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1	COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:
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	CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARVEY S. PEELER, JR.
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	SENATOR JOHN L. SCOTT, JR.
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	REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM R. "BILL" WHITMIRE
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	REPRESENTATIVE PHYLLIS J. HENDERSON
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	ALSO PRESENT:
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	MARTHA CASTO, Staff
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	JULIE PRICE, Staff
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- 1 PROCEEDING 9:13 a.m.
- 2 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Let's go
- 3 ahead and get started. Some members are having other
- 4 meetings and couldn't come along.
- 5 This is the Joint Legislative Committee to
- 6 Screen Candidates for College and University Boards of
- 7 Trustees. I'll call the meeting to order.
- 8 First up is Wil Lou Gray Opportunity
- 9 School. Angela Hanyak?
- MS. HANYAK: Yes, Hanyak.
- 11 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Hanyak, from
- 12 North Charleston.
- 13 Make sure your speaker is on and burning
- 14 green.
- MS. HANYAK: Good morning.
- 16 SENATOR SCOTT: Good morning.
- MS. HANYAK: Can y'all hear me?
- MS. CASTO: Yes.
- 19 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: I can.
- Let me swear you in first.
- MS. HANYAK: Absolutely.
- 22 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Do you swear
- 23 to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the
- 24 truth, so help you God?
- MS. HANYAK: I do.

- 1 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Would you
- like to make a brief statement on why you'd like to
- 3 serve?
- 4 MS. HANYAK: Absolutely.
- 5 I have a passion for helping at-risk
- 6 adolescents. In the Charleston area, I have been a
- 7 mentor with an organization called Be a Mentor, and I'm
- 8 seeking this board seat in the hopes of making a more
- 9 systematic impact on the at-risk adolescent population
- 10 in the state of South Carolina.
- 11 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Good. Thank
- 12 you.
- 13 Members, you have the information in front
- of you. Any questions or comments?
- 15 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: How much do you
- 16 know about Wil Lou Gray?
- 17 MS. HANYAK: I know a good bit about both
- 18 the founder and the school. I visited the campus on
- January 22nd this year. I was very graciously shown
- around by Director Smith. He gave me a wonderful sort
- of history, a recent history of the school. He told me
- 22 a little bit about the profile of a typical student, the
- 23 challenges that the school may face, and the successes
- that the school has faced.
- So I do believe that I have a good

- 1 understanding of the school, its mission, and what needs
- 2 to be happening for the school in the future for it to
- 3 be successful.
- 4 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Well, I've never
- 5 visited Wil Lou Gray. I need to, but I've heard nothing
- 6 but good things about the students. And the young men
- 7 and women who visit with us, I'm just highly impressed.
- 8 So somebody's doing a great job. So I hope that you
- 9 will, you know, continue that.
- 10 MS. HANYAK: Yes. I think it's quite an
- impressive school for the state to boast, and I'm really
- 12 excited about the opportunity to contribute in any way
- 13 to it.
- 14 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Great.
- 15 Speaking for Ms. Henderson and Ms. McLeod,
- who are not here, we're glad to have some diversity
- 17 coming on the board. So thank you.
- MS. HANYAK: Wonderful. Thank you.
- 19 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Mr. Scott?
- 20 SENATOR SCOTT: (Shaking head.)
- 21 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Thank you.
- 22 Any other questions or comments?
- 23 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Move for
- 24 favorable.
- 25 SENATOR SCOTT: Favorable report.

