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MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 23, 2024
12:00pm
Room 521 – Blatt Building

Archived Video Available

- I. Pursuant to House Legislative Oversight Committee Rule 6.7, 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 Government Efficiency and Legislative Oversight Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeffrey E. “Jeff” Johnson on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, in Room 521 of the Blatt Building. All committee members were present for all or a portion of the meeting except the following: Rep. William M. “Bill” Hixon; Rep. Wendell K. Jones; Rep. John R. McCravy, III; Rep. Adam Morgan; and Rep. Marvin “Mark” Smith.

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.

Approval of Minutes

- I. Representative Jefferson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from prior meeting. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Rep. Jefferson's motion to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, August 20, 2024, meeting	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Bailey	✓		
Rep. Brewer	✓		
Rep. Cromer	✓		
Rep. Garvin			✓
Rep. Gilliam	✓		
Rep. Guest	✓		
Rep. Hixon			✓
Rep. Jefferson	✓		
Rep. Johnson	✓		
Rep. Jones			✓
Rep. Kirby	✓		
Rep. Magnuson	✓		
Rep. McCravy			✓
Rep. McGinnis	✓		
Rep. Morgan			✓
Rep. Moore	✓		
Rep. Rivers	✓		
Rep. Smith			✓
Rep. Wooten	✓		

Discussion of South Carolina Forestry Commission, Findings and Recommendations

- I. The Committee's Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee chairman, Rep. Travis Moore, presents the subcommittee's report on the South Carolina Forestry Commission.
- II. Scott Phillips, State Forester, gives an update regarding the agency's efforts to address issues identified by the subcommittee during the study process.
- III. Scott Phillips, and Rep. Travis Moore, provide responses to questions and make statements regarding ongoing efforts at the agency to make operational improvements and address issues specific to forest management and the economics of forestry in the state.
- IV. Rep. Travis Moore makes a motion to approve the Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee's report on the South Carolina Forestry Commission.

Rep. Moore's motion to approve the Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee report on the Forestry Commission.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Bailey	✓		
Rep. Brewer	✓		
Rep. Cromer	✓		
Rep. Garvin	✓		
Rep. Gilliam	✓		
Rep. Guest	✓		
Rep. Hixon			✓
Rep. Jefferson	✓		
Rep. Johnson	✓		
Rep. Jones			✓
Rep. Kirby	✓		
Rep. Magnuson	✓		
Rep. McCravy			✓
Rep. McGinnis	✓		
Rep. Morgan			✓
Rep. Moore	✓		
Rep. Rivers	✓		
Rep. Smith			✓
Rep. Wooten	✓		

Discussion of Commission on Higher Education, Findings and Recommendations

- V. The Committee's Education and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee chairman, Rep. Tim McGinnis, presents the subcommittee's report on the Commission for Higher Education (CHE).
- VI. Dr. Jeff Perez, President and Executive Director of the CHE, gives an update regarding the agency's efforts to address issues identified by the State Inspector General and the subcommittee during the study process.
- VII. Dr. Jeff Perez and Rep. Tim McGinnis respond to questions and discuss ongoing agency efforts and issues related to the state's higher education system.
- VIII. Rep. Tim McGinnis makes a motion to approve the Education and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee's report on the CHE.

Rep. McGinnis's motion to approve the Education and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee report on the CHE.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Bailey	✓		
Rep. Brewer	✓		
Rep. Cromer	✓		
Rep. Garvin	✓		

Rep. Gilliam	✓		
Rep. Guest	✓		
Rep. Hixon			✓
Rep. Jefferson	✓		
Rep. Johnson	✓		
Rep. Jones			✓
Rep. Kirby	✓		
Rep. Magnuson	✓		
Rep. McCravy			✓
Rep. McGinnis	✓		
Rep. Morgan			✓
Rep. Moore	✓		
Rep. Rivers	✓		
Rep. Smith			✓
Rep. Wooten	✓		

Adjournment

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