

LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

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AGENDA

South Carolina House of Representatives



Legislative Oversight Committee

*Thursday, May 3, 2018
Room 110 - Blatt Building*

*30 minutes after adjournment
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REVISED AGENDA

- I. Approval of minutes
- II. Discussion of recommendations for additional agencies to schedule for study in 2018
- III. Adjournment

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS TWO MEETINGS



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Legislative Oversight Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Blatt Building Room 110

1:00 p.m.

Archived Video Available

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Attendance

- I. The House Legislative Oversight Committee was called to order by Chair Wm. Weston J. Newton on Thursday, March 1, 2018, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building. All members of the Committee were present for all or a portion of the meeting, except: Representative William K. "Bill" Bowers and Representative Tommy M. 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.
- II. Chairman Newton calls the meeting to order.
- III. Representative Phyllis J. Henderson moves to approve the minutes from the Committee’s meeting on December 19, 2017. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

Representative Henderson’s motion to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2017 meeting:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Katherine E. Arrington	✓			
Bruce W. Bannister	✓			
William K. Bowers				✓
Gary E. Clary	✓			
Neal Collins	✓			
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
MaryGail Douglas	✓			
Laurie Slade Funderburk	✓			
Phyllis Henderson	✓			
Bill Hixon	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Jeffrey E. Johnson	✓			
Mandy Powers Norrell	✓			
Robert L. Ridgeway, III			✓	
Tommy M. Stringer				✓
Edward R. Tallon	✓			
Bill Taylor	✓			
John T. (Jay) West			✓	
Robert Q. Williams	✓			
Wm. Weston J. Newton	✓			

Public Testimony

- I. Chair Newton states the purpose of this meeting is to hear public testimony regarding the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, and the Department of Revenue.
- II. Members of the public provide testimony about the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, and the Department of Revenue. Constituent testimony and Committee minutes summarizing testimony are not the comments or expression of the House Legislative Oversight Committee, any of its Subcommittees, the House of Representatives, or any of these entities' staff.

Before each person testifies, Chair Newton administers an oath to the person. Below are the names of each person who testifies and the time in the archived video at which the testimony begins. The testimony is grouped by the agency about which the testimony relates.

Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR)

Mr. Charlie Young, Greenville County (08:00)

Mr. Young is the Corporate Safety Manager at Milliken & Company. He has been with the company for over 26 years. Milliken & Company has been in business over 150 years with 7,000 associates worldwide. Most of its sites are located in the Southeastern US, with 43% of the global head count in South Carolina. Health and safety of the associates is one of the main goals of the company.

Mr. Young testifies about a division of LLR, South Carolina Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Voluntary Protection Program (VPP). Milliken & Company has been involved with the VPP process for over 20 years. There are 26 VPP star sites across the US, with 15 of them located in South Carolina. He testifies that the OSHA VPP is a true partner with his company and is a great program. They make sure the company is meeting standards and are always looking for ways to improve.

Mr. Charles Dixon, Dorchester County (17:30)

Mr. Dixon works for Nucor Steel Corporation in Berkeley County. Nucor Steel has four facilities in South Carolina. He states, "It takes a village to raise a great work place." The steel industry is a dangerous industry. In early 2000, Nucor has between 75-80 injuries every year, so there is a shift in commitment and resources to make a change. Over five years those numbers decrease gradually.

In the last eight years, Nucor has created a relationship with OSHA and VPP program. That relationship helped change the culture, and the downward shift in injuries has continued. Mr. Dixon testifies his company only has a handful of injuries per year now and is confident that with the work that OSHA does, the number will continue to decrease. The tremendous growing industry in South Carolina presents a challenge to OSHA and the VPP program. Lastly, Mr. Dixon testifies that South Carolina needs to continue funding and growing OSHA and VPP.

Mr. John Greely, Georgia (25:30)

Mr. Greely works as the safety manager at Bridgestone in Aiken, South Carolina. He further testifies he recently purchased a lake house in Greenwood, South Carolina.

Mr. Greely testifies that Bridgestone makes 1.1 million tires a month. Bridgestone in Aiken has about 1,500 team members, all part of VPP. He speaks about the LLR start-up student program and career centers. They are working to get them everywhere. They did the first class in Aiken County for the career center at the end of last year and hope to have many more in the future. It is important to grow the work force in SC with the industry they have. The ten hour OSHA course provides young adults a certification coming out of high school. Many participate in the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance conference (SCMA) that is put on by OSHA and SCMA. The VPP site and others provide training that any company can attend to learn new things. It is important to their employees to keep the workplace safe. VPP is a great program.

Mr. Joe Palmer, Newberry County (31:10)

Mr. Palmer testifies he is the Executive Director for the South Carolina State Firefighters Association. He testifies that he is in strong support of LLR's work. He has been associated with the agency and the fire services since the restructure of state government. He testifies the current LLR director is interested in the profession and the well-being of this state. Director Farr communicates well with the State Firefighters Association and their staff. They look forward to continuing this great relationship. In the CTC programs, LLR has been a leader along with his organization in establishing these programs to reach the whole state of South Carolina.

