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Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Blatt Room 110

Archived Video Available

- 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 Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chair Bill Hixon on Tuesday, June 29, 2021, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building. Representative Russell L. Ott, Representative Marvin R. Pendarvis, and Representative Hixon were present for all or a portion of the meeting. Representative Adam M. Morgan was absent.

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

Rep. Pendarvis' motion to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2021 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. Ashely Teasdel, Director of Business Services
 - b. Anita Patel, Deputy Director, International Strategy & Trade
 - c. Elisabeth Kovacs, Deputy Director-Workforce Development

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

- II. Representative Pendarvis asks agency personnel questions about the Viva Recycling plant. Agency representatives respond to the questions.
- III. Ms. Kovacs, Deputy Director-Workforce Development and Ms. Teasdel, Director of Business Services present information about deliverables in the agency's Service after the Sale presentation. Topics discussed include:
 - Workforce Development**
 - a. S.C. Workforce Ecosystem: (1) Advocacy, Engagement, Recruitment and Job Placement; (2) Education, Training and Labor Market Data
 - b. Overview of S.C. Commerce Workforce Initiatives: (1) Regional Workforce Advisors; (2) Talent Management Services; (3) Coordinating Council for Workforce Development
 - c. Regional Workforce Advisors overview
 - d. List of services provided by Regional Workforce Advisors
 - e. Example of Regional Workforce Advisor Engagement with Boeing
 - f. Regional Workforce Advisors Engagement numbers for 2017-18 through 2019-20: (1) # of educators receiving information, resources and services; (2) # of students receiving information, resources and services

- g. Talent Management Service objective and list of services
- h. Example of Talent Management Services with TD Bank
- i. Coordinating Council for Workforce Development: Mission, Advocacy, Data, and Initiatives
- j. ManuFirstSC public-private initiative explained
- k. Overview of paths within ManuFirstSC, # of citizens engaged, certificates issued, etc.

Emergency Management/COVID-19 Support

- l. Goal, approach, and key support areas
- m. Screenshot of Virtual Business Emergency Operations Center page from SCEMD website
- n. List of COVID-19 business support services provided from March 2020-March 2021

Business Impact

- o. Business Impact Survey overview (2020 survey was not issued due to COVID-19)
- p. Fall 2019 survey response rate (30%), time frame, industries that responded; Direct impact to your company as a result of Dept. of Commerce program resource connections results
- q. What do you see as the most important strategic opportunity/challenge for your company results
- r. Spring 2021 survey response rate (5%), time frame, industries that responded; Direct impact to your company as a result of Dept. of Commerce program resource connections results
- s. Direct impact to your business as a result of Dept. of Commerce COVID-19 business resource assistance and connections results
- t. What do you see as the most important strategic opportunity/challenge for your company results

Subcommittee members ask questions pertaining to the topics presented. Agency representatives respond to the questions.

- IV. Mr. Chris Huffman, Chief Financial Officer presents information about deliverables in the agency's Other Agency Duties presentation. Topics discussed include:
 - a. \$51 Million Intra-Agency loan with Palmetto Railways
 - b. Shared Resources

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Conclusion

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