

INTERNAL STAFF UPDATE*
Monday, October 26, 2015

LEGISLATIVE:

Margie Bright Matthews will be sworn in on tomorrow at 2:00 in the senate chambers.

Legislative Meetings:

Monday, October 26, 2015

1:00 First Steps Study Committee – Blatt 433 – Live Broadcast
Discussion of Report Draft

1:00 Senate Judiciary Expungement Study Committee – Gressette 105 – Live Broadcast
(Senators Allen, Thurmond, Corbin, Representatives Rutherford, McCoy, Cole)

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

9:00 House Education Policy Review and Reform Task Force Educator Recruitment, Retention, Effectiveness, and Professional Development Subcommittee – Blatt 433
Discussion of Recommendations

10:00 PURC – Gressette 308
(Senators Alexander, Chr., Hutto, Rankin, Representatives Sandifer, Forrester, Hayes, Eric Ebersole, Jeanelle McCain, John Simmons, Helen Zeigler)
PSC Subcommittee Report
ORS Subcommittee Report
Santee Cooper Subcommittee Report
Subcommittee Report for Candidate Peggy Pinnell, Berkley County

11:30 Homeowners Association Study Committee – Gressette 308 – Live Broadcast
Members: Sens. Rankin (Ch), Johnson, Reps. Sottile and Ryhal; Ken Skelly, Maraide Sullivan, Shane Ousey, Dick Unger, Shaun Cranford, Press Courtney, Jud Smith, Andy Lee, William Henry Dill, Carri Grube Lybarker, Dean Grigg, Rod Attkinson (for Rochelle Taylor)
Discuss Recommendations for Report

1:00 House Education Policy Review and Reform Task Force Transportation and Facilities Infrastructure Subcommittee – Blatt 433
Discussion of Recommendations

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

10:00 Senate Special Committee on Flood Relief Efforts – Gressette 105
(Senators Leatherman, Peeler, Setzler, Jackson, Grooms, Cromer, McElveen, Sabb, Shealy)

10:00 House Legislative Oversight Executive Subcommittee – Blatt 110 - Live Broadcast
(Joshua Putnam, Chr., Representatives Funderburk, Newton, Williams)

Comptroller General's Office

10:00 House Education Policy Review and Reform Task Force College and Career Pathways of High Quality Learning Opportunities in Elementary, Middle, and High Schools – Blatt 433

2:00 Senate Special Subcommittee in Response to Abbeville Lawsuit – Gressette 105 – Live Broadcast

(Senators Setzler, Hayes, Matthews, Bennett, Hembree)

Molly Spearman, State Superintendent of Education

Dr. Karen Woodward, Superintendent of Lexington School District 1

Pamela Lackey, AT&T President and TransformSC co-chair

Dr. David Mathis, Superintendent of Saluda County Schools

Dr. David Longshore, former Superintendent & Designee from Orangeburg 3

Thursday, October 29, 2015

10:00 House Higher Education Governance Ad Hoc Committee – Blatt 433 - Live Broadcast

(Representatives Taylor, Chr., Bradley, Brown, Clary, Felder, George, Johnson, Mitchell)

SC Independent Colleges and Universities

Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges

10:00 House Legislative Ethics Committee – Blatt 511

Former Speaker Harrell's Campaign Disclosure Reports, Attorney Fees

Executive Session

10:00 Senate Agriculture Subcommittee of Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee – Gressette 308

(Senators Williams, Chr., Corbin, Matthews, Hembree, Verdin, Sabb)

S.559 – Cultivation of Industrial Hemp (Davis)

2:00 Senate Animal Welfare Select Subcommittee – Gressette 308

(Senators Campbell, Chr., Corbin, Shealy, Williams, Hembree, Sheheen, McElveen)

S.0687 – Mobile Veterinary Practice Facilities (McElveen)

2:00 Study Committee of Motorcycle Usage and Safety – Gressette 207

(Representative Jeff Johnson, Mr. Ralph Bell, Captain G.S. Owens, Mr Brett Harrelson,

Mr. Reb Richardson, Mr. Dennis Welborn, Mr. Vernon Hester)

Legislative Request:

Mike Shealy reached out to see if the Governor would like to come speak at the panel's first flood relief meeting.

EVENT: Special Senate Committee Regarding Flood Relief Efforts in South Carolina

TIME: 10:00AM

WHERE: Gressette Room 105
DATE: Wednesday, October 28

Members

Senator Hugh Leatherman, President Pro Tempore
Senator Harvey Peeler, Senate Majority Leader
Senator Nikki Setzler, Senate Minority Leader
Senator Darrell Jackson
Senator Larry Grooms
Senator Ronnie Cromer
Senator Thomas McElveen
Senator Ronnie Sabb
Senator Katrina Shealy

Agenda:

Governor Haley (*if she would like to speak*)
Adjutant General
SCEMD
DOT
DHEC
SLED

Beverly with W&Ms called with the same invite – *still gathering info about the meeting (date: Nov 5th).*

LEGAL:

In the Abbeville case, our reply to Plaintiff's response is due Friday, but the Senate, House, State and our office got on the same page early so will be filed today. Our reply is very simple and reiterates our arguments in the motion.

In the DSS class action case, Plaintiffs and Defendants will meet with Judge Duffy tomorrow and Wednesday for a two-day mediation.

DOT:

- State road closures are down from a peak of 541 (Oct. 5) to 125 (Oct. 26), a 77 percent decrease.
- 21 highway/bridge contractors have been engaged to assist with 62 different "emergency/spot repairs" in 13 counties.
- 35 debris collection trucks and trailers are operating.
- Debris collected to date: approx. 777 loads (38,549 cubic yards)

- SCDOT Call Center is operating 6 am—7 pm daily. There have been over 3.5 million visits to the SCDOT Road Conditions webpage during this event.
- All Interstate highways are open.
- 11 primary routes remain closed statewide.
- The majority of the current closures are on the state's Secondary System

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

The next meeting of the Proviso 117.127 – Comprehensive Workforce Development Coordination Initiative Committee will be held at the SC Technical College System on **November 9, 2015 at 9:00 AM in the Board Room**. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the interviews, survey results and next steps toward the final report.