



MINUTES
Spartanburg County
Legislative Delegation
Monday, February 1, 2010
5:30 p.m.

A public meeting of the Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation was held on Monday, February 1, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the Spartanburg County Council Chambers of the Spartanburg County Administrative Office Building, 366 North Church Street, Spartanburg, SC. The following members were present or absent as indicated:

Senator Glenn Reese – Present
Senator Lee Bright – Present
Senator Shane Martin – Present
Senator Harvey Peeler – Present
Representative Harold Mitchell – Present
Representative J. Derham Cole, Jr. – Present
Representative Lanny Littlejohn – Present
Representative Mike Forrester – Present
Representative Keith Kelly – Present
Representative Rita Allison – Present
Representative Steve Parker – Present
Representative Joey Millwood – Present
Representative Mike Anthony – Present

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notices of this meeting were mailed in advance to the local news media and other interested parties.

The meeting was called to order by Representative Lanny Littlejohn.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation was rendered and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Mike Anthony.

A position became available on the state Aeronautics Commission that former state representative Bob Walker is well qualified for as he is a former fighter pilot who has trained men that served in the Air Force while in Vietnam. Representative Littlejohn administered the Oath of Office to fill the unexpired two year term.

Representative Littlejohn's tenure as delegation chairman has come to an end; therefore he turned

the chairmanship over to Senator Shane Martin. There were no other nominations for chairman. The motion carried.

Representative Littlejohn moved to nominate Representative Keith Kelly as vice chairman. Representative Allison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

1. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED NOVEMBER 9, 2009, MEETING MINUTES

Representative Mike Anthony moved to approve the November 9, 2009 meeting minutes as printed and mailed. Representative Forrester seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. MR. GERALD CHARLES, CITIZEN – SOME IDEAS AND INFORMATION ON SEPTIC TANKS

Mr. Charles has designed a septic tank system that would improve the flow of water with less chance of sewer gas coming back in residential and commercial buildings. His design would help make people aware of trash item going into the sewer system instead of a trash container. Items such as needles, sanitary products, plastics, etc stop pumps from running, creating problems as these types of products do not dissolve, causing septic/sewer problems for municipalities as well as residential property owners. Tanks that are already operating safely can have the application installed, inspected and checked for water flow which would save the city and residential customers money.

3. DR. KARRY GUILLORY, SC DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE – BRIEF AND INTRODUCTION

Dr. Guillory introduced the new Spartanburg County Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice, Ms. Jennifer Clark. Ms. Clark started in her new position on December 16th. Prior to coming to Spartanburg, Ms. Clark was the County Director in Laurens County for about three years. Having 46 county directors across the state, Jennifer is one of the top ten in the state.

The federal government tells the South Carolina Juvenile Justice (SCDJJ) system is probably one of the top five systems in the country. Other systems in the country want to emulate what is being done in South Carolina.

In the last seven years, in working with law enforcement and other agencies, the SCDJJ has reduced the number of referrals by 20% in terms of saving tax payers dollars. SCDJJ has adopted a balance to partner with entities to provide services on an ongoing basis. DJJ has put intensive supervision officers in place which has reduced the real serious gang types of offense. About 9% of the kids received for incarnation placement evaluation have at least one diagnosable mental health disorder. Kids are not diagnosed, not on medication and have some real social issues – emotional at every level. This is the number one referral across the state and the same in Spartanburg County with about 3,000. Of those 3,000 over 75% of the kids have a learning disability. DJJ is dealing with kids in a different way. That sixteen year old that broke into your car is no longer the case – those kids are on psychotropic medicines. They don't take their medicines and before you know it they don't remember when they had some kind of violation. DJJ is trying to do a better job of adapting the way these kids are served in the least prescriptive environment.

Seventy percent of young adults between the ages of seventeen and twenty-one are unfit to serve in the military for three reasons: number one because of obesity; lack of a high school diploma; and number three they have a criminal background. These are the same issues that DJJ is dealing with. DJJ has about thirty teen after school centers across the state that are privately and publicly funded. DJJ is able to serve those kids in a very positive way while finding some real meaningful results. But with the 20% cuts, DJJ will probably have to cut the program. Privately funded, DJJ started an eleemosynary organization, the only one of its kind in the country - Friends of Juvenile Justice. DJJ has raised several millions of dollars that has provided programs through collaboration of public and private partnerships. DJJ is developing the program to leverage state taxpayer dollars.

DJJ is the only statewide system in the country that provides a report card to taxpayers on an annual basis. The only difference from the ones received last year is probably in the area of volunteers. There are more volunteers than staff – the first time ever in this agency.

DJJ is mandated to provide job training for kids from twelve through seventeen years. Two years ago, DJJ had almost 1,000 kids in job training programs. Last year, due to the budget cuts, there were 34.

DJJ is in the process of looking at Wilderness camps, different facilities and staff to offset the 20% budget cuts. The cut will impact public safety.

In Spartanburg County, nothing has changed much except for one area which is the number of status offense cases. There has been a 130% increase in the number of referrals. Status offenses include those such as truancies, runaways, incorrigibles, who are eighteen years of age and would not be any kind of problem.

4. GEOFF HAAS, SPARTANBURG CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN – EFFECTS OF PENDING LEGISLATION REGARDING CHARTER SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION STATEWIDE

Although Mr. Haas is a chemist by training, a doctor in inorganic chemistry and currently serves in a business development role at Milliken & Company, he is not a lifelong educator, and doesn't understand the political realm, but wants to emphasize one point. Mr. Haas believes that Charter schools fill a gap for students and parents in this state and believes that public schools like the Spartanburg Charter School will become a critical element for the future of education in our state. Setting up the Spartanburg Charter School to fail from a lack of equitable funding is in no ones best interest, especially with the nearly 300 students that is enrolled in the school next year.

