

Richland County Legislative Delegation

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Dist. 79 - Mia McLeod
Dist. 80 - Jimmy Bales

MINUTES September 5, 2014

PRESIDING: Representative Joseph Neal, Chairman

PRESENT: Senator Joel Lourie, Senator John Courson, Senator John Scott, Senator Thomas McElveen, MaryGail K. Douglas, Representative Nathan Ballentine, Representative Todd Rutherford, Representative Kirkman Finlay, Representative Leon Howard, Representative Joseph McEachern, Representative Beth Bernstein, Representative Mia McLeod, and Representative Jimmy Bales

Also Present: Delegation Staff: James C. Brown, Executive Director and Kim Janha

ABSENT: Senator Jackson, Representative James Smith (joined in briefly from France via conference call), and Representative Christopher Hart (all submitted proxies for voting purposes)

The Richland County Legislative Delegation met Friday, September 5, 2014 at 11:30 am in the Blatt Building on State House Grounds, 3M Committee Rooms 326-327. Chairman Neal called the meeting to order at 11:40am. Representative Joseph Neal welcomed everyone and gave the invocation.

Representative Bernstein requested to speak before the meeting proceeded with delegation business. She stated that she appreciated the delegation for gathering to handle this important matter. She wanted it to be noted that she would not vote for any incumbents and asked her colleagues to stand with her.

Senator Lourie agreed with Rep. Bernstein. He stated that this has been an embarrassing and frustrating issue. He stated that he meant no disrespect to the incumbents but believed that there needed to be a clean slate. He asked that the delegation allow the board to function without getting into the board's business.

Representative Ballentine thanked the delegation for getting together to handle this matter. He stated that he feels there should be a completely new board. He noted that, currently, SLED is still investigating allegations and he is sure it will show mismanagement. He asked the new board to "don't disappoint us." He also asked them to please ask questions if they have them.

Representative Howard stated that he does not believe that there should be an assassination on the character of incumbents. He expressed that institutional knowledge should not be thrown away.

Representative Finlay and Senator Courson asked if voting would be by majority. Chairman Neal noted it would be by majority, the top five.

Representative McLeod echoed her colleagues by stating she would not be voting for any incumbents. She stated that she did not feel it was an assassination of character, but a need to change the process and the players in the process.

Senator Courson also asked if write-ins and/or nominations from the floor were allowed. Chairman Neal noted that both were allowed. Senator Scott noted to add the names to the ballot.

Senator Lourie asked the Delegation to consider his nominee William (Bill) Spillane. Rep. Finlay asked for support for his nominee Robert (Rob) Tyson. Senator Courson wrote in Ken Gaines.

Delegation Business:

Appointments Committee Report:

Representative Bales provided a summary of the process for selecting the final ten candidates. There were two meetings (May 8 and 15, 2014) at which a total of 34 persons were interviewed. There were three applicants who did not show for interviews, 12 who had no noted experience, and two applicants who withdrew from the process. A total of 51 persons applied. Representative Bales commended the appointments committee for a great job on selecting the ten persons. He also noted any of the interviewed applicants would have been great candidates.

Elections and Voter Registration Commission

The delegation members completed their ballots and gave to staff to tally. The delegation used weighted voting and the results were as follows:

1. E. Peter Kennedy - 93.75%
2. Marjorie Johnson- 80.23 %
3. Jane Dreher Emerson- 58.35%
4. Sylvia Holley- 56.36%
5. Adell Adams- 47.70%
6. Elaine Dubose- 41.64%
7. Christopher Kenney- 30.95%
8. Eric Mohn- 28.68%
9. Robert Tyson- 24.24%
10. William Spillane- 18.11%
11. Ken Gaines- 10.02%
12. Joanne Johnson and Pamela Sumter-0%

Representative Bales moved and it was seconded by Senator Lourie to recommend E. Peter Kennedy, Marjorie Johnson, Jane Dreher Emerson, Sylvia Holley and Adell Adams to the Governor for appointment to the Richland County Elections and Voter Registration Commission. **Motioned Carried.**

Other Business

The delegation discussed the need for changes at the Richland Department of Social Service Office. Senator Lourie, Representative Mia McLeod, and Rep. McEachern noted that the conditions were deplorable and something should be done.

Representative Rutherford noted that it should be clarified that these conditions are not because Richland County Council will not do anything or because they will not give DSS money. He noted that the Pardon and Parole Office is as bad as the DSS office.

Senator Lourie suggested that the delegation and newly appointed members of the Election and Voter Registration Commission meet before the November election.

Next Meeting

The delegation's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 12pm, at Midlands Tech. The location will be decided.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by motion of Senator Scott and seconded by Rep. Bales.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Kim Janha Distribution: Delegation Members

Delegation Voting Election Commission

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Candidate Name	Delegation Votes	Total (Number & Weight)
Adell Adams	Scott, Jackson (Proxy-Scott), Hart(Proxy-Scott), Bales, Neal, Rutherford, Howard, McElveen	Votes: 8 Weight (%): 13.06,13.04,4.97, 2.90, 2.71, 4.78, 4.96, 1.28 Total Weight: 47.70%
Elaine Dubose	Scott, Jackson, Hart, Bales, Neal, Howard	Votes: 6 Weight (%): 13.06,13.04,4.97, 2.90, 2.71, 4.96 Total Weight: 41.64 %
Jane Dreher Emerson	Ballentine, Bernstein, Finlay, Smith (Proxy-Lourie), Lourie, Rutherford, McEachern, McElveen, Courson, McLeod, Douglas	Votes: 11 Weight (%): 4.51, 4.88, 4.83, 4.93, 12.60, 4.78, 4.97, 1.28, 10.02, 4.97, .58 Total Weight: 58.35%
Sylvia Holley	Scott, Jackson, Hart, Bales, Neal, Rutherford, McEachern, Howard, McLeod	Votes: 9 Weight (%): 13.06,13.04, 4.97, 2.90, 2.71, 4.78, 4.97, 4.96, 4.97 Total Weight: 56.36%
Joanne Johnson		Votes: Weight (%): Total Weight: 0%
Marjorie Johnson	Scott, Jackson, Hart, Bales, Ballentine, Bernstein, Finlay, Smith, Lourie, Neal, McEachern, McElveen, McLeod, Douglas	Votes: 14 Weight (%): 13.06,13.04, 4.97, 2.90, 4.51, 4.88, 4.83,4.93, 12.60, 2.71, 4.97, 1.28, 4.97, .58 Total Weight: 80.23%

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Christopher P. Kenney	Smith, Rutherford, McEachern, McElveen, Courson, McLeod	Votes: 6 Weight (%): 4.93, 4.78, 4.97, 1.28, 10.02, 4.97 Total Weight: 30.95%
Eric Mohn	Ballentine, Bernstein, Finlay, Lourie, McElveen, Douglas	Votes: 6 Weight (%): 4.51, 4.88, 4.83, 12.60, 1.28, .58 Total Weight: 28.68%
Dr. Pamela Sumter		Votes: 0 Weight (%): 0 Total Weight: 0
Robert Tyson (Write-in Rep. Finlay)	Ballentine, Bernstein, Finlay, Courson	Votes: 4 Weight (%): 4.51, 4.88, 4.83, 10.02 Total Weight: 24.24%
William Spillane (Write-in Sen. Lourie)	Smith, Lourie, Douglas	Votes: 3 Weight (%): 4.93, 12.60, .58 Total Weight: 18.11%
Ken Gaines (Write-in Sen Courson)	Courson	Votes: 1 Weight (%): 10.02 Total Weight: 10.02%

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