

LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

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Legislative Oversight Committee

Monday, January 14, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Blatt Building - Room 110

Pursuant to Committee Rule 4.9, S.C. ETV shall be allowed access for internet streaming whenever technologically feasible.

AGENDA

- I. Approval of minutes
- II. Committee administrative matters
- III. Opportunity for public input about the Department of Mental Health; Department of Motor Vehicles; and Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School

For information about providing testimony to the House Legislative Oversight Committee click [here](#).

Individuals can sign up to testify by calling the House Legislative Oversight Committee at 803-212-6810, emailing the Committee at hcommlegov@schouse.gov, or signing up in person a few minutes prior to the meeting. S.C. Code of Laws Section 2-2-70 provides that all testimony given to the investigating committee must be under oath.

An ongoing opportunity for public input is available on the Committee's website, which allows individuals to provide comments to the House Legislative Oversight Committee anonymously.

- IV. Adjournment

Providing Testimony to the House Legislative Oversight Committee

The House Legislative Oversight Committee conducts studies and investigations of state agencies in order to determine if agency laws and programs are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of the General Assembly and whether those programs should be continued, curtailed, or eliminated. It also works to inform the public about the agencies it studies.

Public input is a cornerstone of the oversight process. Input from people who interact with state agencies may help direct the Committee to potential areas for improvement.

Opportunities to provide testimony to the Committee

The Committee periodically holds public input meetings to hear testimony on agencies that are under study. The bulk of each study takes place at the Subcommittee level. Public testimony may be allowed at Subcommittee meetings, with permission of the Subcommittee chair. To see scheduled meetings, sign up for Committee updates, or contact the Committee, please visit <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee.php>.

If you choose to testify before the Committee or one of its Subcommittees, please bear the following in mind:

1. All Committee and Subcommittee meetings are open to the public, and whenever technologically feasible, a video of each meeting is made available online.
2. You may be asked to keep testimony within a certain timeframe, often between three and five minutes.
3. You may provide written materials to supplement oral testimony.
4. Committee members may ask questions during testimony.
5. All testimony must be given under oath.
6. While the Committee cannot intervene in any individual's ongoing matter with an agency, the following are examples of topics that may be particularly helpful to the Committee:
 - The agency's communication of information to the public;
 - Experiences with the agency that reflect on its overall ability to fulfill its mission;
 - Multiple similar experiences with the agency that may indicate a pattern;
 - Specific concerns about actions of agency leadership; and
 - Ideas about ways in which an agency could better (i.e., more effectively or efficiently) fulfill its mission.

Other opportunities to provide input to the Committee

Providing public testimony under oath is not the only way to contribute to the oversight process. Other options include:

- Providing input by way of online public surveys;
- Emailing the Committee at HCommLegOv@schouse.gov; and
- Calling or meeting with Committee staff, who will provide a summary of your comments to the Committee.

If you have any questions about providing input to the House Legislative Oversight Committee, please contact the Committee by telephone at (803) 212-6810 or by email at HCommLegOv@schouse.gov.

Department of Mental Health

Agency History
In 1821, the General Assembly approves building of the S.C. Lunatic Asylum, becoming one of the first states in the country to provide funding specifically for the care and treatment of people with mental illnesses; the first patient is admitted in 1828.



Three Major Service Divisions



Fiscal Year 2018-19 Resources

Successes

As identified by the agency

- Increasing access to community mental health services by 17.28% and serving more patients
- Using innovative technology to advance and increase its services

Challenges

As identified by the agency

- Increasing access to veterans nursing home beds
- Reducing the time for forensics admissions
- Increasing hospital capacity without increasing hospital beds
- Addressing crisis stabilization
- Addressing workforce recruitment and retention

- Employing an excellent and well-trained staff, particularly law enforcement and nursing personnel

Emerging Issues

Changes regarding third party payors and proposed models of reimbursement, Population growth, and Housing costs

Source: Agency Program Evaluation Report and 2017-18 Accountability Report

Department of Motor Vehicles

Agency Mission

To administer 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.

Successes

Identified by the agency

- Partnering with external entities to deliver services and products with fewer errors and higher customer satisfaction
- Implementing the S.C. Uniform Traffic Ticket Information Exchange System
- Rolling out Real ID

History

The Department of Motor Vehicles began as a division of the State Highway Commission in 1917. After spending time with both the Department of Revenue and the Department of Public Safety, it became a cabinet agency in 2003.

