. Mr. Justin Hancock, Office of Recreation, Grants, and Policy Director, presents details about the agency's office of recreation, grants, and tourism. Members ask questions, which Mr. Hancock and other applicable agency personnel answer.
- IV. Ms. Yvette Sistare, Finance Director, and Ms. Black, Chief Information Officer, present details about the agency's administrative services organizational unit. Members ask questions, which Ms. Sistare and Ms. Black answer.
- V. Mr. Lofurno, Director of Human Resources, Ms. Toni Nance, Director of Governmental Affairs, and Mr. Duane Parrish, Agency Director, present details

about the agency's executive office. Members ask questions, which agency representatives answer.

VI. Subcommittee members make various motions during the meeting, which are listed below. A roll call vote is held for these motions, and, among the members present, the motions pass unanimously.

Rep. William's motion that the Subcommittee Study include a recommendation that in addition to publishing research reports online, the agency also provide online a list of other research available upon request (e.g., full impact reports for statewide weather events, etc.).	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)
Rep. Clary	~		
Rep. Funderburk			✓
Rep. Newton	~		
Rep. Williams	~		

Rep. William's motion that the Subcommittee study include a recommendation that the agency work with the Tourism Expenditure Review Committee, on which a representative from the agency is a member, to update the formats in which information regarding accommodation expenditures is collected and published online so instead of just having individual scanned documents, the information is in a searchable and sortable format.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)
Rep. Clary	$\checkmark$		
Rep. Funderburk			$\checkmark$
Rep. Newton	$\checkmark$		
Rep. Williams	$\checkmark$		

<ul> <li>Rep. Newton's motion that the Subcommittee study include the following recommendations</li> <li>(1) The agency establish a way for current agency employees to provide anonymous input and process for how to review and address input received;</li> <li>(2) The agency conduct exit interviews and/or surveys; and</li> <li>(3) The agency regularly conduct employee satisfaction surveys. The agency should compile this data in the aggregate to help inform policy decisions.</li> </ul>	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)
Rep. Clary	✓		
Rep. Funderburk			✓
Rep. Newton	✓		
Rep. Williams	$\checkmark$		

Rep. Newton's motion that the Subcommittee Study include a recommendation, as requested by the agency, that the General Assembly repeal S.C. Code Sections 51-9-10 through 51-9-30 since the lease for Fort Watson Memorial expired and the property has been deeded to Santee Cooper.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)
Rep. Clary	~		
Rep. Funderburk			✓
Rep. Newton	$\checkmark$		
Rep. Williams	$\checkmark$		

Rep. Newton's motion that the Subcommittee Study include a recommendation that whenever the agency constructs a new building (e.g., welcome center, state park, etc.), the agency create, publish online, and regularly update (e.g., every three years), plans for anticipated maintenance costs and how those costs may be paid.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)
Rep. Clary	✓		
Rep. Funderburk			✓
Rep. Newton	$\checkmark$		
Rep. Williams	$\checkmark$		

Rep. Newton's motion that the Subcommittee Study include a <u>finding</u> that whenever a local government is granted an easement to construct signage or landscaping near an interstate (e.g, welcome to S.C. or welcome to our county), there is no condition that the local entity maintain the appearance of the signage or landscaping nor that it be removed if it falls into disrepair. This lack of clarity and responsibility allows for situations that may negatively impact the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism's effort to continually promote our state to those who travel through it.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)
Rep. Clary	~		
Rep. Funderburk			✓
Rep. Newton	~		
Rep. Williams	~		

Rep. William's motion that the Subcommittee Study include a recommendation that the agency track the effectiveness of how it advertises grants and funds available from the agency, and use this information to continually improve its outreach. Additionally, the agency have this data available, if requested, to help inform policy makers.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)
Rep. Clary	~		
Rep. Funderburk			$\checkmark$
Rep. Newton	$\checkmark$		
Rep. Williams	$\checkmark$		

<ul> <li>Rep. Newton's motion that the Subcommittee Study include the following recommendations for the General Assembly to consider, as requested by the agency:</li> <li>(1) Repeal Chapter 11, of Title 13 of the SC Code, which relates to the New Horizons Development Authority, since this authority no longer exists;</li> <li>(2) Repeal SC Code Sections 51-1-300 and -310, which relate to the agency's division of community development, since the agency no longer has this division; and</li> <li>(3) Add the purpose and general duties of the agency which relate to community development activities, that was in 51-1-300 and -310, to SC Code Section 51-1-60, to ensure this continues to be a duty of the agency, but allows the agency flexibility in which of its divisions are responsible for it.</li> </ul>	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)
Rep. Clary	$\checkmark$		
Rep. Funderburk			$\checkmark$
Rep. Newton	$\checkmark$		
Rep. Williams	~		

Rep. William's motion that the Subcommittee Study include a recommendation that the agency post its agency policies on its website in a manner that is accessible to anyone who visits the website.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)
Rep. Clary	~		
Rep. Funderburk			✓
Rep. Newton	~		
Rep. Williams	$\checkmark$		

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