- 1 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: All in
- 2 favor, say aye.
- 3 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.
- 4 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Opposed, no;
- 5 and the ayes have it.
- Good luck to you.
- 7 MS. HANYAK: Thank you.
- 8 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Next,
- 9 Reginald J. Thomas from Spartanburg, at-large seat.
- MR. THOMAS: Good morning.
- 11 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Good
- morning.
- 13 SENATOR SCOTT: Good morning, Mr. Thomas.
- 14 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Let me swear
- 15 you in.
- Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole
- 17 truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?
- 18 MR. THOMAS: I do.
- 19 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Thank you.
- Would you like to make a brief statement on why you'd
- 21 like to serve?
- MR. THOMAS: Yes, sir. It's an honor for
- 23 me to even sit here and be considered to be a board
- 24 member for Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School because this
- is something that I've been doing all of my life. When

- I read all about what Dr. Gray's legacy was all about, I
- 2 surely would like to continue her legacy. Looking at
- 3 what the school does and what she did runs parallel with
- 4 my DNA.
- 5 I'm one who will and has always been
- 6 providing service to mankind, especially our youth, our
- 7 teens, our young adults. And I just think that my
- 8 strength of what I do and can do can be offered, and I'm
- 9 honored to even be considered.
- 10 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.:
- 11 Mr. Whitmire.
- 12 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Welcome, sir.
- 13 I'm glad that you're willing to serve.
- I'm reading here that you said that it's 30
- 15 percent in state versus out of state. How many
- out-of-state students are served by Wil Lou Gray?
- 17 MR. THOMAS: I don't know. But in
- answering that question, I did not know whether they had
- 19 out-of-state students or not.
- 20 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: I wouldn't think
- 21 there would be.
- MR. THOMAS: I know -- yeah. Most of our
- 23 institutions around the state have out-of-school --
- out-of-state students, but I wouldn't think that Wil Lou
- 25 Gray Opportunity School would, knowing the kind of

- 1 students they take in from around the state. I was just
- 2 generally answering the question. I did not know it at
- 3 that time whether they did or not.
- 4 So had they taken any students, that would
- 5 have been my answer.
- 6 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: I'd be interested
- 7 to know also. Maybe someone coming after you could
- 8 answer that.
- 9 MR. THOMAS: Since reading the information
- 10 and following up on the history of the school, no, sir,
- 11 they don't.
- 12 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Okay. Well,
- 13 thank you, sir. Good luck.
- 14 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Mr. Scott,
- 15 do you have a question?
- 16 SENATOR SCOTT: No.
- 17 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: What's the
- desire of the Committee?
- 19 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Favorable.
- 20 SENATOR SCOTT: Favorable report.
- 21 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Motion is a
- 22 favorable report.
- 23 All in favor, say aye.
- 24 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.
- 25 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Opposed, no;

- 1 and the ayes have it.
- 2 Thank you for your service, and I know
- 3 you'll do a great job.
- 4 MR. THOMAS: Have a blessed day.
- 5 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Thank you.
- 6 You too.
- 7 Doris McAdams, at-large seat. She's an
- 8 incumbent.
- 9 SENATOR SCOTT: Adams. It's Adams.
- 10 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: How do you
- do, ma'am?
- MS. ADAMS: Good morning.
- 13 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Let me swear
- 14 you in. Raise your right hand.
- 15 Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole
- truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?
- MS. ADAMS: I do.
- 18 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Thank you.
- 19 Would you like to make a brief statement?
- 20 MS. ADAMS: Well, I have served on the
- 21 board -- this would be my third time, and I started
- 22 serving in 2008. We all know about Dr. Wil Lou Gray,
- 23 "Why stop learning?" I'm a former educator. I've
- 24 always worked with children, and it's always a pleasure
- 25 to see children that are at risk, having problems being

- able to be successful and to find employment.
- 2 And this is what her mission was. When she
- 3 started out 95 years ago, she was interested in the
- 4 undereducated adult. We're working with at-risk youth
- 5 between the ages of 16 and 19, and it is always a
- 6 pleasure to see them experience success again in the
- 7 workforce and be productive.
- 8 SENATOR SCOTT: Mr. Chairman --
- 9 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Ms. McAdams,
- 10 your institutional motto is going to help us a lot. I
- 11 hear great things about Wil Lou Gray. Wil Lou Gray's
- 12 mission, is it similar to John de la Howe? What's the
- difference between the mission of Wil Lou Gray and the
- 14 success of Wil Lou Gray that I hear is just the opposite
- about John de la Howe, funding and so forth? Do you
- 16 know?
- 17 MS. ADAMS: You know, I think the
- 18 stakeholders have a lot to do with success, whether one
- 19 has success and whether or not one does not have
- 20 success. When we have the right students with Wil Lou
- 21 Gray and we have the right staff, that is very
- 22 important. When we have families that are supportive
- and when we have a director and a board and, of course,
- 24 I cannot forget you legislators -- when we have you on
- our side, I think that's the reason there's a big

