Chair Gay called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Committee members present included Vice-Chair Dorsey Walker; Senators Hansen, Pettyjohn, and Pinkney; Representatives Griffith, Johnson, Spiegelman, and Yearick. Staff present included Mark Brainard, Jr. and Amanda McAtee, Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee (“JLOSC”) Analysts; Holly Vaughn Wagner, Legislative Attorney for the JLOSC and Deputy Director of the Division of Research; Natalie White, Administrative Specialist; and Elliot Gray, Legislative Fellow. Absent from the meeting was Senator Richardson. A quorum was met.

Chair Gay welcomed everyone to the meeting for the JLOSC of the 151st General Assembly, First Session, and called for Committee and staff introductions.

Chair Gay moved to item 2 of the agenda, the approval of the January 25, 2021 orientation meeting minutes. Senator Pettyjohn motioned to approve the January 25, 2021 minutes as written, and Representative Dorsey Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried 9-0, with Senators Gay, Hansen, Pettyjohn, and Pinkney, and Representatives Dorsey Walker, Griffith, Johnson, Spiegelman, and Yearick voting in favor, with none opposed.

Chair Gay moved to item 3 of the agenda, the Division for the Visually Impaired (“DVI”) holdover update, and introduced Sandra Miller, Director of DVI, and Deborah Talley, Deputy Director of DVI. Mrs. Miller presented a brief background of DVI and provided holdover updates. Chair Gay, Representatives Dorsey Walker, Griffith, Johnson, and Yearick asked questions and provided comments.

Chair Gay next introduced JLOSC Analyst Amanda McAtee to provide a staff update on the DVI review. Mrs. McAtee provided an overview of the review process and explained recommendations. Mrs. McAtee recommended release from review upon enactment of legislation making technical corrections under Recommendation 2.

After discussion, Senator Pettyjohn motioned to release DVI from sunset and oversight review upon enactment of legislation highlighted in Recommendation 2, and Representative Spiegelman seconded the motion. The motion carried 9-0, with Senators Gay, Hansen, Pettyjohn, and Pinkney, and Representatives Dorsey Walker, Griffith, Johnson, Spiegelman, and Yearick voting in favor, with none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

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