Organizational Units

Administration
 Customer Service Delivery (Vehicle Services)
 Office of Inspector General
 Procedures and Compliance (Driver Services)
 Technology and Product Development
 Customer Service Centers

Resources (FY 18-19)

Employees

1,220
 filled FTE positions at the start of the year

Funding

\$114,055,506
 appropriated and authorized

Challenges

Identified by the agency

Current:

- Meeting dynamic needs with existing infrastructure
- Rising cost of goods, services, and contracts
- Modernizing the agency's 17-year-old operating system
- Retaining talented employees

Emerging:

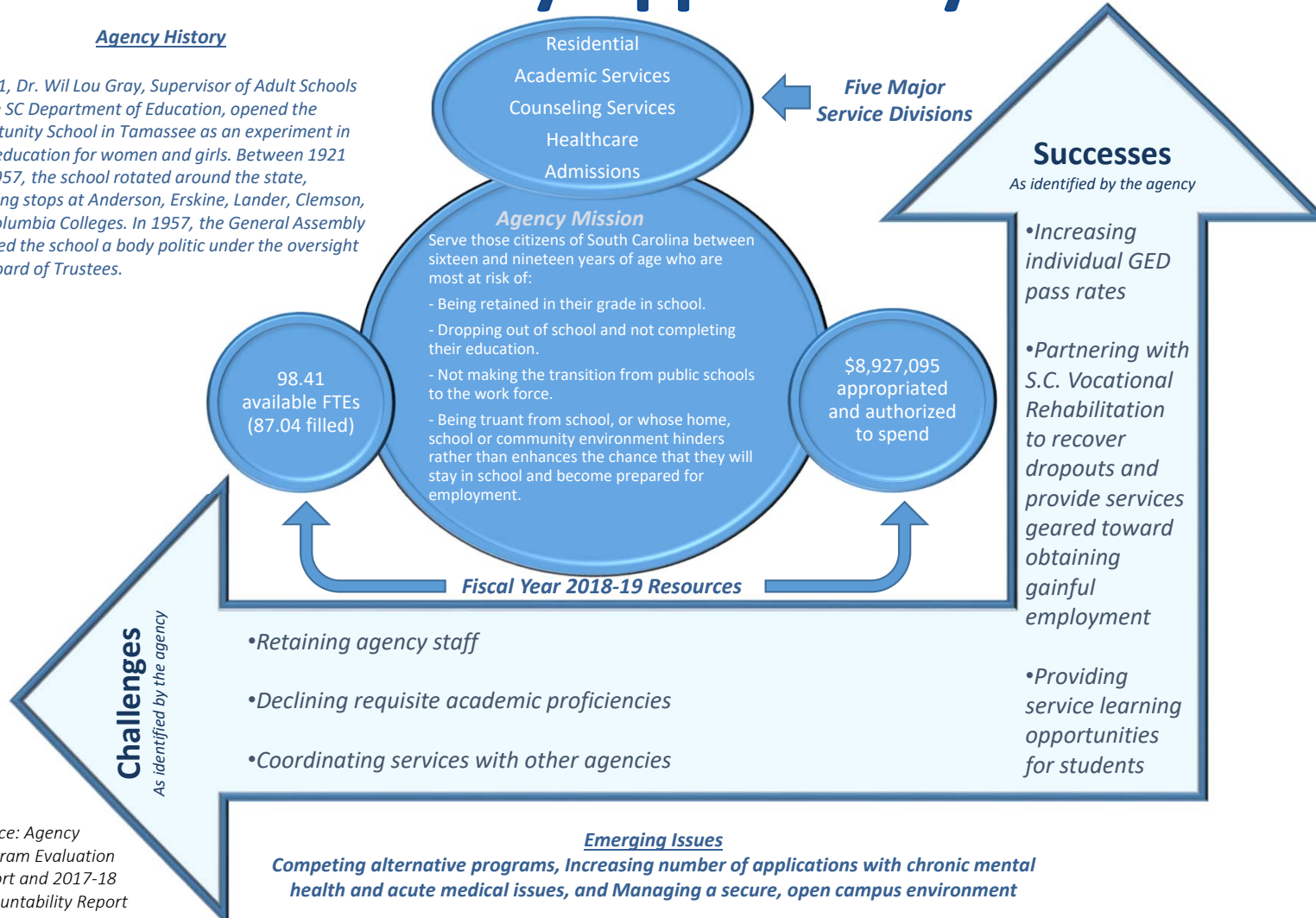
- Autonomous vehicle regulation
- Mobile driver's license / ID card
- Mobile integration in all aspects of customer service
- Taking advantage of technology while protecting citizens' information

