Vice Chair Walsh called the meeting to order at 1:08 pm. Committee members present included Senators Delcollo, Hansen, Pettyjohn, Sokola, Walsh; and Representatives Bennett, Dukes, Spiegelman. Chair Bolden and Representative Brady were absent. Staff present included Julie Fedele, JLOSC Analyst; Holly Vaugh Wagner, Legislative Attorney; Controller General staff, Ruth Ann Jones; Victoria Cook, Legislative Fellow; and Julia Dumas Wilks, Administrative Specialist. A quorum was met.

Representative Spiegelman motioned to approve minutes from the June 12, 2018 meeting, seconded by Senator Pettyjohn. The motion carried 8 (Senators Delcollo, Hansen, Pettyjohn, Sokola, Walsh; Representatives Bennett, Dukes, Spiegelman)-0, 2 absent (Representatives Bolden, Brady).

Representative Spiegelman motioned to approve the Committee’s final report, seconded by Senator Pettyjohn. The motion carried 8 (Senators Delcollo, Hansen, Pettyjohn, Sokola, Walsh; Representatives Bennett, Dukes, Spiegelman)-0, 2 absent (Representatives Bolden, Brady).

Vice Chair Walsh addressed the entities approved for sunset review during the previous meeting. Discussion moved to the memo submitted to the Committee by the Legislative Attorney, Holly Vaughn Wagner, regarding the Committee’s questions regarding the University of Delaware Board of Trustees. The Committee Analyst, Julie Fedele, directed the Committee’s attention to the memo submitted to the Committee by the University of Delaware regarding transparency. Senator Sokola motioned to lift the tabled motion to place the University of Delaware Board of Trustees under sunset review for the 2019 session, seconded by Representative Bennett. The motion failed 4 (Senators Sokola, Hansen, Walsh; Representative Bennett)-4 (Senators Delcollo, Pettyjohn; Representatives Dukes, Spiegelman), 2 absent (Representatives Bolden, Brady).

Representative Spiegelman motioned to review the report to be compiled by the Committee staff regarding administrative improvements and entity consolidation in lieu of a fourth entity for the 2019 sunset review, seconded by Senator Pettyjohn. Discussion concerning this motion concerned the breadth of work necessary to review the Committee staff’s report. Committee members expressed concern that so many entities have not been reviewed in several years. Committee members suggested that the Committee review a smaller entity and that discussion of the report occur during the Committee’s 2019 orientation meeting.

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The motion to review the Committee staff’s report regarding administrative improvements and entity consolidation carried 8 (Senators Delcollo, Hansen, Pettyjohn, Sokola, Walsh; Representatives Bennett, Dukes, Spiegelman)-0, 2 absent (Representatives Bolden, Brady).

Discussion moved to the amendment to HB 455 relating to the State Board of Education (“Board”), submitted by Representative Dukes to provide clarifying language regarding the Board’s ability to select the Executive Director. Clarification was requested regarding the consistency of the language change with existing entities and statutes. Senator Pettyjohn motioned to approve the amendment to HB 455 relating to the Board, seconded by Representative Spiegelman. The motion carried 8 (Senators Delcollo, Hansen, Pettyjohn, Sokola, Walsh; Representatives Bennett, Dukes, Spiegelman)-0, 2 absent (Representatives Bolden, Brady).

Representative Spiegelman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:25 pm, which was seconded by Senator Pettyjohn. The motion carried 8 (Senators Delcollo, Hansen, Pettyjohn, Sokola, Walsh; Representatives Bennett, Dukes, Spiegelman)-0, 2 absent (Representatives Bolden, Brady).

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Access to the audio recording of this proceeding is available upon request.