Mr. M. Kyle Minick, Charleston County (39:30)

Mr. Minick testifies he works for the South Carolina State Firefighters Association. He states he is in support of LLR and speaks about the State Fire Marshall, Division

of Fire and Life Safety, Chief Jones and Chief Ray. According to Mr. Minick, the last year has been a breath of fresh air for firefighters. The firefighters are getting what they need and have had better communication and support because of LLR. The association and LLR is working on reducing fire and life safety deaths in South Carolina to become one of the states in the nation]with the lowest civilian fatalities.

Mr. Mark Manos, Greenville County (41:45)

Mr. Manos testifies he works for BEK Building Group as the Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) Manager, a position he has held for 22 years.

Mr. Manos states is here to testify on behalf of the construction industry. He has worked with OSHA for over 25 years and in the construction industry for 40 years. From the construction industry standpoint, the concern he has is that everyone recognizes the market is increasing and a lot of work is going on, but unfortunately, when there are more opportunities for work, more people start to lose their lives.

He testifies he is speaking about VPP and the ability to access those programs. Mr. Manos testifies he has been trying to get into VPP for the past year for a project in downtown Greenville, but he could not get a response. Mr. Manos represents thousands of workers, not just a handful of workers at a plant facility. Over a year, he can work with 20,000 workers here in the state of South Carolina. BEK needs those resources to actually access the programs, so BEK can work better as a team. VPP and its access should be expanded.

Ms. Sara Goldsby, Richland County (51:50)

Ms. Goldsby testifies she is the Director of the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services. Ms. Goldsby states she is here to testify in support of LLR.

Ms. Goldsby testifies LRR does important work to keep our state healthy and safe by addressing addiction. She states LLR oversees the Recovering Professionals Program. This is a program for licensed professionals that find themselves with substance abuse disorder. According to Ms. Goldsby, it is key to make sure our licensed workforce has help and the opportunity to return to safely practice. They have worked on legislation to have addiction counselors in the state. LLR has truly prioritized the opioid epidemic. They have developed a website where professionals can go learn more about the opioid epidemic and its treatment.

Mr. John Coleman, Anderson County (55:20)

Mr. Coleman testifies he is the Director of Human Resources at Sage Automotive Interiors. He testifies in support of LLR. Sage Automotive Interiors has been a part of the VPP program since 1995. The OSHA VPP has done a lot for Sage Automotive. He testifies that Sage was averaging three to four recordables (i.e., a recordable injury or illness under OSHA) per year, then because of VPP, they started getting down to zero recordables. It did that through the working relationship it has with OSHA.

Mr. Rex Casterline, Richland County (59:10)

Mr. Casterline testifies he serves as a public member on the Real Estate Appraisers Board. While he had nothing to with the combining of boards, he is a direct beneficiary of that effort. From my perspective and not the board, it is easy to conclude that a lawyer would be ready, willing, and able to serve as a public member on a board, but that is not really the case. Many times public members are not trained licensees on the boards they serve. His highest priority is understanding appraisal matters. Once he received the training, it helped so much. He was much more comfortable, and that is a direct result of funding and training from LLR. Training on various topics is invaluable for public board members.

Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (PRT)

Mr. Jerry R. Helms, York County (01:04:05)

Mr. Helms testifies he is the Vice President of Operation at Carowinds. He testifies he has been with Carowinds for 45 years. Further, he states that Carowinds is in a major capital expansion. When Mr. Helms started working there, there was one rollercoaster and one water slide. Now, Carowinds has six roller coasters on the South Carolina side. There are a lot of good things coming to the South Carolina side. In 22 days, Carowinds will open the revamped Camp Snoopy attraction. If anyone comes to the park today that has not been in a while, they would not even recognize it. We have the number one rollercoaster in the world, the Fury. One of the reasons it is able to have success is because of the relationship with PRT. PRT promotes and helps with infrastructure.

Mr. John Salazar, Beaufort County (01:13:45)

Mr. Salazar testifies he is the Director at the University of South Carolina-Beaufort, Low Country Tourism Institute, and a professor at USC-Beaufort. He testifies in support of PRT's research efforts. He states he has worked in many states doing research. Mr. Salazar testifies that the research and statistics PRT provides on the tourism industry is the most robust of the states he has worked in and notes that

Georgia does not have the data resources that South Carolina has. He testifies that he brings this data into the classroom. Further, PRT offers scholarships that is extremely important to students.

Mr. Robert Williams, Richland County (01:17:30)

Mr. Williams testifies he is the CEO of Lizard's Thicket and Vice Chair of South Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association. He testifies that he is in strong support of PRT. His company and PRT work together on a daily basis to expand and further strengthen South Carolina's \$21 billion tourism industry. His association partners with PRT to ensure the tourism industry speaks with one voice and helps share tourism information in the event of natural disasters. The association is in support of PRT's annual budget request; it has been the association's number one priority on its legislative agenda for the past six years. The tourism industry has experienced record-breaking growth, which benefits the state in job creations and lowering taxes. The agency is doing a great job.