Source: Agency Program Evaluation Report

Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School

Agency History

In 1921, Dr. Wil Lou Gray, Supervisor of Adult Schools for the SC Department of Education, opened the Opportunity School in Tamassee as an experiment in adult education for women and girls. Between 1921 and 1957, the school rotated around the state, including stops at Anderson, Erskine, Lander, Clemson, and Columbia Colleges. In 1957, the General Assembly declared the school a body politic under the oversight of a Board of Trustees.



Source: Agency Program Evaluation Report and 2017-18 Accountability Report

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**Legislative Oversight Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 5, 2018
Blatt Building 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. Pursuant to Committee Rule 3.1, the organizational meeting of the House Legislative Oversight Committee was called to order by Temporary Chair, Representative Tommy Stringer, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building. All members of the Committee were present for all or a portion of the meeting, except Representative Bill Hixon.

Election of Officers

- I. Representative Edward R. Tallon, Sr., nominated Representative Wm. Weston J. Newton to serve as Chair of the Committee and moved that the nominations be

closed. By acclamation, Representative Newton was elected Chair. It was noted the minutes would reflect an affirmative vote from all members present.

Representative Tallon’s motion to elect Representative Newton as Chair of the Committee:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Micajah P. “Micah” Caskey, IV	✓			
Gary E. Clary	✓			
Neal A. Collins	✓			
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Patricia Moore “Pat” Henegan	✓			
Lee Hewitt	✓			
William M. “Bill” Hixon				✓
Laurie Slade Funderburk	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Jeffrey E. Johnson	✓			
Marvin R. Pendarivs	✓			
Mandy Powers Norrell	✓			
Robert L. Ridgeway, III	✓			
Tommy M. Stringer	✓			
Edward R. “Eddie” Tallon, Sr.	✓			
Bill Taylor	✓			
John T. West	✓			
Robert Q. Williams	✓			
Christopher Sloan “Chris” Wooten	✓			
Wm. Weston J. Newton	✓			

II. Chairman Newton gave brief remarks.

III. Pursuant to House Rule 1.9, Chairman Newton turned the gavel over to Representative Joseph H. Jefferson for the purpose of nominating a Vice-Chair. Representative Newton nominated Representative Laurie Slade Funderburk to the position of Vice-Chair and moved to close nominations. It was noted the minutes would reflect an affirmative vote from all members present.

Representative Newton’s Motion to elect Representative Laurie Slade Funderburk to the position of Vice-Chair:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Micajah P. “Micah” Caskey, IV	✓			
Gary E. Clary	✓			
Neal A. Collins	✓			
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Patricia Moore “Pat” Henegan	✓			
Lee Hewitt	✓			
William M. “Bill” Hixon				✓
Laurie Slade Funderburk	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Jeffrey E. Johnson	✓			
Marvin R. Pendarivs	✓			
Mandy Powers Norrell	✓			
Robert L. Ridgeway, III	✓			
Tommy M. Stringer	✓			
Edward R. “Eddie” Tallon, Sr.	✓			
Bill Taylor	✓			
John T. West	✓			
Robert Q. Williams	✓			
Christopher Sloan “Chris” Wooten	✓			
Wm. Weston J. Newton	✓			

IV. Vice-Chair Funderburk gave brief remarks.

Administrative Matters

I. Representative Gary E. Clary moved that the Committee adopt the vision and mission statements as utilized in the 122nd General Assembly. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Representative Clary’s motion to adopt the Vision and Mission statements as adopted and utilized in the 122nd General Assembly:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Micajah P. “Micah” Caskey, IV	✓			
Gary E. Clary	✓			
Neal A. Collins	✓			

Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Patricia Moore “Pat” Henegan	✓			
Lee Hewitt	✓			
William M. “Bill” Hixon				✓
Laurie Slade Funderburk	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Jeffrey E. Johnson	✓			
Marvin R. Pendarivs	✓			
Mandy Powers Norrell	✓			
Robert L. Ridgeway, III	✓			
Tommy M. Stringer	✓			
Edward R. “Eddie” Tallon, Sr.	✓			
Bill Taylor	✓			
John T. West	✓			
Robert Q. Williams	✓			
Christopher Sloan “Chris” Wooten	✓			
Wm. Weston J. Newton	✓			

II. Representative Tallon moved that the Committee adopt the rules as presented in the member meeting packets.

Representative Tallon’s motion to adopt the rules as presented in the member meeting packets with minor changes noted:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Micajah P. “Micah” Caskey, IV	✓			
Gary E. Clary	✓			
Neal A. Collins	✓			
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Patricia Moore “Pat” Henegan	✓			
Lee Hewitt	✓			
William M. “Bill” Hixon				✓
Laurie Slade Funderburk	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Jeffrey E. Johnson	✓			
Marvin R. Pendarivs	✓			
Mandy Powers Norrell	✓			

Robert L. Ridgeway, III	✓			
Tommy M. Stringer	✓			
Edward R. “Eddie” Tallon, Sr.	✓			
Bill Taylor	✓			
John T. West	✓			
Robert Q. Williams	✓			
Christopher Sloan “Chris” Wooten	✓			
Wm. Weston J. Newton	✓			

- III. Committee Rule 7.1 allows for the development of standard practices. Chairman Newton noted the members’ meeting packet included a summary of proposed revisions to standard practices and a draft of the proposed revised standard practices.
- IV. Chairman Newton reminded the Committee of its task to recommend to the Speaker agencies for study in 2019 and that a seven-year review cycle be published in the House Journal the first day of session. He provided a recap of suggestions received on the topic from legislators and constituents.
- V. Chairman Newton explained the current subcommittee structure and noted subcommittee assignments were forthcoming.
- VI. Chairman Newton opened the floor for discussion regarding agencies currently under study and those scheduled for study.
- VII. Representative Tallon moved that the Committee schedule the following agencies for study: Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services; Department of Education; Housing, Finance, and Development Authority; Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon; Rural Infrastructure Authority; and Office of Secretary of State.

Representative Tallon’s motion to adopt recommendations for agencies to be studied in 2019:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Micajah P. “Micah” Caskey, IV	✓			
Gary E. Clary	✓			
Neal A. Collins	✓			
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Patricia Moore “Pat” Henegan	✓			
Lee Hewitt	✓			
William M. “Bill” Hixon				✓

Laurie Slade Funderburk	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Jeffrey E. Johnson	✓			
Marvin R. Pendarivs	✓			
Mandy Powers Norrell	✓			
Robert L. Ridgeway, III	✓			
Tommy M. Stringer	✓			
Edward R. "Eddie" Tallon, Sr.	✓			
Bill Taylor	✓			
John T. West	✓			
Robert Q. Williams	✓			
Christopher Sloan "Chris" Wooten	✓			
Wm. Weston J. Newton	✓			

VIII. Chairman Newton discussed administrative matters for the committee, including an introduction of staff members.

Minutes

I. Representative Tallon moved to approve the minutes from the meeting on October 23, 2018, the last meeting during the 122nd General Assembly. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Representative Tallon's motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on October 23, 2018:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Micajah P. "Micah" Caskey, IV			✓	
Gary E. Clary	✓			
Neal A. Collins			✓	
Chandra E. Dillard	✓			
Patricia Moore "Pat" Henegan			✓	
Lee Hewitt			✓	
William M. "Bill" Hixon				✓
Laurie Slade Funderburk	✓			
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	✓			
Jeffrey E. Johnson			✓	
Marvin R. Pendarivs			✓	
Mandy Powers Norrell	✓			

Robert L. Ridgeway, III	✓			
Tommy M. Stringer				✓
Edward R. "Eddie" Tallon, Sr.	✓			
Bill Taylor	✓			
John T. West	✓			
Robert Q. Williams	✓			
Christopher Sloan "Chris" Wooten			✓	
Wm. Weston J. Newton	✓			

II. Chairman Newton discussed scheduling issues. A meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving public input for agencies currently under study. A meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2019, at 11:00 a.m., also for the purpose of receiving public input. Finally, a meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2019, 30 minutes after the House adjourns, for purposes of discussing the study of the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.

III. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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