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Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee

Thursday, August 5, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Blatt Room 321

Archived Video Available

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Attendance

- I. The Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chair Bill Hixon on Thursday, August 5, 2021, in Room 321 of the Blatt Building. All other members (Rep. Adam M. Morgan; Rep. Russell L. Ott; and Rep. Marvin R. Pendarvis) were present for all or a portion of the meeting. Rep. Morgan and Rep. Pendarvis participated virtually.

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 Ott makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the prior Subcommittee meeting.

Rep. Ott' motion to approve the minutes from the prior meeting:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Not present)
Rep. Hixon	✓		
Rep. Morgan			✓
Rep. Ott	✓		
Rep. Pendarvis	✓		

Discussion of the S.C. Department of Commerce

- I. Chair Hixon places the following agency representatives under oath:
 - a. Secretary Harry M. Lightsey, III;
 - b. Mr. Daniel Young, Executive Director Coordinating Council for Economic Development; and
 - c. Ms. Cindy Turnipseed, Staff Counsel Coordinating Council to Economic Development

Chair Hixon reminds all previously sworn in that they remain under oath.

- II. Secretary Lightsey makes brief remarks.
- III. Mr. Young and Ms. Turnipseed provide an overview of the Coordinating Council for Economic Development. Topics discussed include:
 - a. Membership;
 - b. Experience and professional staff;
 - c. Discretionary grants;
 - d. Governmental Enterprise Accounts Receivable program;
 - e. Examples of project evaluations; and
 - f. Relationships with companies

Subcommittee members ask questions pertaining to the Coordinating Council for Economic Development. Topics discussed include:

- a. Succession planning;
- b. General parameters for grant commitments;
- c. Staff relationship with the Department of Commerce;
- d. Purpose;

- e. Performance agreement enforcement; and
 - i. Claw back decisions;
 - ii. Governmental Enterprise Accounts Receivable program;
 - iii. Penalties;
- f. Applicable incentives in various parts of the state;

Agency representatives respond to the questions.

- IV. Mr. Chris Huffman, Chief Financial Officer additional information pertaining to other agency duties. Topics discussed include:
 - a. Tourism Infrastructure Fund;
 - b. I-73;
 - c. Pass thru appropriations;
 - d. Venture Capital Authority;
 - e. Disaster Recovery Office;
 - f. Military Base Task Force;
 - g. Savannah Valley Development Division; and
 - h. Service on advisory councils, boards; and committees

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- a. Admission tax collection;
- b. Performance evaluation of pass thru appropriations;
- c. Community development organizations;
- d. Pass thru appropriations;
- e. Savannah Valley Development Division; and
- f. Service on various advisory councils, boards, and committees

Agency representatives respond to the questions.

- V. Ms. Manning provides an overview of the agency's recommendations for law changes.

Conclusion

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