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Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee Wednesday, April 26, 2017 9:00am Blatt Room 511

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## Attendance

I. The Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chairman Edward R. Tallon, Sr., on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, in Room 511 of the Blatt Building. The following members of the Subcommittee were present for either all or a portion of the meeting: Chairman Tallon, Representative Kathrine Arrington, and Representative William M. Hixon.

## 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 Arrington makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the prior Subcommittee meeting.

Rep. Hixon's motion to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2017 meeting:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Arrington	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		
Rep. Rutherford			Not Present
Rep. Tallon	✓		

Discussion of the Law Enforcement Training Council and Criminal Justice Academy

- I. Chairman Tallon reminds agency personnel who were sworn in during prior meetings that they remain under oath anytime they are with the subcommittee or Committee.
- II. Director Swindler provides information about how aptitude test results can indicate the likelihood of individuals graduating from basic training. Subcommittee members ask questions which Director Swindlers.

Representative Hixon makes a motion related to utilization of aptitude tests as a prerequisite for starting law enforcement basic training.

Rep. Hixon's motion that the Subcommittee Study include a recommendation that changes be made in law which state the Law Enforcement Training Council will approve nationally recognized aptitude tests, and minimum scores that must be obtained on one or more of the tests, which will serve as a prerequisite to the Criminal Justice Academy allowing a law enforcement entity to enroll a candidate in Basic Training:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Arrington	$\checkmark$		
Rep. Hixon	✓		
Rep. Rutherford			Not Present
Rep. Tallon	✓		

- III. Director Swindler finishes providing the Subcommittee the following information related to agency Goal 2 which he did not discuss during the Subcommittee meeting on April 25, 2017:
  - a. strategies and objectives for achieving the goal;
  - b. agency personnel who have primary responsibility and accountability for the strategies and objectives;
  - c. additional information the agency reviews when prioritizing how to allocate its resources to each strategy and objective;
  - d. actual amount of resources allocated; and
  - e. key performance measures.

Subcommittee members ask questions about Goal 2 and the related performance measures which Director Swindler answers.

- IV. Subcommittee members ask questions Personnel Change in Status forms and how the Academy tracks whether all individuals that are required to be certified are actually certified, which Director Swindler and Deputy Director Mike Lanier answer. Subcommittee members ask questions about tools the Academy has available to ensure state, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies are complying with the law which Director Swindler and Deputy Director Mike Lanier answer.
- V. The meeting is adjourned.