Ms. April Donnelly, Richland County (01:20:15)

Ms. Donnelly testifies she works with the South Carolina Chapter of Nature Conservancy. She testifies they have a long standing history with PRT. Since 1976, they have partnered on the acquisition of lands for public access.

When special opportunities present themselves for state park lands, the Conservancy contacts PRT first. Together, they have completed six projects with and started working on the seventh. Gap Creek, in the upstate (Greenville County), is the current project. The Nature Conservancy is also working in the Low Country and is looking forward to continue working there.

Controlled burning and fire management is the final activity that the Conservancy works on with PRT. This is an important tool for safety and park infrastructure.

Ms. Peach Morrison, Beaufort County (01:24:20)

Ms. Morrison testifies she is the Executive Director of the Lowcountry Tourism Commission. She testifies she has been working with PRT for the past eleven years. The staff has always been strong, but they are even better under the current director. PRT is supportive of other groups, golf courses, parks, ball fields, and restaurants. She is proud to be a partner with PRT.

Ms. Denise Parsick, Beaufort County (01:29:30)

Ms. Parsick testifies she is the President of Friends of Huntington Island. Their mission is to support state parks, through conservation education and interpretation of natural and cultural resources, as well as protecting those resources. This is the 25th anniversary of the group. Over her time, there is a consistency with the level of communication that all the state park directors have had. PRT is a great organization. The closure of the park in Beaufort due to the hurricanes hit Beaufort very hard. Also, it hit the businesses hard. It hit everyone hard, but the beach truly is becoming better than ever because of PRT.

Mr. Jim Headley, Lexington County (01:35:00)

Mr. Headley testifies he represents the South Carolina Parks and Recreation Association and has been the executive director for 30 years. He states PRT's leadership is great, and the director has breathed new life into PRT. Without the director's support and leadership, PRT would not be where it is now. One issue PRT may run into in the near future is the retirement issue.

Department of Revenue (DOR)

Mr. Jeff Davis, Greenville County (01:39:05)

Mr. Davis testifies he is originally from Charleston County, but now resides in Greenville County. He stresses importance of the oversight process and the effect it has on people. Mr. Davis shares a news article from two years ago in regards to leadership at DOR. This was an audit that was requested by the past director. Mr. Davis states there were sexual statements about his wife made by senior staff at the DOR and the lead trainer. He states that he understands staff will make mistakes and mistakes will happen, but when a head auditor and trainer is doing these types of things, there needs to be more oversight.

Mr. Davis emphasizes DOR is an agency that has policing authority and taxing authority. If they go awry, things will be bad. Mr. Davis states he has spoken with ethics personnel at the State Bar Association. As a lawyer, he states he has an ethical obligation to file a complaint against the former director of DOR. Mr. Davis further states that as of two weeks ago, the former director of DOR has resigned from the State Ethics Commission. Mr. Davis emphasizes again his belief that it is important to have this oversight. Lastly, Mr. Davis testifies the agency deletes emails.

- III. Members ask some constituents questions after their public testimony, which the different constituents answer.

Discussion of the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR)

- I. Ms. Emily Farr, Director of LLR, addresses the committee regarding the public comments.
- II. Members ask the director questions regarding the public testimony, which the director answers.

Discussion of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (PRT)

- I. Mr. Duane Parrish, Director of PRT, address the committee regarding the public comments.
- II. Members ask the director questions regarding the public testimony, which the director answers.

Discussion of the Department of Revenue (DOR)

- I. Mr. W. Hartley Powell, Director of DOR, address the committee regarding the public comments.
- II. Members ask the director questions regarding the public testimony, which the director answers.

Discussion of Committee Administrative Matters

- I. Chair Newton provides an overview of administrative matters regarding the legislative oversight process.
- II. There being no further business; the meeting is adjourned.



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Legislative Oversight Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Blatt Building Room 110

4:00 p.m.

Archived Video Available

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Attendance

- I. The House Legislative Oversight Committee is called to order by First Vice-Chair Laurie Slade Funderburk on Thursday, April 26, 2018, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building. The following members are in attendance for all or a portion of the meeting: Representative Katherine E. (Katie) Arrington; Representative William K. (Bill) Bowers; Representative Gary E. Clary; Representative Chandra E. Dillard; Representative MaryGail K. Douglas; Representative Laurie Slade Funderburk; Representative William M. (Bill) Hixon; Representative Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.; Representative Robert L. Ridgeway, III; and Representative Bill Taylor.

Public Testimony

- I. Vice-Chair Funderburk explains that there is not a quorum, but hearing no objections, the members continue the meeting for the purpose of receiving constituent testimony. No votes on any matter are taken during the meeting.
- II. Vice-Chair Funderburk states that the purpose of this meeting is to hear public testimony regarding the SCETV Commission; Commission on Indigent Defense; and Commission on Prosecution Coordination.

Constituent testimony and Committee minutes summarizing testimony are not the comments or expression of the House Legislative Oversight Committee, any of its Subcommittees, the House of Representatives, or any of these entities staff.

- III. A member of the public provides testimony about the Commission on Prosecution Coordination. The Vice-Chair places the constituent under oath.

