

JLARC Meeting
May 3, 2021 – MINUTES

JLARC Members Present:

Delegate Kenneth R. Plum, Chair; Senator Janet Howell, Vice Chair; Delegate Terry L. Austin; Delegate Betsy B. Carr; Speaker Eileen Filler-Corn; Delegate M. Kirkland Cox; Delegate Charniele L. Herring; Senator Mamie E. Locke; Senator Jeremy S. McPike; Senator Thomas K. Norment, Jr.; Delegate Mark D. Sickles; Senator Lionel Spruill, Sr.; Delegate Luke E. Torian; and Staci Henshaw, Auditor of Public Accounts.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Plum. Mr. Hal Greer, JLARC Director, then introduced Mr. Nathan Skreslet, JLARC's Information Graphics Designer, who discussed the virtual meeting logistics and called the roll. Mr. Greer then notified the Commission about two new JLARC staff members, Ms. Rhonda Newsome and Mr. Landon Webber. Mr. Greer then gave an overview of the meeting agenda.

JLARC Impacts

Mr. Greer gave an overview of JLARC's performance measures and JLARC recommendations implemented. Following Mr. Greer, Mr. Justin Brown, Ms. Tracey Smith, and Ms. Kimberly Sarte addressed the Commission on the actions taken to implement key JLARC report recommendations.

2021 JLARC Workplan

Mr. Greer gave the Commission an introduction of JLARC's 2021 workplan. Following, Mr. Brown, Ms. Smith, and Ms. Sarte, discussed the specific studies they are overseeing. Members asked several questions to staff during the presentation. The presentation was concluded with Mr. Greer sharing the proposed meeting schedule for 2021, as well as presenting four new legislatively-directed studies for staff to complete in 2022. Mr. Greer also noted the new studies leave space for an additional two studies to be completed in 2022.

There was a motion to approve the 2021 JLARC workplan. The motion was approved.

FY 2022 APA Annual Workplan and Prior Year Results

Chairman Plum then introduced Ms. Staci Henshaw who presented the APA's office update, and outlined organizational changes. She then introduced Ms. LaToya Jordan, Deputy Auditor for Human Capital and Operations, who discussed her new role and presented the APA's FY22 proposed salary scale. She then introduced Mr. Eric Sandridge, Deputy Auditor for Technology and Innovation, who reported on his new role and responsibilities. Ms.

Henshaw then gave a presentation on the FY22 workplan. During and at the conclusion of her presentation, Ms. Henshaw answered questions from Commission members.

There was a motion to approve the APA 2021 workplan and salary scale. The motion was approved.

Following, Ms. Henshaw discussed the APA's prior audit results. Additional results on higher education were presented by Mr. Sandridge. There were no questions from Commission members.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Commission rose at 11:59 a.m.

Approved by: Hal E. Greer
Hal E. Greer, JLARC Director

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