- 1 difference.
- 2 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Thank you,
- 3 Ms. Adams. I called you Ms. McAdams.
- 4 MS. ADAMS: When you said McAdams, I said,
- 5 Where is she?
- MS. CASTO: It's Doris M. Adams.
- 7 MS. ADAMS: Doris M. Adams.
- 8 MS. CASTO: I'm sorry.
- 9 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Senator
- 10 Scott has a question.
- 11 SENATOR SCOTT: I can only say good things
- 12 about Ms. McBride Adams. Ms. McBride at the time I
- 13 first graduated from the college, she was one of my
- 14 earlier teachers in elementary school.
- 15 And so she's been an educator all of her
- life, always an excellent teacher, professional, and no
- nonsense. And I can say that she's a wonderful person
- 18 to be on that board.
- 19 And at the appropriate time, I would be
- 20 more than happy to move her forward.
- 21 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: I've been
- 22 wanting this moment for a long, long time. I have you
- 23 under oath about Senator Scott.
- 24 SENATOR SCOTT: And she has my permission
- 25 to be honest.

1 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: How many 2 times did you send him to the principal? 3 SENATOR SCOTT: They didn't do that at that time. That would be in class. 5 MS. ADAMS: I'm sure that you all have heard that the students were a little different, and 6 7 coming from homes where the parents put their foot down, 8 that made a difference, and the encouragement that you 9 had from the parents. 10 And I see this a lot with some of the 11 letters that our director receives from parents, and 12 they are just elated. I mean, they are so happy when 13 their children get on the right track and be productive, 14 and that is our mission. That's our mission. 15 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Thank you. 16 I can see now why you're such a good board member. 17 Senator Scott moved for a favorable report. SENATOR SCOTT: Favorable report. 18 19 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Wait. 20 Representative Whitmire. 21 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Thank you. A pleasure to meet you, Ms. Adams. 22 23 MS. ADAMS: Thank you. 24 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: I notice that you

said that you're concerned about turnover of staff. Is

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- 1 it prevalent or just a small amount?
- MS. ADAMS: No. You know, I felt like I
- 3 had to mention it because whenever we get information at
- 4 the board meetings, we look over the hires and the
- 5 resignations. And I noticed that in the human
- 6 specialist II area, it seemed like it was a large
- 7 turnover. Not a large turnover; maybe one or two each
- 8 time.
- 9 And I began to wonder. I said, Well, I
- 10 wonder what the problem is there. You know, maybe it's
- 11 salary, employment, problems at home. I just don't
- 12 know, but --
- 13 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Is the staff on
- 14 the same pay scale as, say, public education or a
- 15 different one?
- MS. ADAMS: No, I'm not too sure about
- 17 that.
- 18 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: And I wonder if
- 19 that's --
- MS. ADAMS: If that is the reason?
- 21 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Maybe it could
- be, because I'm sure it's stressful in some ways.
- MS. ADAMS: Yes, definitely.
- 24 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Thank you.
- 25 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Motion is a

- 1 favorable report on Doris M. Adams.
- 2 All in favor, say aye.
- 3 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.
- 4 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Opposed, no;
- 5 and the ayes have it.
- 6 Thank you for your service.
- 7 MS. ADAMS: Thank you. And thank you for
- 8 aiding and helping the Wil Lou Gray School because we
- 9 really need the funding and everything, and we really
- 10 appreciate that.
- 11 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Mr. Chairman, if
- I may, you were mentioning de la Howe. You know, we
- don't get to screen the de la Howe candidates. I'm
- 14 wondering if that's -- if they came before us, maybe --
- 15 but who knows.
- MS. CASTO: Next.
- 17 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Bryan B.
- 18 England, at large.
- MR. ENGLAND: Good morning.
- 20 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Good
- 21 morning, sir.
- MR. ENGLAND: Good morning, sir.
- 23 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Do you swear
- 24 to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the
- 25 truth, so help you God?

- 1 MR. ENGLAND: I do.
- 2 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Would you
- 3 like to make a brief statement?
- 4 MR. ENGLAND: I would only say that it's
- 5 been an honor to be on the board for the -- I guess
- 6 about the past 12 years. I got on this board because I
- 7 believe in what they do. I still believe in it, and I
- 8 think it provides a great service to the citizens of
- 9 this state. And I'm just honored to be a part of the
- 10 board and to help it out in any way I can.
- 11 Thank you.
- 12 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Questions or
- 13 comments?
- 14 Representative Whitmire.
- 15 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Good morning,
- 16 sir.
- MR. ENGLAND: Good morning.
- 18 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: I'm a former
- 19 educator, so I can identify with Ms. Adams.
- 20 That structured environment you mentioned,
- 21 that's obviously the key. That's, unfortunately, why
- we're having so many problems, in my opinion, in public
- 23 education today. We've just gotten way too many
- 24 children who don't have parents or anyone. If they do
- 25 have parents, they're not much of a parent.

- 1 So that's why I think Wil Lou Gray is such
- 2 a godsend to some of these children. I know you're not
- 3 going to reach all of them, but, you know, if you reach
- 4 one, that's a success story.
- 5 So thank you -- for all four of you -- for
- 6 your willingness to serve.
- 7 (Ms. Henderson enters the room.)
- 8 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Senator
- 9 Scott, any questions from you?
- 10 SENATOR SCOTT: Favorable report.
- 11 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.:
- 12 Ms. Henderson, welcome.
- 13 REPRESENTATIVE HENDERSON: Thank you. I'm
- 14 sorry.
- 15 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Any other
- 16 questions for Wil Lou Gray?
- We're done.
- 18 Let me ask you, with your experience,
- 19 what's the common denominator of the student or child
- 20 that comes to Wil Lou Gray? What's the trigger and who
- 21 does -- the administrators of different school systems
- 22 or parents or --
- MR. ENGLAND: You know, I --
- 24 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: -- how do
- 25 they know? How does my constituent know that there is a

- 1 Wil Lou Gray?
- 2 MR. ENGLAND: Well, we definitely increased
- 3 our advertisement and communication with the school
- 4 system and just to the general public. And, you know,
- 5 one thing I just -- this is a side answer, but I like
- 6 having my car sticker that says Wil Lou Gray, because
- 7 when they see it, you'd be surprised, you know, when
- 8 people ask you a question. "Well, tell me about Wil Lou
- 9 Gray." My father knew about Wil Lou Gray because he was
- an old law enforcement guy way, way back, and he thought
- 11 the world of Wil Lou Gray, and he'd be happy that I'm on
- 12 this board.
- But, you know, coming up here this morning,
- I heard something on the radio that said that -- you
- 15 asked about common denominators. Forty-one percent of
- 16 the children born in America today are born in a
- 17 single-family environment. That's an awful lot.
- 18 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: And it's growing.
- MR. ENGLAND: And it's growing.
- 20 And when I think about homes and stability
- in the homes and kids that I know, I kind of go back to
- 22 that; and not only with that, but the stability in that
- 23 home. Is there one of those parents on drugs, for
- instance, or do they have a criminal background? If you

- 1 know those kids, you know there's a lot of these kind of
- 2 factors that enter into it. But I don't think there's
- 3 really one; I think there's a multitude of them.
- 4 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: One more
- 5 question. How many students do you serve?
- 6 MR. ENGLAND: We probably, on a quarter
- 7 system, are somewhere around 600 a year, something like
- 8 that. Pat could tell you exactly.
- 9 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: How long do they
- 10 stay?
- 11 MR. ENGLAND: They are on a quarter system,
- 12 about 14 weeks a quarter. I think that's right,
- 13 something like that. Now, they may stay longer than
- 14 that, and some will stay --
- 15 SENATOR ALEXANDER: They finish the quarter
- 16 then go back --
- 17 MR. ENGLAND: It depends on, I think,
- whether they've gotten their GED and made the progress
- 19 that they need to make. And some of them, they're
- allowed to come back to stay longer to get it.
- 21 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: As Chairman
- Peeler said, we're trying to wrap our hands around this
- issue we have with de la Howe. And to be quite frank,
- they aren't succeeding. And then we see your school,
- 25 and it's a success. I wonder if we maybe can

- 1 incorporate some of your practices, you know.
- MR. ENGLAND: Well, the structure, like I
- 3 told you, the disciplined environment --
- 4 SENATOR ALEXANDER: The military -- yeah.
- 5 MR. ENGLAND: -- getting good quality
- 6 administrators all throughout in those classrooms and
- 7 then a principal in the school, you've got to have
- 8 strong people there that are interfacing with these
- 9 kids. They are a special challenge, and it takes
- 10 top-quality people. You can hire a few weak links, and
- 11 it can hurt you.
- 12 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: That's true.
- 13 As Chairman Peeler also said, how do you
- 14 hear about it? I've been an educator for 30 years, but
- 15 I'm 150 miles away. I haven't heard anything about it.
- 16 I've heard of the school, but I knew nothing about it.
- So it seems to me that maybe we can
- 18 outreach toward outer parts of the state a little
- 19 better, because it's such a wonderful opportunity.
- 20 We've got students with the same problems.
- MR. ENGLAND: We do. Chairman Smith, now
- 22 he publicizes a statewide map which shows where each one
- 23 of the kids are coming from, what county. It's always
- interesting to look at, you know, where the kids are
- 25 coming from.

- 1 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Who makes the 2 recommendation to send them? 3 MR. ENGLAND: Well, I think it can come from a variety. They have to apply. They have an 5 application process, and they'll call the school, and 6 they'll go through an admissions process. 7 Now, they might be notified by -- someone 8 at the school about them. They might have a friend 9 that's told them about it. They can hear about Wil Lou Gray a lot of ways. 10 11 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: I just wondered 12 if they've gotten in trouble with the law or something 13 like that, and that was there instead of incarceration 14 possibly, you know --
- MR. ENGLAND: You know, I would --
- 16 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: -- DJJ, they go
- 17 through Wil Lou Gray.
- MR. ENGLAND: I don't know exactly, but I
- 19 do know -- I would think that we would have probably
- 20 stronger relationships with law enforcement, some
- 21 counties that may recommend more than others and -- but
- I think word of mouth. Nothing beats word of mouth, and
- 23 kids know if they've got a friend that went down there,
- 24 and all of a sudden they turned themselves around and is
- 25 making progress and they tell somebody else. You can't

- beat word of mouth.
- 2 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Well, thank you.
- 3 Discipline and structure, that's the key, obviously. So
- 4 thank you.
- 5 MR. ENGLAND: Thank you.
- 6 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Any other
- 7 questions?
- 8 Motion is a favorable report.
- 9 All in favor, say aye.
- 10 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.
- 11 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Opposed, no;
- 12 and the ayes have it. Thank you, sir.
- 13 SENATOR SCOTT: Mr. Chairman.
- 14 CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Yes, Senator
- 15 Scott.
- 16 SENATOR SCOTT: And I know before we take a
- 17 break, I just wanted to add a little something to the
- 18 conversation, but I didn't want it to interfere with
- 19 getting these last questions.
- 20 There are about three to four mainstream
- 21 programs out there: Wil Lou Gray, Youth Challenge, and
- 22 the program we all have some concerns about over in
- 23 McCormick, and I don't know how the House is dealing
- with and looking at the structure. Youth Challenge has
- been so successful for a long time because of military

- 1 relationships, but it's more military structured. I've
- 2 not had a chance to go and look at the other school
- 3 that's mentioned several times again to see in my
- 4 evaluating what may be the problem.
- 5 But you've got to remember these other two
- 6 programs are urban programs, and trying to design a
- 7 program and a rule of structure is a difficult program.
- 8 Even if we get Youth Challenge with Wil Lou Gray, Youth
- 9 Challenge has also been set on the Clemson University,
- 10 and Aiken had a little different twist to it.
- 11 And so we may need to look at the program
- structure in what we ask the program to do and can the
- school actually be given manuals and some other tools we
- 14 need to give the program, because at the end result of
- 15 it is can we move these children forward and get them a
- 16 GED, get them back in the mainstream. And I know that
- 17 we created alternative schools, and these schools are
- dumping these kids either back in the street or they
- don't make it, and some families are trying to give them
- a tool by going to these different programs and trying
- 21 saving these children. But, I mean, it's worth looking
- 22 at and really having some real conversation.
- 23 And if maybe restructuring the board might
- 24 be an answer, I don't know, or just looking at what the
- 25 actual program is. I think the House looks somewhat at

- 1 it, but it hasn't had a real -- a lot of
- 2 communication --
- 3 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Right.
- 4 SENATOR SCOTT: -- from what I've gotten
- 5 from it.
- 6 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Well, Senator, I
- 7 believe de la Howe has been around since 1797, so it
- 8 would be a real shame if we had to close it because
- 9 they're having problems. I can tell you that
- 10 Representative Bingham, who is over public education,
- 11 has mentioned Clemson taking it over. But I'm not sure
- 12 that would be the best. That's my opinion.
- 13 SENATOR SCOTT: But I don't think you fix
- 14 programs talking about programs. They can fix programs
- 15 with institutional knowledge and also looking at --
- 16 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Yes, and you're
- 17 right. It's in a rural area.
- 18 SENATOR SCOTT: -- educational programs to
- 19 tell you how you fix the --
- 20 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Way in a rural
- 21 area.
- 22 SENATOR SCOTT: No question.
- 23 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: So they have
- 24 different challenges, that it's not military.
- 25 SENATOR SCOTT: Right.

1	REPRESENTATIVE HENDERSON: So I'm sure the
2	discipline is not nearly as, you know, in place as it is
3	at Wil Lou Gray. I just don't want to see it close.
4	And that's my worry.
5	SENATOR SCOTT: You have my commitment to
6	whatever I can to help to look at that program and bring
7	it
8	REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: We're working on
9	that to definitely see what we can do.
10	SENATOR SCOTT: Thank you so much.
11	CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER, JR.: Thank you.
12	That completes our agenda for this morning.
13	We'll break until 4 o'clock. At that time we'll take
14	the Medical University of South Carolina incumbents.
15	(The screenings adjourned at 9:37 a.m. and
16	will reconvene at a later date.)
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1	CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER
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3	I, Nisha Gordon, Court Reporter and Notary
	Public for the State of South Carolina at Large, do
4	hereby certify:
5	That the foregoing screenings were taken before
	me on the date and at the time and location stated on
6	the title page of this transcript; that the candidates
	were duly sworn to testify to the truth, the whole truth
7	and nothing but the truth by the Chairman; that the
	testimony of the candidates and all comments made at the
8	time of the screenings were recorded stenographically by
	me and were thereafter transcribed; that the foregoing
9	screenings as typed is a true, accurate and complete
	record of the hearing to the best of my ability.
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	I further certify that I am neither related to
11	nor counsel for any party to the cause pending or
	interested in the events thereof.
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	Witness my hand, I have hereunto affixed my
13	official seal this 31st day of March, 2016, at
	Simpsonville, Greenville County, South Carolina.
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18	Nisha Gordon
	Notary Public
19	State of South Carolina at Large
	My Commission Expires:
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