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JLARC Meeting – Minutes
June 9, 2014

Attending

JLARC Members:
Senator John C. Watkins, Chairman; Delegate David B. Albo, Senator Charles J. Colgan, Delegate M. Kirkland Cox, Senator Janet Howell, Delegate Johnny Joannou, Delegate Chris Jones, Delegate R. Steven Landes, Delegate James P. Massie III, Senator Thomas K. Norment, Delegate John M. O'Bannon, Delegate Lionell Spruill, Sr., Senator Walter Stosch, Ms. Martha Mavredes, Ex Officio.

JLARC Staff:
Hal Greer, Director; Nathalie Molliet-Ribet, Senior Associate Director; Justin Brown, Associate Director; Kimberly Sarte, Assistant Director; Lauren Axselle, Erik Beecroft, Jamie Bitz, Susan Bond, Drew Dickinson, Chris Duncombe, Kathy DuVall, Bridget Farmer, Katie Francis, Nicole Gaffen, Mark Gribbin, Nia Harrison, Borna Kazerooni, Liana Kleeman, Paula Lambert, Jeff Lunardi, Joe McMahon, Ellen Miller, Greg Rest, Beth Singer, Tracey Smith, Christine Wolfe, Sandra Wright.

Others:
The Honorable Anne Holton, Secretary of Education; Steve Staples, Virginia Superintendent of Public Instruction; Anne Wescott, Susan Williams (Virginia Department of Education); Jason Sears (Opportunity Educational Institution); Rob Jones (Virginia Education Association); Olympia Meola (Richmond Times Dispatch); Ashley Colvin, Dana Smith (Virginia Information Technologies Agency); Rob Lockridge (University of Virginia); Joe Damico (Department of General Services); Mark Smith (George Mason University); Anne Marie Morgan (Virginia Public Radio); Jason Saunders (Department of Planning and Budget); Michael Edwards (Kemper Consulting).

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Senator Watkins, Chairman. Senator Watkins introduced Hal Greer, JLARC staff Director, who provided the Commission with a brief overview of the meeting agenda. The first order of business was the Commission's approval of the Auditor of Public Accounts workplan due to a lack of a quorum at the May 12, 2014 Commission meeting. Senator Watkins recognized Martha Mavredes, APA Director, and requested a motion to approve APA's workplan. Delegate O'Bannon made a motion to approve the workplan, which was seconded by Delegate Landes and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Subsequently, Mr. Greer provided some brief comments regarding the creation of a JLARC subcommittee to meet at 9:00 a.m. on July 14 to discuss potential studies for staff to begin this year once current projects are completed. Senator Watkins appointed the following members to this subcommittee: Delegate Cox, Senator Howell, Delegate O'Bannon, Delegate Spruill, and himself.

Mr. Greer then introduced Jamie Bitz who presented a briefing of the *Low Performing Schools in Urban High Poverty Communities* report. Mr. Bitz answered several questions from the Commission throughout his presentation. At the conclusion of Mr. Bitz's presentation, Senator Watkins invited The Honorable Anne Holton, Secretary of Education, to provide the Commission with remarks in response to the JLARC study. Following Secretary Holton's remarks, Senator Watkins requested a motion to receive the report and authorize printing. A motion was made by Delegate O'Bannon, seconded by Delegate Cox, and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Mr. Greer introduced Erik Beecroft who presented a briefing of the *Size and Impact of Federal Spending in Virginia* report. Mr. Beecroft answered several questions from the Commission throughout his presentation. At the conclusion of Mr. Beecroft's presentation, Senator Watkins requested a motion to receive the report and authorize printing. A motion was made by Delegate Massie, seconded by Senator Colgan, and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Mr. Greer then introduced Kimberly Sarte and Mark Gribbin who provided the Commission with a brief presentation regarding the internal service fund policy changes recommended by JLARC staff. There being no objections with the proposed changes, Ms. Sarte noted that she and Mark will update JLARC's internal service fund policy for the Commission to approve at the July 14th meeting.

Lastly, Mr. Greer announced that the next Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 14 and the studies subcommittee will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the JLARC large conference room.

There being no further business, the Commission rose at 12:02 p.m.

Approved by: Hal E. Greer

Hal E. Greer, Director

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