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Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee

**Monday, February 12, 2018
2:00 pm
Blatt Room 108**

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 Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chairman Edward R. Tallon, Sr., on Monday, February 12, 2018, in Room 108 of the Blatt Building. The following members of the Subcommittee were present for either all or a portion of the meeting: Chairman Tallon, Representative Katherine E. Arrington, Representative William M. Hixon, and Representative Jeffrey E. Johnson.

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 meetings.

Rep. Arrington's motion to approve the minutes from the November 30, 2017, meeting:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Arrington	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		
Rep. Johnson			✓ (not present during prior meeting)
Rep. Tallon	✓		

Discussion of the Department of Natural Resources

- I. Chairman Tallon explains the purpose of the meeting today is to provide members the opportunity to ask questions about the public input and information received from the agency after the last meeting.
- II. Representative Kirkman Finlay III makes remarks about the agency.
- III. Chairman Tallon reminds those who were sworn in during prior meetings that they remain under oath anytime they are with the Subcommittee or Committee.
- IV. Chairman Tallon explains the agency has provided information responsive to the Subcommittee's follow-up questions and the information will be grouped into the following topics for discussion during the meeting:
 - a. State Vehicles;
 - b. In-service training and firearm qualification;
 - c. Issuance of tickets;
 - d. Discipline and Internal investigations;
 - e. Hiring, promotions, and bonuses; and
 - f. External communication.

Members ask questions related to the topics, which Director Alvin Taylor answers.

V. Throughout the meeting, members make motions which are listed on the next pages.

Rep. Johnson's motion that the Subcommittee Study include a recommendation that the agency provide a copy of its updated policy related to the accident review panel.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Arrington	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		
Rep. Johnson	✓		
Rep. Tallon	✓		

Rep. Arrington's motion that Subcommittee Study include a recommendation that this agency, and all other agencies that come under study by the House Legislative Oversight Committee, review their policies once every three years and... (1) revise any which do not clearly explain if the policy applies to the agency director, head of agency divisions, or other agency management personnel, to ensure it is clear how the policy applies to those personnel; (2) revise any which may allow for a potential conflict with employees investigating matters involving their direct supervisors or the heads of the division in which they work; and (3) revise any which no longer match with current agency practices.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Arrington	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		
Rep. Johnson	✓		
Rep. Tallon	✓		

Rep. Arrington's motion that the Subcommittee Study include a recommendation that the agency research the cost of placing GPS devices on state vehicles utilized by the agency and potential benefits including, but not limited to, the ability to automatically track data for use in management and potential cost savings of employees only using vehicles for official state purposes as installation of GPS devices on vehicles utilized by businesses in the private sector has sometimes decreased gas costs for those businesses.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Arrington	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		
Rep. Johnson	✓		
Rep. Tallon	✓		

Rep. Tallon’s motion that the Subcommittee Study include a recommendation that the agency revise its policies to prevent higher ranking officers, including, but not limited to division deputy directors and agency director, from having access to the score individual members of an interview panel give a candidate applying for a new hire position or a promotion as a way to avoid any potential appearance that those on interview panels may be pressured by higher ranking officers to give certain applicants high or low scores.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Arrington	✓		
Rep. Hixon			✓
Rep. Johnson	✓		
Rep. Tallon	✓		

VI. Chairman Tallon directs staff to update the Subcommittee study with information from the meeting today, and provide a copy to all Subcommittee Members by Friday, February 23, 2018. He further explains Subcommittee Members have until 5:00pm on Friday, March 2, 2018, to provide a written statement for inclusion in the report, as permitted by Standard Practice 12.4. In addition, he states he will provide notice to the full Committee that the study is available for consideration, unless he receives a written request for another meeting from a Subcommittee Member prior to 5:00pm on Friday, March 2, 2018.

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