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**Subject:** Williamsburg Hometown Chamber Reception (honoring Lt. Gov. McGill)  
**Location:** Santee Electric Cooperative Conference Center, 424 Sumter Highway, Kingstree, S.C.  
**When:** 8/14/2014 7:30:00 PM - 8:30:00 PM

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**APPROVED BY:** NRH on 7/21

**EVENT:** Williamsburg Hometown Chamber Reception (honoring Lt. Gov. McGill)

**DATE:** Thursday, August 14, 2014

**TIME:** 7:30 PM

**LOCATION:** Santee Electric Cooperative Conference Center, 424 Sumter Highway, Kingstree, S.C.

**LOCATION SET-UP:** The large conference room will be set up with the food table towards the back with a number of small tables available for seating. The front of the room near the podium will have chairs set up theater style for seating during the actual program. Reception is planned for drop in style event, but plans are for largest number to be at 7:30 for the program.

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**PURPOSE:** Gov. Haley will attend the Williamsburg Hometown Chamber Reception honoring Lt. Gov. Yancey McGill. Governor Haley will provide brief remarks about the Lt. Governor.

**PRESS:** Yes. Public Schedule.

**PUBLIC:** No. The event is for Williamsburg Hometown Chamber members and invited guest only. Invited guest include selected Senators and representatives, McGill family members, and elected county officials. Complimentary chamber tickets are limited as we have to limited the total number of guest. At this point we are planning for up to 350 people.

**INVITED BY:** Leslee D. Spivey, Williamsburg Hometown Chamber

**INTRODUCED BY:** Debbie Ipock, Williamsburg Hometown Chamber, President of the Chamber

**LENGTH OF SPEAKING:** Brief remarks around 5-8 minutes. There is no limit on the Governor or Lt. Governor's length of speaking. For everyone else there is a 3 minute limit.

**SPEAKING ORDER/LINE-BY-LINE:**

7:30-7:35 PM	Presiding	Debbie Ipock, Williamsburg Hometown Chamber, President of the Chamber
7:35-7:38 PM	Invocation	Rev. Franklin Fulmore, Sr., Williamsburg County Council
7:38-7:41 PM	Welcome	Floyd Keels, Santee Electric Cooperative
7:41-7:43 PM	Intro. Gov. Haley	Debbie Ipock, Williamsburg Hometown Chamber, President of the Chamber
7:43-7:47 PM	Remarks	Gov. Nikki Haley, Governor of South Carolina
7:47-7:51 PM	Remarks	William E. Jenkinson, III, Williamsburg Historical Society
7:51-7:55 PM	Remarks	Jolie Brown, Clemson Extension
7:55-7:59 PM	Remarks	The Honorable John Land, Former Senator
7:59-8:03 PM	Remarks	The Honorable Hugh Leatherman, South Carolina District 31
8:03-8:07 PM	Remarks	The Felician Sisters (3 Catholic Nuns)
8:07-8:20 PM	Remarks	Lieutenant Governor John Yancey McGill
8:20-8:25 PM	Remarks	Rev. David Ruth, Williamsburg Presbyterian Church

**NOTABLE ATTENDEES:** (Confirmed as of 8/11)

John Land,  
Hugh Leatherman  
Thomas McElveen  
Margaret Spaulding from Tim Scott's Office  
Stanley Pasley, County Supervisor  
Marie Waller from the Lt. Gov's office

**BACKGROUND:**

We had hoped that the Governor would give remarks and are happy she is willing to do so. During a planning meeting the committee discussed if the Governor attended we would have her speak following the invocation and welcome. I can send you a program when its finalized if that would help with your planning.

**BACKGROUND:** Gov. Haley will address the Williamsburg Hometown Chamber Reception Honoring Lt. Governor Yancey McGill.

- Lt. Governor's family includes his wife Pam (married in 1974), and 3 children – Lisa, John, and Maggie.
- Real estate broker and residential homebuilder
- Public service includes: Kingstree Town Council (1976-1979); Mayor of Kingstree (1984-1988); SC Senate (1989-2014); Lt. Governor (June 18, 2014 – current)

**SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS:**

## **Lt. Governor McGill**

- I was honored to be invited to speak tonight at this reception honoring Lt. Governor McGill.
- A loving husband, father of 3, and successful real estate broker and residential homebuilder, Yancey McGill has been a dedicated public servant for nearly 40 years.
- Shortly after marrying the love of his life, Pam, Lt. Governor McGill's began his public service when he was elected to town council in Kingstree, and then, in 1984, became Mayor.
- For the last 25 years, Yancey McGill served the people of Williamsburg County with honor and distinction in the South Carolina Senate. Now he's serving the entire state with that same honor and distinction as Lt. Governor.
- At the Statehouse there's always plenty to disagree about, and sometimes those debates turn nasty and personal, but over the years I've found Lt. Gov. McGill to be respectful, courteous and polite, even when we differed on issues.
- That's sometimes a rare commodity at the Statehouse. But it's something we've come to expect out of Lt. Governor McGill; he's a statesman in every sense of the word.
- When the state faced a constitutional crisis in June of this year, it was Yancey McGill who put his name forward to serve the people of South Carolina as Lt. Governor.
- It is clear that Yancey McGill cares deeply about the people of Williamsburg County and the state as a whole. South Carolina is better off because of his service to our citizens.
- I'm proud to have served with Lt. Governor McGill and I'm proud to call him my friend.

