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Minutes of the Joint Committee Meeting of
the House Standing Committee on Oversight and Ethics
and
the House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs

Thursday, May 21, 2015

11:00 a.m.

Room 521, House Office Building

The Presiding Chair, Representative McBroom, called the joint committee to order and turned the gavel over to the Chair of Military and Veterans Affairs.

The House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs was called to order by Representative Tom Barrett, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Barrett, Hughes, Hooker, Outman, Glenn, Rutledge, Talabi, and Faris. (8/9)**
Member absent and excused was **Representative Courser. (1/9)**
The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of April 30, 2015 as printed.

Representative Rutledge moved to adopt the minutes of April 30, 2015 as printed. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

The Chair turned the gavel over to the presiding Chair, Representative McBroom.

The Presiding Chair laid before the committee the Office of the Auditor General Performance Audit Report-Michigan Youth Challenge Academy in the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Doug A. Ringler, C.P.A., C.I.A, Auditor General for the State of Michigan, Elmer R. Hess, Jr. Assistant Auditor General, and Elden N. Lamb, Audit Division Administrator in the Office of the Auditor General, provided each member of the joint committee with copies of the Performance Audit of the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy, Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (Report Number 511-0300-14, May 2015, which is attached. Mr. Hess and Mr. Lamb gave an overview of the audit. Discussion and questions followed.

Brigadier General Michael A. Stone, Assistant Adjutant General-Installations in the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and Jefferey R. Connell, Director of Michigan Youth Challenge Academy, provided the response to the audit report and their handouts are attached. Discussion and questions followed.

Cadet Madeline West and her mother, Rachel West; Alejandro Alaviz; Shane B. Farlin, Sr., and Cameron Greer shared their experiences about their involvement with the academy.

Representative Hooker moved to excuse Representative Courser from today's committee meeting.

There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the members were excused.

There being no other business before the committee; **Representative Hughes moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 11:59 a.m.

The Chair declared the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs adjourned.

Tom Barrett, Chair
House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs

Joy Brewer, Acting Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee