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Education and Cultural Subcommittee

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Room 110 Blatt Building

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Attendance

- I. The Education and Cultural Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chairman Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr., Thursday, December 19, 2019, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building. All members were present for some or all of the meeting, except Representative Tommy Stringer.

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 Neal Collins moves to approve the minutes from the Subcommittee's prior meeting on December 18, 2019. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

Representative Collins motion to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2019 meeting:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Neal A Collins	✓			
Patricia Moore Henegan	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Tommy Stringer			✓	

Discussion of the Department of Education

- I. Chairman Jefferson called the meeting to order and provides opening comments regarding the study of the Department of Education. Further, he explains the purpose of the meeting is to hear from the Department of Education's Division of Educator, Community, and Federal Resources and the Division of District Operations and Support.
- II. Chairman Jefferson places the following under oath:
- Michael King, Director of the Office of Adult Education
 - Yolande' Anderson, Director of the Office of Family and Community Engagement (FACE)
 - Jasmeen Shaw, Director of the Office of School Facilities (OSF)
 - Virgie Chambers, Deputy Superintendent of the Division of District Operations and Support; Office of Medicaid Services (OMS)
 - Ron Jones, Director of the Office of Health and Nutrition (OHN)
 - Garry Fast, Director of the Office of Transportation

Chairman Jefferson then reminds all individuals sworn in during prior Committee meetings they remain under oath.

- III. Michael King, Director of the Office of Adult Education, testifies about the Office of Adult Education including its mission and deliverables. Related deliverables include:
- Deliverable 45: Provide the following services: verification of secondary school completion; copies and replacements of high school equivalency diplomas; copies and replacements of high school equivalency diploma transcripts;
 - Deliverable 46: Monitor and provide technical assistance of the following grants provided to districts: Adult Education; Corrections Education; Generational Family Services; and Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education;
 - Deliverable 47: Provide trainings and support regarding adult education for each program year to districts; and
 - Deliverable 48: Provide support and oversight of the Young Adult Program (YAP) Proviso for 17 to 21 year olds in adult education.

Karla McLawhorn Hawkins and Michael King respond to member questioning about the Office of Adult Education.

- IV. Yoland  Anderson, Director of the Office of Family and Community Engagement provides testimony about the Office of Family and Community Engagement , including its mission, employee turnover rate, and related deliverables. The related deliverable is as follows:
- Deliverable 37: Provide district support and regional trainings on family engagement strategies; facilitate partnerships between schools, districts, and community agencies in efforts of creating high quality community partnerships across the state; and, provide support to military families covered under the Military Interstate Compact Commission bylaws.

Karla McLawhorn Hawkins and Yoland  Anderson respond to member questioning about the Office of Family and Community Engagement.

- V. Virgie Chambers provides testimony about the Division of District Operations and Support. She introduces her directors and they provide testimony regarding their specific areas of responsibility.
- VI. Ronald Jones provides testimony about the Office of Health and Nutrition, including its mission, employee turnover rate, and related deliverables. Related deliverables include:
- Deliverable 106: Provide support and training to school districts regarding Health and Nutrition programs;
 - Deliverable 107: Approve all summer feeding sites and sponsors;
 - Deliverable 108: Monitor all School Nutrition programs;
 - Deliverable 109:Oversee and monitor USDA Foods to School Food Authorities; and
 - Deliverable 110:Monitor USDA grants for Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) and Federal Equipment.

Virgie Chambers and Ronald Jones respond to member questioning about the Office of Health and Nutrition.

- VII. Virgie Chambers provides testimony about the Office of Medicaid Services, including its mission, employee turnover rate, and deliverables. Related deliverables include:
- Deliverable 111: Monitor, train, and support school districts in complying with Medicaid billing for school-based services
 - Deliverable 112: Administration of School District Administrative Claiming (SDAC) program for district Medicaid administrative activities reimbursement; and
 - Deliverable 113: Medicaid reimbursement for Special Needs Transportation
- VIII. Jasmeen Shaw provides testimony about the Office of School Facilities, including its mission, employee turnover rate, and deliverables. Related deliverables include:
- Deliverable 114: Conduct Plan Reveiews;
 - Deliverable 115: Issue Building Permits for all newly constructed buildings and renovation projects;
 - Deliverable 116: Perform building inspections of South Carolina Schools; and
 - Deliverable 117:Issue Certificates of Occupancy.

Virgie Chambers and Jasmeen Shaw respond to member questioning about the Office of School Facilities.

IX. Garry Fast provides an overview of the Office of Transportation, including its mission, employee turnover rate, and deliverables. Related deliverables include:

- Deliverable 118: Maintain and Operate the Bus Fleet for School Districts through County Bus Shops;
- Deliverable 119: Purchase School Buses for the Entire Public School System of South Carolina;
- Deliverable 120: Purchase and Provide Fuel for School Buses to County Bus Shops;
- Deliverable 121: Provide Training to School Bus Drivers and Support School Districts
- Deliverable 122: Trades Managers – Provide Support to the Technical Aspects of Bus Shops; and
- Deliverable 123: Area Supervisors – Responsible for Supervising County Supervisors in Assigned Area Bus Shops.

Virgie Chambers and Garry Fast respond to member questioning about the Office of Transportation.

Adjournment

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