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Rep. Jeffrey N. Spiegelman



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Sen. Brian G. Pettyjohn
Sen. David P. Sokola

STATE OF DELAWARE

JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT AND SUNSET COMMITTEE

Minutes – 05.8.18

Chair Bolden called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm. Committee members present included Representatives Bolden, Dukes, Spiegelman; Senators Delcollo, Pettyjohn, Sokola, Walsh. Entering late was Representatives Bennett and Brady. Senator Hansen was absent. Staff present included Julie Fedele, Committee Analyst; Holly Vaughn Wagner, Legislative Attorney; Ruth Ann Jones, Legislative Analyst, Controller General's Office; Victoria Cook, Legislative Fellow; and Julia Dumas Wilks, Administrative Specialist. A quorum was met.

Chair Bolden welcomed everyone to the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee ("the Committee") in the 149th General Assembly, Second Session and called for introductions of members present. Representative Spiegelman motioned to approve the April 24, 2018 minutes, seconded by Senator Sokola. The motion carried 7 (Representatives Bolden, Dukes, Spiegelman; Senators Delcollo, Pettyjohn, Sokola, Walsh); 3 absent (Representatives Bennett, Brady; Senator Hansen).

Discussion moved to the Port of Wilmington. Gene Bailey, Executive Director of the Port of Wilmington provided an update to the Committee. There was discussion about the status of the cranes and the safety and code compliance of the Hiring Hall, as well as plans to relocate that building. Brian Smith, Vice President representing Longshoreman Union 1694-1, raised concerns about the health and safety of those who use the Hiring Hall as a lunchroom. Mr. Bailey committed to hiring a contractor to assess the health and safety of the Hiring Hall.

Attention turned to the representatives from the State Board of Education ("the Board"). The Board was represented by the Board President, Dennis Loftus; Vice President Nina Lou Bunting; and the Secretary of Education, Dr. Susan Bunting. Discussion moved to the May 3, 2018 draft legislation to amend Title 14 of the Delaware Code relating to the Board. There was discussion about provisions in the legislation concerning the duties and qualifications of the Board's Executive Director, rotating location of meetings, public comment during meetings, and live streaming options. Representative Spiegelman motioned to approve the revisions in the draft legislation with language added concerning the clarity of the Executive Director's chain of command, seconded by Senator Pettyjohn. The motion carried 7 (Representatives Bolden, Dukes, Spiegelman; Senators Delcollo, Pettyjohn, Sokola, Walsh); 3 absent (Representatives Bennett, Brady; Senator Hansen).

Representative Spiegelman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 pm, seconded by Senator Pettyjohn. The motion carried 8 (Representatives Bennett, Bolden, Brady, Spiegelman; Senators Delcollo, Pettyjohn, Sokola, Walsh); 2 absent (Representative Dukes, Senator Hansen).

Respectfully prepared by:

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