Commission on Prosecution Coordination

Mr. Ronnie Steele (04:35)

Mr. Steele testifies that he lives in Charleston County. He testifies that his concern is related to the bill that the Committee co-sponsored last year, which recognizes April 28 as Workers Memorial Day. That will happen in two days. Mr. Steele presents a newspaper picture of the five of the “Charleston Nine” - firefighters who lost their lives in 2007. He testifies that he was hoping to talk to the committee once the study is underway and to help the committee understand that there needs to be a connection with the state Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Commission on Prosecution Coordination.

Mr. Steele testifies that he addressed the Charleston delegation in 2007 concerning the death of the firefighters, and he requested that something be done about what happened in Charleston. Mr. Steele testifies that Glenn McConnell stated, “Some might criticize the legislature for interfering with the Home Rule, the right of local governments to mind their own affairs, if pursuant to Mr. Steele’s idea, personally I think matters of health, safety, and the environment are state issues.” These firefighters were working with the government and things did not proceed in a timely manner.

Discussion of the Commission on Prosecution Coordination

- I. Vice-Chair Funderburk explains that the Committee will next hear from the Commission on Prosecution Coordination.
- II. Vice-Chair Funderburk explains that all testimony is given under oath and swears in Mr. David Ross, Executive Director, Commission on Prosecution Coordination. Mr. Ross states that he has comments at this time.
- III. There being no further business; the meeting is adjourned.

Agency	# of employees ¹	FY18 Funds ²	Restr. Recs? ³	Senate Status ⁶
Executive Subcommittee				
<i>Sec of State's Office</i>	31	3.1M		Ongoing
Aeronautics Commission	11	10.7M		Ongoing
Ethics Commission	12	1.7M		Ongoing
Board of Financial Inst	38	4.7M		
Lt Gov Office on Aging	46 ⁴	51.7M ⁴		Done
<u>Parks, Rec, & Tourism Dept</u>	375	109.3M		
<u>Adjutant General</u>	158	135.7M		Ongoing
<u>Retirement Sys Inv Comm</u>	48	15.8M		
Election Commission	24	7.9M		
Comptroller General	27	3.3M		
Treasurer's Office	65	14.4M		
Education and Cultural Subcommittee				
<i>Department of Education</i>	1,096	4,653.3M		
Arts Commission	14	5.6M	Yes	Ongoing
Higher Education Comm	31	421.2M		Ongoing
State Library	41	16.2M		
State Museum	33	6.8M	Yes	Done
Confederate Relic Room	6	1.3M		Done
Tech & Comprehensive Ed Bd	79	728.7M		Ongoing
Tuition Grants Commission	4	40.5M		
Wil Lou Gray Opp School	90	8.3M		Done
<u>ETV Commission</u>	132	36.0M		
<u>John de la Howe School</u>	47	6.4M	Yes	Ongoing
<u>Patriots Point Authority</u>	82	14.3M		Ongoing
<u>School for Deaf & Blind</u>	293	35.2M	Yes	Done
<u>First Steps</u>	<i>not available</i>	⁵		Ongoing
<u>Dept of Archives & History</u>	32	5.0M		
Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee				
<i>Alcohol & Drug Abuse Dept</i>	24	49.1M		Done
<i>Mental Health, Dept of</i>	3,897	484.8M		Done
<i>State Accident Fund</i>	65	10.0M		Done
<i>Patients' Compensation Fund</i>	4	1.1M		
<i>Vocational Rehab, Dept of</i>	1,175	171.5M		Ongoing
<i>Health & Human Services</i>	851	7,640.2M		
<i>Consumer Affairs, Dept of</i>	41	3.6M		Done

Agencies for Study: Summary Information

Updated April 2018

Italics
Recommended for study
(Input from one or more of the following: LOC survey; House Member survey; House Member directly or Constituent)

Underscore
Currently under study

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Study completed

Additional agencies may be assigned to these subcommittees, pursuant to the Legislative Oversight Committee's Rule 6, as the Legislative Oversight Committee determines its interpretation of the definition of the term "agency" as set forth in S.C. Code Section 2-2-10(1).

