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### **Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee**

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

10:00 am

Blatt Room 108

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- 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 Wednesday, October 4, 2017, 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, and Representative William M. Hixon.

## 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.

Representative Arrington's motion to approve the minutes from the June 26, 2017 meeting and September 25, 2017 meeting:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Arrington	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		
Rep. Rutherford			Not Present
Rep. Tallon	✓		

## Discussion of the Department of Natural Resources

- I. Chairman Tallon explains the purpose of the meeting today is to allow an opportunity for questions about the information the agency provided during the last meeting and receive the following information from the agency:
  - a. Details about the agency's Office of Media and Outreach;
  - b. Details about the agency's Office of Support Services;
  - c. Details about the agency's Office of Environmental Programs/Boating Access and Engineering Section;
  - d. Overview of different revenue sources and carryforward; and
  - e. Agency recommendations relating to the agency as a whole.
- II. Chairman Tallon swears in Mr. Norman F. Pulliam, Vice Chairman of the agency's board. He also reminds those who were sworn in during prior meetings that they remain under oath anytime they are with the Subcommittee or Committee.
- III. Subcommittee members ask questions about the topics listed below which were presented during the Subcommittee's previous meeting. Various agency personnel provide responses to the questions.
  - a. Audits and how the audit manager fits within the agency's organizational structure;

- b. Employees eligible for, and enrolled in, the Police Officer's Retirement System;
- c. Agency's board, including term limits, training, and evaluation;
- d. Director's experience;
- e. Whether agency has fully recovered, in terms of the number of employees and budget, since the cuts in 2008 from the financial crisis;
- f. Turnover;
- g. Exit Interviews;
- h. Hiring practices and processes;
- i. Salaries; bonuses; career paths; and pay plans;
- j. Promotion practices and processes, including management training for those promoted; and
- k. Employee morale/satisfaction.

IV. Chairman Tallon recesses the meeting for lunch.

V. Chairman Tallon reconvenes the meeting.

VI. Captain Robert McCullough, Deputy Director of the agency's Office of Media and Outreach (OMO) provides information on the following topics related to OMO:

- a. Organization of the division;
- b. Products and services;
- c. Portions of the agency's strategic plan related to the division;
- d. Strategic resource allocation; and
- e. Performance measures.

Subcommittee members ask questions which Captain McCullough and other agency representatives answer.

VII. Ms. Carole Collins, Deputy Director for Office of Support Services (OSS); Mr. Scott Speares, Assistant Deputy Director for OSS; and Mr. Mark Litz, Information Technology Director, provide information on the following topics related to OSS:

- a. Organization of the division;
- b. Products and services;
- c. Portions of the agency's strategic plan related to the division;
- d. Strategic resource allocation;
- e. Performance measures; and
- f. Agency recommendations related to the division.

Subcommittee members ask questions which Ms. Collins, Mr. Speares, Mr. Litz, and other agency representatives answer.

- VIII. Chairman Tallon states, due to it quickly approaching the end of the day, the Subcommittee is going to hold off on receiving information about the agency's Office of Environmental Programs/Boating Access and Engineering Section. He further states the Subcommittee will receive information about that agency section at a future meeting.
- IX. Ms. Shannon Bobertz, Chief Counsel for DNR, presents the agency's recommendations for law changes. Subcommittee members ask questions which Ms. Bobertz answers.
- X. Rep. Hixon makes a motion during the meeting which is listed below.

Rep. Hixon's motion that the Subcommittee Study include a recommendation that the SC House Tax Policy Review Committee review the taxation of boats to determine if, for uniformity and efficiency, boat taxes should follow the individual like taxes on automobiles.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Arrington	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		
Rep. Rutherford			Not Present
Rep. Tallon	✓		

- XI. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.