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Attendance

- I. The Education and Cultural Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Representative Joe Jefferson, Monday, November 6, 2017, in Room 321 of the Blatt Building. All members were present for some or all of the meeting, except Representative Tommy M. Stringer and Representative James Smith. During the second half of the meeting, Committee Chairman Wm. Weston J. Newton joined the meeting.

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 Felder moves to approve the minutes from the Subcommittee’s meeting on May 11, 2017. Representative Jefferson moves to approve the minutes from the Subcommittee’s October 4, 2017, meeting. A roll call vote is held, and the motions pass.

Representative Felder’s motion to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2017, meeting:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Raye Felder	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
James E. Smith, Jr.				✓
Tommy Stringer				✓
Wm. Weston Newton			✓	

Representative Jefferson’s motion to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2017, meeting:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Raye Felder	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
James E. Smith, Jr.				✓
Tommy Stringer				✓
Wm. Weston Newton			✓	

Discussion of John de la Howe School

- I. Representative Jefferson states that this is the subcommittee’s second meeting with John de la Howe.
- II. Representative Jefferson explains that all testimony given to this subcommittee, which is an investigating committee, must be under oath. All those present from John de la Howe remain under oath.
- III. Dr. James Franklin, Mr. Sylvester Coleman, and Mr. Johnathan Rose testify about the agency’s strategic spending and budgeting, and the agency’s partners.
- IV. Subcommittee members ask questions about the following:
- a. Internal and external audits

- b. Risk assessment
- c. Numbers of students and educational staff
- d. Cost of online education provider
- e. Scholarships
- f. Partners that provide hands-on opportunities for students
- g. Follow-up report
- h. Board vacancies
- i. Graduation rates from either McCormick High School or the district the student returns to

Discussion of Patriots Point Authority

- I. Representative Jefferson states that this is the subcommittee's first meeting with Patriots Point Authority.
- II. Representative Jefferson explains that all testimony given to this subcommittee, which is an investigating committee, must be under oath. Representative Jefferson swears in the following individuals:
 - a. Mac Burdette, Executive Director
 - b. Allison Hunt, Grants Administrator
 - c. Wayne Adams, Vice-Chair of Board
 - d. Rob Clark, Director of Communications
- III. Representative Jefferson explains that the purpose of today's meeting is to hear an overview of the agency.
- IV. Mr. Burdette provides an overview of the agency. Subcommittee members ask questions. Various topics discussed and questioned include:
 - a. Three-year business plan
 - b. Cost of restoration and maintenance of ships, piers, and landside facilities
 - c. Bennett land development proposal
 - d. Museum development
 - e. Education and outreach activities
 - f. Grants
 - g. Records transfer
 - h. Transfer of Patriots Point to Parks, Recreation, and Tourism
 - i. External audit
 - j. Revenue streams

Adjournment

- I. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.