Agency	# of employees ¹	FY18 Funds ²	Restr. Recs? ³	Senate status ⁶
Economic Development, Transportation, & Nat. Resources				
<i>Employment & Workforce</i>	631	190.8M		Ongoing
<i>Motor Vehicles, Dept of</i>	1,209	103.9M		Ongoing
<i>Commerce, Dept of</i>	100	205.7M		Ongoing
Conservation Bank	2	10.3M		
Forestry Commission	334	32.3M		Done
Housing Fin & Dev Authority	115	185.5M		Ongoing
Jobs-Economic Dev Authority	2 ⁷	0.4M		
<i>Rural Infrastructure Auth</i>	9	42.5M		Ongoing
Sea Grant Consortium	11	5.7M		Ongoing
<u>Revenue, Department of</u>	677	84.3M		
<u>Minority Affairs, Comm for</u>	10	1.3M		
<u>Transportation, Dept of</u>	4,522	2,127.9M		
<u>Transp Infrastructure Bank</u>	2	253.0M		
<u>Agriculture, Dept of</u>	117	21.6M	Yes	
Human Affairs Commission	43	3.4M		
Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee				
<i>Administrative Law Court</i>	<i>not available</i>	4.1M		Done
<i>Corrections, Department of</i>	4,805	485.7M		Ongoing
Attorney General's Office	243	29.5M		
<i>Probation, Parole, & Pardon</i>	650	58.8M	Yes	
State Law Enf Division (SLED)	556	102.1M		
<u>Indigent Defense</u>	68	43.8M		
<u>Prosecution Coord Comm</u>	<i>not available</i>	35.9M		
<u>Natural Resources, Dept of</u>	685	106.9M		
<u>Public Safety, Department of</u>	1,242	187.8M		
<u>Law Enf. Training Council</u>	114	14.5M		Ongoing
<u>Juvenile Justice, Dept of</u>	1,294	130.7M		
Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee (continued)				
<i>Insurance, Department of</i>	82	17.9M		Done
<i>Workers' Comp Comm</i>	51	7.2M		Done
<u>Labor, Licensing, & Regulation</u>	379	41.1M		
<u>Disabilities & Special Needs</u>	1,722	750.7M		Done
<u>Health & Env Control (DHEC)</u>	3,047	625.9M	Yes	Ongoing
<u>Social Services, Dept of</u>	3,531	760.3M		
<u>Comm for the Blind</u>	95	12.7M		Ongoing

¹ According to July 20, 2017, Department of Administration data on filled FTE positions.

² Total funds available in FY 17-18, according to data provided by Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

³ Restructuring recommendations as indicated in each agency's 2016-17 Accountability Report.

⁴ This number is for the entire Lieutenant Governor's Office, not just the Office on Aging.

⁵ First Steps is funded through the Department of Education.

⁶ Status of Senate oversight studies on April 4, 2018.

⁷ JEDA website. <http://scieda.com/about/our-team/>. Accessed April 4, 2018.

Agency Missions

Executive Subcommittee

Secretary of State's Office

The mission of the Secretary of State's Office is to provide innovative technology to enhance the transaction of business in the State, to serve the business community and members of the public with prompt and efficient customer service, to protect the charitable donors of South Carolina, and to fulfill all other statutory duties of the Office.

Aeronautics Commission

Fostering air and economic development by overseeing the safety and development of the state's public use airports, by providing safe and reliable air transportation for state government and business prospects, and by providing aviation education opportunities.

Ethics Commission

The State Ethics Commission is an agency of state government responsible for the enforcement of the Ethics Reform Act of 1991 and all other subsequent ethics legislation adopted by the General Assembly. Our mission is to work diligently to develop and enhance public trust in all levels of government. The Commission's legislative mandate is to monitor and take appropriate action to ensure compliance with state law that requires financial disclosure, lobbyist/lobbyist's principal disclosure and campaign disclosure; administrate and regulate lobbyist and lobbying organizations; issue advisory opinions explaining and interpreting ethics legislation; assist and advise public officeholders and the public on the specific requirements addressed in the state's ethics laws; conduct both civil and criminal investigations of alleged violations of laws subject to the jurisdiction of the state Ethics Commission; and prosecute violators through formal administrative proceedings as well appropriate use of criminal enforcement actions.

Board of Financial Institutions

The mission of the Board of Financial Institutions is to serve the citizens of the State of South Carolina. We will do this by...

- Licensing, supervising, examining, and regulating the financial community in our oversight jurisdiction.
- Protecting the public from unlawful or improper practices of our financial institutions. We will work to ensure that our financial institutions adhere to the law.
- Educating and communicating with the public, giving them the information they need to make wise financial choices.
- Operating a safe and sound financial system so that the public can have the highest confidence possible.
- Promoting the growth, innovation and financial stability of our State financial institutions, which allows them to be more competitive and profitable; therefore offering a broad range of products/services and making them more accessible and affordable to the public.
- Creating an environment where the State charter is the charter of choice for institutions headquartered in the State.

Lt. Governor's Office on Aging

The mission of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor is to fulfill the state constitutional duties of the Office and the Lieutenant Governor's role as President of the Senate. As South Carolina's second highest ranking Constitutional Officer, the Lieutenant Governor provides leadership on legislative matters and public policy, and serves as the chief advocate for the state's senior citizens. In addition, the Lieutenant Governor's Office works to meet the present and future needs of seniors and to enhance the quality of life for seniors through advocating, planning, and developing resources in partnership with federal, state, and local governments, nonprofits, the private sector and individuals.

Parks, Recreation, & Tourism Department

Growing South Carolina's economy by fostering sustainable tourism economic development and effectively marketing our state to increase visitation and improve the quality of life for all South Carolinians.

Adjutant General

Provide combat-ready units to the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force. Provide planning, coordination and military capabilities in response to State emergencies. Add value to the State of South Carolina and nation with community-based organizations, partnerships, Soldiers, Airmen, and employees ready to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Retirement System Investment Commission

The Commission will fulfill its fiduciary responsibility by prudently managing all assets held in trust for the sole benefit of the participants and beneficiaries of the South Carolina Retirement Systems. It will seek superior long-term investment results at a reasonable level of risk.

Election Commission

The mission of the State Election Commission is to ensure every eligible citizen in South Carolina has the opportunity to register to vote, participate in fair and impartial elections, and have the assurance that their vote will count.

Comptroller General

To provide state entities with business services that include payroll, vendor payments, accounting support, general ledger maintenance, and statewide financial reporting. To continuously monitor and improve payroll, vendor payment processing, accounting support, and statewide financial reporting for state government to more effectively safeguard and preserve financial resources and better serve citizens of South Carolina.

Treasurer's Office

To serve the citizens of South Carolina by providing transparent, accountable, and efficient banking, investment, and financial management services for South Carolina State Government. Our commitment is to safeguard our State's financial resources and to maximize return on our State's investments.

Education and Cultural Subcommittee

Department of Education

The mission of the SC Department of Education is to provide leadership and support so that all public education students graduate prepared for success.

Arts Commission

With a commitment to excellence across the spectrum of our state's cultures and forms of expression, the South Carolina Arts Commission pursues its public charge to develop a thriving arts environment, which is essential to quality of life, education, and economic vitality for all South Carolinians.

Higher Education, Commission on

The S.C. Commission on Higher Education is committed to promoting access, affordability, and affordability in the state system of higher education through coordination, regulation, advocacy and oversight, as directed by the General Assembly.

State Library

We serve the people of South Carolina by supporting state government and libraries to provide opportunities for learning in a changing environment.

State Museum

Through innovative partnerships, comprehensive collections, and stimulating exhibits and programs, The South Carolina State Museum provides educational environments that entertain, inspire imagination and creativity, and enrich the lives of visitors.

Confederate Relic Room

The South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum serves as the State's military history museum by collecting, preserving, and exhibiting South Carolina's military material culture from the colonial era to the present, and by providing superior educational experiences and programming.

Technical & Comprehensive Education, State Board for

The SC Technical College System provides learning opportunities that promote the economic and human resource development of the state.

Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission

The mission of the South Carolina Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission is to administer a state-funded, need-based tuition grants program for the State of South Carolina designed to: - Gain maximum usage of the available independent college facilities located in every region of our state by assisting eligible South Carolina residents to afford the cost of the independent colleges and thereby helping to educate our state citizenry; -Help offset the higher education costs of attending South Carolina independent colleges for South Carolina students just as the state offsets the higher education costs of state residents attending South Carolina public colleges; -Preserve the dual system of public and independent college higher education in South Carolina which provides healthy competition between the two sectors; -Save the state tax dollars that would be appropriated via the automatic per student state subsidy that would go, regardless of financial need or progress towards graduation, to all South Carolina independent college

students if they migrated into the South Carolina public college system; -Give eligible South Carolina residents the opportunity to choose the in-state college that best meets their individual academic needs and preferences.

Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School

The Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School exists to serve those citizens of South Carolina between sixteen and nineteen years of age who are most at risk of: 1. Being retained in their grade in school. 2. Dropping out of school and not completing their education. 3. Not making the transition from public schools to the work force. 4. Being truant from school, or whose home, school or community environment hinders rather than enhances the chance that they will stay in school and become prepared for employment.

ETV Commission

To enrich lives by educating children, informing and connecting citizens, celebrating our culture, and instilling the joy of learning.

John de la Howe School

To provide a safe place for children to heal, grow and make lasting changes through counseling, education and a culture of care and personal development

Patriots Point Authority

Patriots Point strives to preserve the living history of our nation's bravest men and women while telling their stories in honorable, educational and engaging ways.

School for the Deaf & the Blind

The mission of the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind (SCSDB) is to ensure that the individuals we serve realize maximum success through high quality educational programs, outreach services, and partnerships.

First Steps

Collaborating with other entities, First Steps helps South Carolina families and caregivers prepare their children for school success by maximizing public and private community resources to deliver, enhance, and expand high-quality early childhood services.

Department of Archives & History

The mission of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History is to preserve and promote the documentary and cultural heritage of the state through the state archives, historic preservation, and education programs.

Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee

Alcohol & Drug Abuse Department

The Court's mission is to provide a neutral forum for fair, prompt and objective hearings for any person(s) affected by an action or proposed action of certain State agencies or departments. The purpose of an administrative court such as the ALC, is to separate the adjudicatory proceedings from the investigative and policy-making functions of the agency. Prior to the creation of the Court, citizens who had a dispute with a state agency and wanted to challenge any action related to the dispute had to appear before hearing officers employed or contracted by that particular agency. The creation of this Court provided a forum separate from the agency whose decision was in dispute. The Court places a very high value on its ability to be fair and neutral to all of the litigants that appear before the Court and on continuing efforts to improve its results.

Mental Health, Department of

The mission of the South Carolina Department of Mental Health is to support the recovery of people with mental illnesses.

State Accident Fund

Provide a cost effective guaranteed workers' compensation market for state agencies, other government entities and, when in the best interest of the state, businesses in the private sector.

