Chair Gay called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Committee members present included Vice-Chair Dorsey Walker; Senators Hansen, Pettyjohn, Pinkney, and Richardson, and 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. A quorum was met.

Chair Gay welcomed everyone to the meeting and called for Committee and staff introductions.

Chair Gay moved to item 2 on the agenda, the approval of the February 9, 2021 meeting minutes. Representative Griffith motioned to approve the February 9, 2021 minutes as written, and Senator Pettyjohn seconded the motion. The motion carried 10-0, with Senators Gay, Hansen, Pettyjohn, Pinkney, and Richardson, and Representatives Dorsey Walker, Griffith, Johnson, Spiegelman, and Yearick voting in favor, none opposed.

Chair Gay moved to item 3 on the agenda, the presentation by the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (“DIAA”). Chair Gay introduced Donna Polk, Executive Director of DIAA, and Dr. Bradley Layfield, who both delivered the presentation. Also, in attendance with DIAA was Michael Rodriguez, Associate Secretary of Student Support in the Department of Education.

After the presentation, Senators Gay and Pinkney, and Representatives Dorsey Walker, Griffith, Johnson, and Yearick asked questions. Donna Polk and Dr. Bradley Layfield provided clarification. Senator Nicole Poore and Trina Leclerc provided public comments.

Chair Gay moved to item 4 of the meeting, JLOSC staff recommendations for the Delaware Division of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (“DNREC”) Conservation District Operations. JLOSC Analyst Mark Brainard presented the recommendations for discussion. Representatives Dorsey Walker and Spiegelman asked questions. Mr. Brainard and Shawn Garvin, Secretary of DNREC, provided clarification.

Senator Pettyjohn motioned to approve Recommendation 1 with Option 1, and Representative Dorsey Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried 9-0 with Senators Gay, Hansen, Pettyjohn, Pinkney, and Richardson, and Representatives Dorsey Walker, Griffith, Johnson, and Spiegelman voting in favor, none opposed, 1 absent (Representative Yearick).
Representative Spiegelman motioned to approve Recommendation 2 as written, and Representative Dorsey Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried 9-0 with Senators Gay, Hansen, Pettyjohn, Pinkney, and Richardson, and Representatives Dorsey Walker, Griffith, Johnson, and Spiegelman voting in favor, none opposed, 1 absent (Representative Yearick).

Senator Hansen motioned to approve Recommendation 3 as written, and Representative Dorsey Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried 9-0 with Senators Gay, Hansen, Pettyjohn, Pinkney, and Richardson, and Representatives Dorsey Walker, Griffith, Johnson, and Spiegelman voting in favor, none opposed, 1 absent (Representative Yearick).

Senator Pettyjohn motioned to approve Recommendation 4 as written, and Senator Hansen seconded the motion. The motion carried 9-0 with Senators Gay, Hansen, Pettyjohn, Pinkney, and Richardson, and Representatives Dorsey Walker, Griffith, Johnson, and Spiegelman voting in favor, none opposed, 1 absent (Representative Yearick).

Representative Spiegelman motioned to approve Recommendation 5 with the Option, and Representative Dorsey Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried 9-0 with Senators Gay, Hansen, Pettyjohn, Pinkney, and Richardson, and Representatives Dorsey Walker, Griffith, Johnson, and Spiegelman voting in favor, none opposed, 1 absent (Representative Yearick).

Senator Pettyjohn motioned to approve Recommendation 6 as written, and Representative Dorsey Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried 9-0 with Senators Gay, Hansen, Pettyjohn, Pinkney, and Richardson, and Representatives Dorsey Walker, Griffith, Johnson, and Spiegelman voting in favor, none opposed, 1 absent (Representative Yearick).

Representative Spiegelman motioned to approve Recommendation 7 with the Option, and Representative Dorsey Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried 9-0 with Senators Gay, Hansen, Pettyjohn, Pinkney, and Richardson, and Representatives Dorsey Walker, Griffith, Johnson, and Spiegelman voting in favor, none opposed, 1 absent (Representative Yearick).

Senator Hansen motioned to approve Recommendation 8 with Option 1, and Senator Pettyjohn seconded the motion. The motion carried 9-0 with Senators Gay, Hansen, Pettyjohn, Pinkney, and Richardson, and Representatives Dorsey Walker, Griffith, Johnson, and Spiegelman voting in favor, none opposed, 1 absent (Representative Yearick).

Chair Gay thanked Committee members, staff, DIAA, DNREC, and the public for attending an informative and productive meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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