## **Miscellaneous Haley Administration Highlights**

- On January 27 of this year, I signed the Government Restructuring Act of 2014 (S.22). It is the most comprehensive government restructuring in over 20 years - streamlining government processes by abolishing the outdated, five-member Budget & Control Board and creating the Department of Administration, which is responsible for executive and administrative functions.
- On February 11 of this year, I signed S.308, The Concealed Carry Reform Bill. This is just another example of how my administration is dedicated to upholding citizens' 2nd amendment rights here in South Carolina. The bill allows for responsible South Carolinians to carry their firearms into restaurants that serve alcohol, but doesn't allow them to consume alcohol. The bill also allows owners of these establishments to ban individuals from carrying firearms.
- South Carolina's Department of Social Services implemented a welfare-to-work program that has found jobs for over 20,000 welfare recipients (20,217) with 97.1 percent not returning to welfare at least three months following exit and more than 80 percent not returning for at least two years.
- In 2012, we spearheaded a tax reform effort for individuals and businesses and the General Assembly passed a small business income tax reform package that will decrease income taxes for three consecutive years. When the package is in full effect in tax year 2014, the cumulative tax relief to small businesses will be \$63 million (and growing as small business income grows).
- In June 2011, I signed a tort reform law, allowing South Carolina to recruit and expand businesses by protecting them from frivolous lawsuits.
- We have focused on job training and putting workforce ready communities in every county (with Clarendon County becoming SC's 1<sup>st</sup>, McCormick County becoming the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Colleton County the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and recently Saluda County was named the 4<sup>th</sup> in the state).

- We have one of the lowest unionization rates in the country. (3.7%, tied for the 3rd lowest state in the country)
- We made transparency in government a major priority of my administration, including fighting for and signing into law the state's first roll call voting bill.
- We established the South Carolina Commission on Ethics Reform by Executive Order in 2012 to recommend changes that would expand, strengthen, and clarify the state's Ethics Act, which has not been updated in over twenty years. A bill that includes many of the recommendations regarding income disclosures, oversight, and conflicts of recently stalled in the South Carolina Senate, but remains a top legislative priority of my administration.
- By Executive Order, I established a Regulatory Review Task Force in February of 2013, which studied thousands of regulations promulgated by 22 state agencies to determine how the regulatory environment in SC can be streamlined to help small businesses succeed. The goal is to reduce government involvement in business and professional activities that stifle entrepreneurship, small business creation, and economic growth.
- Transportation spending authority has been a priority throughout my administration, which is why I signed into law a \$1 billion infrastructure bill without raising taxes in June of 2013 – the largest investment in roads and bridges in 25 years.
- In 2012, I signed a Charter School Bill that enhances the state's existing charter system by allowing public or independent institutions of higher learning to sponsor a charter school, permitting applicants to seek to form a single gender charter school, and enabling charter school students to participate in extracurricular activities.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Williamsburg County:** 248 jobs announced; \$31.6 million capital investment announced

Date	Company Name	Objective Product or Service	Announced Investment	Announced Jobs
2013-12-20	Valley Forge Flag Company, Inc.	Expansion Flags	\$2,500,000	100
2013-10-18	WasteZero, Inc.	Trash bags made of recycled PET	\$3,100,000	27
2013-10-03	Palmetto Synthetics, LLC	Specialty thermoplastic fibers	\$1,100,000	20
2012-12-12	Agru America, Inc. - Williamsburg	Expansion Liners	\$19,900,000	77
2012-03-01	GSE Lining Technology	Expansion Landfill liner material	\$5,000,000	24

**Between January 2011 and June 2014, the unemployment rate in Williamsburg County has decreased by 7.3 percentage points from 14.5 percent to 7.2 percent. There are now 977 more people employed in the county and 1,176 fewer people unemployed.**

## LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

Adoption of the Conference Report 1/21/14	3rd Reading 2/27/2014	3rd Reading 3/13/13 - Failed	Reference notes below.
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		S.22	H.3945	S.53	S. 266	H.3541
	<b>SENATE - Williamsburg County</b>	<b>DOA</b>	<b>Ethics</b>	<b>Sup. of Edu</b>	<b>ABF</b>	<b>Ad. General</b>
D	Yancey McGill	Y	Y	N		Y

Adoption of the Conference Report 1/21/14  
 Passage of the bill 4/30/13  
 H.  
 S.22 3945  
 Adopt Resolution 4/9/13  
 Adopt Resolution 3/20/13  
 H. 3518 H.3541

	<b>HOUSE - Williamsburg County</b>	<b>DOA</b>	<b>Ethics</b>	<b>Sup. of Edu</b>	<b>ABF</b>	<b>Ad. General</b>
D	Carl Anderson	Y	Y		Y	Y
D	Ronnie A. Sabb	Y	Y		N	N

**Notes:**

**ABF:** S.266 - On the Senate calendar. Gregory - has fought multiple times. Leatherman's continues to fight against. Leatherman's name is on the bill.

**Ethics:** Sen: Bright and Bryant are the 2 Senators that voted against Ethics  
 - 3rd Reading.

House: Bedingfield, Chumley, Delleney, Felder, Moss, Norman, Pitts - voted against the passage of Ethics because it was not what passed out of Judiciary.

Bannister amended on 3rd with a strike and insert of new language which did not include independent investigations.

**Sup. of Edu:** Leatherman and O'Dell voted against. Matthews voted present. Sheheen, Lourie and McElveen voted for it.