Patients' Compensation Fund

The South Carolina Patients' Compensation Fund was created for the purpose of paying that portion of a medical malpractice or *general liability claim, settlement, or judgment which is in excess of two hundred thousand dollars for each incident or in excess of six hundred thousand dollars in the aggregate year for one year. The Fund is liable only for payment of claims against licensed health care providers in compliance with the provisions of the Enabling Statute Title 38, Chapter 79, Article 5 and includes reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in payment of claims and the Fund's administrative expense.

Vocational Rehab, Department of

The mission of the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department is to prepare and assist eligible South Carolinians with disabilities to achieve and maintain competitive employment.

Health & Human Services, Department of

To purchase the most health for our citizens in need at the least possible cost for taxpayers.

Consumer Affairs, Department of

The Department of Consumer Affairs' mission is to protect consumers from inequities in the marketplace through advocacy, mediation, enforcement and education.

Insurance, Department of

The mission of the South Carolina Department of Insurance (Department) is to protect the insurance consumers, the public interest, and the insurance marketplace by ensuring the solvency of insurers, enforcing and implementing the insurance laws of this State, and regulating the insurance industry in an efficient, courteous, responsive, fair, and equitable manner.

Workers' Compensation Commission

The mission of the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission is to provide an equitable and timely system of benefits to injured workers and employers in the most responsive, accurate, and reliable manner possible.

Labor, Licensing, & Regulation

The mission of the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) is to promote the health, safety and economic well-being of the public through regulation, licensing, enforcement, training and education.

Disabilities & Special Needs, Department of

The South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN), as stated in Section 44-20-240 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, has authority over all the state's services and programs for South Carolinians with severe lifelong disabilities, including intellectual disabilities and related disabilities, autism, traumatic brain injury, and spinal cord injury and similar disabilities. Primary responsibilities include planning, development and provision of a full range of services for children and adults, ensuring that all services and supports provided meet or exceed acceptable standards, and improve the quality of services and efficiency of operations. The department advocates for people with severe lifelong disabilities both as a group and as individuals, coordinates services with other agencies and promotes and implements prevention activities to reduce the occurrence of both primary and secondary disabilities.

Health & Environmental Control, Department of (DHEC)

To improve the quality of life for all South Carolinians by protecting and promoting the health of the public and the environment.

Social Services, Department of

To serve South Carolina by promoting the safety, permanency, and well-being of children and vulnerable adults, helping individuals achieve stability and strengthening families.

Commission for the Blind

The mission of the South Carolina Commission for the Blind is to provide quality, individualized vocational rehabilitation services, independent living services, and prevention of blindness services to blind and visually impaired consumers leading to competitive employment and social and economic independence.

Economic Development, Transportation, & Natural Resources Subcommittee

Employment & Workforce, Department of

The mission of the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) is to promote and support an effective, customer-driven workforce system that facilitates financial stability and economic prosperity for employers, individuals, and communities.

Motor Vehicles, Department of

The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles administers the State's motor vehicle licensing and titling laws by maintaining strict controls to deliver secure and valid identification, licenses, property records, while accurately accounting for the receipt and timely distribution of all revenue collected in order to best serve our citizens.

Commerce, Department of

Working together to create opportunities for South Carolinians by promoting:

- Job creation
- Economic growth
- Improved living standards for South Carolinians

Conservation Bank

To improve the quality of life in South Carolina through the conservation of significant natural resource lands, wetlands, historical properties, archeological sites, and urban parks.

Forestry Commission

The mission of the South Carolina Forestry Commission is to protect, promote, enhance, and nurture the woodlands of SC, and to educate the public about forestry issues, in a manner consistent with achieving the greatest good for its citizens.

Housing Finance & Development Authority

The mission of SC Housing is to create quality affordable housing opportunities for the citizens of South Carolina through a vision that all South Carolinians have the opportunity to live in safe, decent and affordable housing.

Jobs-Economic Development Authority

The South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority (JEDA), created by an act of the General Assembly by Section 41-43-10, is a quasi-public instrument of the State which promotes the business and economic welfare of South Carolina by assisting in the financing of public and private projects throughout the State. JEDA serves as a statewide conduit issuer of special obligation revenue bonds and acts on behalf of the borrowing entity to access financial markets & capital. JEDA serves non-profit organizations, including educational facilities, healthcare facilities, and other non-profit organizations such as foundations, museums, Goodwill Industries and YMCA; small manufacturing facilities as well as solid waste disposal facilities which qualify for tax-exempt and taxable financing. JEDA's mission is to advance the economic welfare of the State with focus on job creation and retention.

Rural Infrastructure Authority

The mission of the Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) is to assist in financing qualified infrastructure projects that will protect public health, comply with environmental quality standards and support economic opportunities.

Sea Grant Consortium

South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium generates and provides science-based information to enhance the practical use and conservation of coastal and marine resources that foster a sustainable economy and environment for the state of South Carolina and its citizens.

Revenue, Department of

The Mission of the South Carolina Department of Revenue (SCDOR) is to administer the revenue and regulatory laws of this State with integrity, effectiveness, and fairness to all taxpayers, while maintaining the highest security and protection of taxpayer information.

