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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
On
Oversight and Ethics

Thursday, March 26, 2015

10:30 a.m.

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Oversight and Ethics was called to order by Representative Ed McBroom, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives McBroom, Howrylak, Graves, Theis, Robinson, and Pagan. (6/6)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of March 19, 2015 as printed.

Representative Graves moved to adopt the minutes of March 19, 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 laid before the committee House Bill 4182.

HB 4182 (Price) Civil rights; open meetings; physical presence required for vote; clarify.

Representative Price, the bill sponsor, explained her bill to the committee members. Discussion and questions followed.

Chris Hackbarth, Director of State Affairs for the Michigan Municipal League, and Nikole Brown, Legislative Associate in State Affairs in the Michigan Municipal League, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Tom Frazier, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Townships Association, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions followed.

Don Wotruba, Deputy Director for the Michigan Association of School Boards, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions followed.

Erin Schor, Legislative Director for the Michigan Community College Association, submitted a testimony card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak.

The Chair asked committee members to comment on the legislation.

The Chair laid before the committee the Performance Audit of the Office of the Rail.

Mr. James S. Casha testified on the audit report.

Representative Graves moved to refer the Performance Audit of the Office of Rail, Michigan Department of Transportation to the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations with recommendation the Committee on Appropriations refer it to the Subcommittee on Transportation.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives McBroom, Howrylak, Graves, Theis, Robinson, and Pagan.
(6/6)

Nays: None. (0)

The performance audit report was referred.

Representative Graves moved to refer the Performance Audit of the Monitoring of Warranties and Road and Bridge Construction Projects, Michigan Department of Transportation to the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations with recommendation the Committee on Appropriations refer it to the Subcommittee on Transportation.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives McBroom, Howrylak, Graves, Theis, Robinson, and Pagan.
(6/6)

Nays: None. (0)

The performance audit report was referred.

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 11:24 a.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

Ed McBroom, Chair
House Standing Committee on Oversight and Ethics

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee