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**Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice Subcommittee Meeting**  
**April 29, 2015**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**Room 511 - Blatt Building**

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- I. You may access archived video of this meeting by visiting the South Carolina General Assembly's website (<http://www.scstatehouse.gov>) and click on "Citizens' Interests," then click on "House Legislative Oversight Committee Postings and Reports." Lastly, click on "Video Archives" for a listing of archived videos for the Legislative Oversight Committee.

### **MINUTES**

#### **Attendance**

- I. The Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice Subcommittee (Subcommittee) meeting was called to order by Subcommittee Chair Kirkman Finlay III on Wednesday, April 29, 2015, in Room 511 of the Blatt Building, Columbia, South Carolina. The following Subcommittee Members were present: Subcommittee Chair Finlay, Representative William K. Bowers, Representative Raye Felder, and Representative Edward R. Tallon Sr.
- II. 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.
- III. Subcommittee Chair Finlay submitted proposed minutes from the Committee's previous meeting, March 4, 2015. Representative Felder moved to approve the minutes. In a general announcement, the subcommittee was reminded under *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure* a second to a motion is not

required by standard legislative parliamentary procedure; further, there is no rule in the House Legislative Oversight Committee that requires a second to a motion. A roll call vote was held, and all present voted in favor of approval.

<b>Rep. Felder’s Motion to Approve the Minutes from the March 4, 2015 Meeting</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Not Voting</b>
Rep. Bill Bowers			(Not Present)
Rep. Raye Felder	Yea		
Rep. Eddie Tallon	Yea		
Rep. Kirkman Finlay	Yea		

**Discussion of the Scope of Study of the Department of Juvenile Justice**

III. This was the second meeting with the Department of Juvenile Justice held to provide the agency and the public an update on the status of the oversight study of the agency; allow Subcommittee Members to ask preliminary questions about the agency’s Restructuring and Seven Year Plan Report; ensure the agency understood what was required from it in the Program Evaluation Report, which is due May 22, 2015; and allow the Subcommittee Members to ask any additional questions. Subcommittee Chair Finlay provided an update on the status of the oversight study. He then swore under oath the individuals who were present to speak on behalf of DJJ, which included: Sylvia Murray, Interim Director; Angela Flowers, Deputy Director for Planning and Evaluation; and Elizabeth Hill, General Counsel. After all witnesses were sworn in, Subcommittee Chair Finlay asked several questions to Director Murray to ensure the agency understood what was required in the Program Evaluation Report. Subcommittee Chair Finlay, then asked several additional questions to the witnesses.

**Preliminary Meeting with the Department of Public Safety**

IV. This was also a preliminary meeting with the Department of Public Safety (“DPS”) 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. The discussion referenced the materials the Agency had already received in the mail as well as again that morning regarding: the purpose of legislative oversight as set forth in statute; the Legislative Oversight Committee’s Rules and the Legislative Oversight Committee’s Standard Operating Procedures. The discussion further referenced the goals for the legislative oversight process; the process the Legislative Oversight Committee and this Subcommittee intends to follow in studying the agency; the Legislative Oversight Committee’s expectations of an agency undergoing the study.

V. The Subcommittee received a brief overview of the agency in the form of a Power Point presentation from DPS Director Leroy Smith. Also in attendance at the meeting from DPS were the following: Col. Michael Oliver, SC Highway Patrol; Col. Leroy Taylor, State Transport Police; Chief Zackary Wise, Bureau of Protective Services; Lt. Eddie Johnson, Immigration Enforcement Unit; Phil Riley, Deputy Director of Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs; Paul Lewis, Financial Director; Major Scott Wofford, SC Highway Patrol; Ed Harmon, Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs; and Sid Gauden, Legislative Liaison

Director Smith was unable to finish the presentation prior to time running out for the Members to go on the floor, but left a hardcopy of the complete presentation with the Subcommittee Members.

### **Adjournment**

VI. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.