Minority Affairs, Commission for

The mission of the South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs is to alleviate the causes and effects of poverty and deprivation among members of the State's minority populations.

Transportation, Department of

SCDOT connects communities and drives our economy through the systematic planning, construction, maintenance and operation of the state highway system and the statewide intermodal transportation and freight system.

Transportation Infrastructure Bank

The corporate purpose of the bank is to select and assist in financing major qualified projects by providing loans and other financial assistance to government units and private entities for constructing and improving highway and transportation facilities necessary for public purposes including economic development.

Agriculture, Department of

To promote and nurture the growth and development of South Carolina's agriculture industry and its related businesses while assuring the safety and security of the buying public.

Human Affairs Commission

The mission of the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission (SCHAC) is to eliminate and prevent unlawful discrimination in:

- Employment on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age or disability;
- Housing on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, and disability;
- Public accommodations on the basis of race, color, national origin, or religion.

We also seek to promote harmony, understanding, and mutual respect among all the residents of South Carolina.

Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee

Administrative Law Court

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Corrections, Department of

Safety – Protect the public, our employees, and our inmates.

Service – Provide rehabilitation and self-improvement opportunities for inmates.

Stewardship – Promote professional excellence, fiscal responsibility, and self-sufficiency.

Attorney General's Office

The mission of the Attorney General's Office is to serve the citizens of the State of South Carolina by providing legal representation of the highest quality to state government entities, by supporting the law enforcement communities and the legal and judicial branches through the legislative process, and by honorably and vigorously carrying out the constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the Attorney General.

Probation, Parole, & Pardon

Prepare offenders under our supervision toward becoming productive members of the community; Provide assistance to the victims of crime, the courts and the Parole Board; and to Protect public trust and safety

State Law Enforcement Division (SLED)

The primary mission of the S.C. Law Enforcement Division is to provide quality manpower and technical assistance to law enforcement agencies of political subdivisions of South Carolina and to conduct investigations on behalf of the state as directed by the Governor or Attorney General.

Indigent Defense

The Commission and the Office of Indigent Defense were established by Act 164 of 1993, effective July 1, 1993. The Office operates pursuant to §17-3-310, et seq. of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended. Effective July 1, 2005, the Office of Appellate Defense became a division within the agency. The Commission on Indigent Defense, through the Office of Indigent Defense and its divisions, and in cooperation and consultation with other state agencies, professional associations and other groups interested in the administration of criminal justice and the improvement and expansion of defender services, establishes and monitors programs and services for legal representation to indigent defendants charged with criminal offenses in the courts of the state. The agency also manages the Rule 608 Contract program, contracting with attorneys across the state to provide representation in criminal and specific family court cases. The Appellate Defense division of SCCID handles appeals on behalf of indigent clients and consists of a staff of eleven attorneys. The Capital Trial division within SCCID handles capital cases, statewide, frequently partnering with outside counsel appointed by the court. The Office of Indigent Defense establishes criteria for determining indigency and qualifications for services, establishes guidelines for court-appointed attorneys in representing indigent clients, and administers distribution of funding for indigent defense. Additionally, the office establishes and supervises training programs for public defenders and staff across the State, and oversees a central reporting system of statistical data in the delivery of indigent defense services.

Prosecution Coordination, Commission on

The South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination (SCPC) was created to coordinate all activities involving the prosecution of criminal cases in this State. The Commission is governed by Sections 1-7-910 through 1-7-1000 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. The Commission is composed of the Chairmen of the Senate and House Judiciary Committees or their legislative designees, the Chief of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, the Director of the Department of Public Safety, a director of a Judicial Circuit Pre-Trial Intervention Program (PTI), a Judicial Circuit Victim-Witness Assistance Advocate, and five Judicial Circuit Solicitors appointed by the Governor. The mission of the South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination is to improve South Carolina's Criminal Justice System by enhancing the effectiveness and professionalism of South Carolina's solicitors and their staff through activities such as coordination of prosecution services, education, information, association, and interaction; and to achieve objectives which will benefit and improve the Office of Solicitor.

Natural Resources, Department of

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources' stated purpose is to serve as the principal advocate for, and steward of, South Carolina's natural resources.

Public Safety, Department of

As the largest law enforcement agency in South Carolina, it is the mission of the South Carolina Department of Public Safety to protect and serve the public with the highest standard of conduct and professionalism; to save lives through educating its citizens on highway safety and diligent enforcement of laws governing traffic, motor vehicles, and commercial carriers; and to ensure a safe, secure environment for the citizens of the state of South Carolina and its visitors.

Law Enforcement Training Council

It is the mission of the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy to foster and uphold prescribed laws and regulations by providing mandated basic and advanced training to criminal justice personnel and maintain a continuous certification process to ensure that only the most qualified persons are sanctioned by the state to serve.

Juvenile Justice, Department of

It is the mission of the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice to protect the public and to reclaim juveniles through prevention, community services, education, and rehabilitative services in the least restrictive environment.

COMMITTEE CONTACT INFORMATION



Committee Mission

Determine if agency laws and programs are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of the General Assembly and whether they should be continued, curtailed or eliminated. Inform the public about state agencies.

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