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**Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice Subcommittee Meeting
Thursday, April 21, 2016
3:30 p.m.
Room 110 - Blatt Building**

Archived Video Available

- I. You may access an 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.

Attendance

- I. The Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice Subcommittee (Subcommittee) meeting was called to order by Chairman Kirkman Finlay on Thursday, April 21, 2016, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building, Columbia, South Carolina. The following Subcommittee Members were present for all or a portion of the meeting: Representative Edward R. Tallon, Representative Raye Felder, Representative William Bowers and Chairman Kirkman Finlay.

Minutes

- I. 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.
- II. Representative Tallon moved to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2016 Subcommittee meeting. A roll call vote was held, and all present voted in favor of approval.

Rep. Tallon's motion to approve the Subcommittee minutes from March 10, 2016:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Bowers	✓		
Rep. Felder	✓		
Rep. Tallon	✓		
Rep. Finlay	✓		

Criminal Justice Academy

I. Chairman Finlay began the meeting by briefly explaining the meeting would allow the Subcommittee to begin the committee study of the Criminal Justice Academy and clarify the oversight process. At the direction of the Subcommittee Chair, Committee staff provided a summary of the study to date.

At the direction of the Subcommittee Chair, Committee staff asked several preliminary questions to ensure the agency understood the oversight process and had been given the proper paperwork prior to this meeting.

The agency played a short video prepared, for the Committee, to provide the history and other background information on the Criminal Justice Academy.

Subcommittee members asked general questions about the agency, which were answered by agency staff.

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

I. Chairman Finlay swore in the following staff from DPS: Leroy Smith, Tosha Autry, Warren Ganjehsani, Kenneth Phelps, Paul Lewis, Phillips Riley, Mike Oliver, Leroy Taylor, Zack Wise, Eddie Johnson, Jerry Moore, Michael Orecchio, Sid Gaulden, Sherri Iacobelli, Dana Ray, and Ed Harmon.

At the direction of the Subcommittee Chair, Committee staff gave a brief history of the agency study up to the time of the meeting.

Chairman Finlay explained the purpose of meeting with the agency today and directed Committee staff to provide a summary of the agency's history.

Subcommittee members asked general questions about the agency, which were answered by Director Leroy Smith.

At the direction of the Subcommittee Chair, Committee staff provided a brief background on strategic planning.

Director Smith then provided the Subcommittee details about each aspect of the agency's strategic plan.

Director Smith went on to explain some of the areas where the agency needs improvement as well as practices the agency is using to improve efficacy and efficiency.

Subcommittee members asked follow-up questions for clarification, which were answered by Director Smith.

Representative Tallon moved that the Subcommittee Study include a recommendation that the Illegal Immigration Enforcement Unit be moved from DPS to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) based on Director Smith agreeing that the unit fit more within SLED's mission, than DPS' mission. A roll call vote was held, and all present voted in favor of approval.

Rep. Tallon's motion that the Subcommittee Study include a recommendation that the Illegal Immigration Enforcement Unit be moved from DPS to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED):	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Bowers	✓		
Rep. Felder	✓		
Rep. Tallon	✓		
Rep. Finlay	✓		

Constituent Testimony

- I. Constituent Ronnie Still was sworn in by Representative Tallon, and he provided testimony regarding pending legislation, H4970.

Adjournment

- I. With no further business, the subcommittee adjourned until Thursday May 5, 2016.