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JLARC Meeting – Minutes
May 11, 2015

Attending

JLARC Members:

Senator John C. Watkins, Chairman; Delegate Robert Orrock, Vice-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, Sarah Berday-Sacks, Jamie Bitz, Susan Bond, Drew Dickinson, Chris Duncombe, Kathy DuVall, Nicole Gaffen, Mark Gribbin, Nia Harrison, Matt Johnson, Paula Lambert, Jeff Lunardi, Liana Major, Bridget Marcek, Joe McMahon, Michael Mehen, Ellen Miller, Greg Rest, Tracey Smith, Nichelle Williams, and Christine Wolfe.

Others:

Michael Jay, David Reynolds (House Appropriations Committee); Betsey Daley, Sarah Herzog (Senate Finance Committee); Jason Saunders (Department of Planning and Budget); Joe Damico (Department of General Services); Ashley Colvin (Virginia Information Technologies Agency); Michael Swinton (VA529); Phil Leone (Virginia Tech); Karah Gunther (Virginia Commonwealth University); Mary Jo Fields (Virginia Municipal League); Heidi Abbott (Hunton & Williams); Anne-Marie Morgan (Virginia Public Radio); Alana Austin (NBC-29 in Charlottesville); Mark Andrews (Burton Fuller Management).

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Senator Watkins, Chairman. Senator Watkins recognized Hal Greer, JLARC staff Director, who introduced two new JLARC staff members to the Commission (Michael Mehen and Matt Johnson). Mr. Greer then provided a brief overview of the meeting agenda and presented the 2015 Director's Report to the Commission. Following this presentation, Mr. Greer introduced Nathalie Molliet-Ribet, Senior Associate Director, who began the presentation of the *2015 JLARC Workplan* by providing an overview of the projects under her supervision, which include: (1)

Review of Virginia's Medicaid Program, and (2) Development and Management of State Contracts. Ms. Molliet-Ribet then explained that the state contracting mandate presented to and approved by the Commission in September 2014 included a reporting deadline of November 2015. However, the state contracting study mandate was expanded during the 2015 General Assembly session to cover additional areas, such as SWAM vendors, agency exemptions to the Virginia Public Procurement Act, and the process for vendor grievances, which will require additional staff time and resources. Subsequently, Ms. Molliet-Ribet requested that the Commission consider changing the reporting deadline for the state contracting study to June 2016. Delegate Joannou asked if this study would include transportation contracts and Ms. Molliet-Ribet confirmed that it would. Senator Watkins then requested a motion to change the reporting deadline for the state contracting study to June 2016. A motion was made by Delegate Orrock, seconded by Delegate Landes, and approved unanimously by the Commission. Following the motion, Ms. Molliet-Ribet turned the presentation over to the project leaders (Jeff Lunardi and Tracey Smith), each of whom presented a brief overview to the Commission of the study mandate, background, study issues, and research activities for each project.

Subsequently, Justin Brown, Associate Director, provided an overview of the projects under his supervision: (1) *Review of the Efficiency and Effectiveness of K-12 Spending*, (2) *Review of the Department of Motor Vehicles*, and (3) *Review of Virginia's Department of Veterans Services*. Mr. Brown then turned the presentation over to the project leaders (Jamie Bitz, Ellen Miller, and Drew Dickinson), each of whom presented a brief overview to the Commission of the study mandate, background, study issues, and research activities for each project.

Mr. Brown then introduced Kimberly Sarte, Assistant Director for JLARC's ongoing oversight and fiscal analysis, who provided the Commission with an overview of her responsibilities: (1) ongoing oversight of the Virginia Retirement System (VRS), Virginia College Savings Plan (VA529), and VITA, (2) fiscal analysis services, and (3) other oversight activities. Ms. Sarte then introduced Mark Gribbin who provided a brief overview of the products and activities planned for the agency's ongoing oversight responsibilities. Subsequently, Ms. Sarte presented information on the fiscal analysis annual reports and fiscal impact reviews. Delegate O'Bannon and Delegate Orrock requested additional information about the fiscal impact reviews that have been completed since 1999.

Following Ms. Sarte's presentation, Mr. Greer presented the Commission with an overview of the Commission meeting calendar for 2015, and a summary of two studies authorized by the General Assembly for 2016: (1) Virginia's Water Resource Planning and Management and (2) Impact of Regulations on Virginia's Manufacturing Sector.

Following the workplan presentation, Senator Watkins asked if there were any additional questions of the Commission and requested a motion to approve the *2015 JLARC Workplan*. Delegate O'Bannon made a motion to approve the workplan, which was seconded by Delegate Landes and Senator Howell and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Senator Watkins then recognized Ms. Martha Mavredes who gave a presentation on pension issues for 2015. Follow Ms. Mavredes' presentation, Delegate Landes requested a brief summary describing the reporting changes for legislators to use for purposes of discussing the changes with individuals in their districts. In addition, Senator Watkins requested a list of the jurisdictions not under VRS.

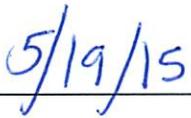
Lastly, Mr. Greer announced that the next Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 8, which will include a status update from VITA and a presentation of the 2015 Auditor of Public Accounts Workplan.

There being no further business, the Commission rose at 12:13 p.m.

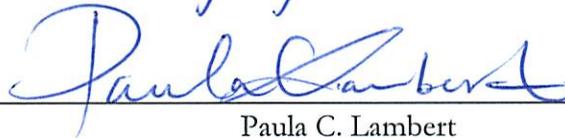
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