In 2006, a band of visionaries called the 'Planning Committee' began work which has resulted in a change of the basis of competition in the educational environmental in Spartanburg County. The Spartanburg Charter School opened on August 12, and held its official ribbon cutting ceremony on October 16. It is the only brick and mortar, state, public elementary school in the state. There are approximately 240 students and are looking at enrolling 300 next year. A reduced lunch was created for nearly 100 students. The school is comprised of 7 Asian, 87 African Americans, 7 Hispanics, and 137 white students – a very diverse population. Mr. Haas is happy to announce that the school is alive and viable in its first five months of existence. Mr. Haas is asking the delegation members to think about his challenge. Setting up the Spartanburg Charter School to fail from a lack of equitable funding is in no ones best interest - Especially the nearly 300 students that will attend the school next year.

From Mr. Haas' perspective, the School is doing more than its fair share to survive in these difficult financial times. The school, Dr. Chuck White, staff, parents, community volunteers, and most importantly

the students has rallied around the school since day one.

In 2008, the development team raised \$120,000 from the community to outfit the first floor. Then an additional \$120,000 was raised to put the entire building's sprinkling system in place.

Mr. Haas is excited about the fact that parents have pledged to volunteer at least one hour of work each week in the school. Some parents volunteered over ten hours of work each week at the school. The brand new playground was funded through parent volunteer grant writings. It was built through sweat equity during a one day community build.

When the state budget cuts decimated the free and reduced lunch programs the parents quickly coordinated a fund raiser effort to raise \$200 per child. No child will go without lunch this year.

The development team is in the process of raising an additional \$120,000 from family, parents, and community to outfit the second floor.

Mr. Haas challenged the delegation members to find another public school in the state of South Carolina that is putting as much of its own money, nearly \$500,000 raised, to get the school up and running.

Mr. Haas is challenging the delegation members to think about his one point for tonight. Setting up the Charter School up to fail doesn't make sense. The School will have to get equitable funding for next year, especially for the nearly 300 students that will attend.

Over the past five months the School has lived up to the mission statement of the charter, and has continued to deliver across all aspects of the charter. Student outcomes are monitored weekly. Of the first round of math test, completed in December, scores were significantly improved in almost every classroom across the school from August to December. Parents are overwhelming satisfied and it is evidenced through their commitment to the school. Parents rally up friends and neighbors to the school to register new students daily because they are so satisfied with the results they are seeing. Enrollment is projected to be up next year from 250 students to approximately 300. Mr. Haas believes it would be higher if the school had a facility big enough to hold all these students. The teachers love the school, they are passionate of the mission, and they have rallied around despite being paid significantly less than their counterparts in other Spartanburg districts, despite going without retirement benefits, and they have recently taken a 10% pay cut and did not complain once. The board has performed near miracles and the school can now stand here and say that despite the unprecedented cuts year to date, the school will remain financially viable through this year. The School is more than meeting each of the requirements in the charter. Mr. Haas' main point – Setting up the Spartanburg Charter School to fail for the lack of equitable funding is in no ones best interest, especially the 300 students.

Mr. Haas has recently been informed of changes to House Bill 4243 that states that money will follow the child. Most importantly, Mr. Haas asked the delegation not to set the School up for failure. The School cannot survive on 1.0 base student cost next year. Twenty three hundred hours per child in a public school is not acceptable. The School cannot open its doors next year, especially when neighbors are getting \$7,000 per child. The School is not asking for an absorbent amount, but is asking for as much as the other schools get. Keep in mind that over the next three months, The School is going to hire four to six new teachers, invest greater than \$120,000 of the community and families' money in building the second floor, and place an offer for a head of the school position. The School will find a way to have complete funds for next year as these 300 kids are counting on us.

5. MARY DEKU, LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY – GOODBYE MINIMALLY ADEQUATE EDUCATION

The League of Women Voters is not just for women, men are also members. The League celebrated their 90th birthday on February 14th. The League wants the Delegation to enthusiastically support the proposal to change the State constitution so that the State Supreme Court can no longer rule that our constitution requires the state to provide a minimally adequate public school education. To support the request, a petition is available for one million signatures to be secured by 2010. Currently 2,000 signatures have been collected. Even children six years of age and older are permitted to sign the petition.

There are three reasons why it is vitally important for the South Carolina state legislature to support this constitutional change. 1) The current financial crisis has demonstrated that South Carolina is hurting because of higher than average unemployment and that Spartanburg County is especially suffering because it unfortunately is above the state average in percentage of adults who failed to graduate from high school and the number who failed to begin post-secondary education. 2) Recruiting new businesses to South Carolina is vitally important to our tax revenue and the health of the economy. Modern businesses want a well-educated labor force that will be able to begin work without expensive training programs, and upgrade to new job demands because they have the educational background to be flexible and fast-learning employees. 3) American workers are losing the world-wide competition for having the best-trained workers to other countries that have put a higher priority on education than South Carolina has. South Carolina's past prosperity came when the state led the world in producing a well-educated work force. We need to regain that prosperity.

The League is sending the 2,000 Spartanburg County valid signatures to the Goodbye Minimally Adequate statewide organization in Columbia.

6. MR. ROY CHAMLEE, MICHELIN – BUSINESS UPDATE FROM MICHELIN

Michelin operates a plant in the middle of Spartanburg with 965 employees where major truck and military tires are made to be distributed all over the country.

Michelin is about 120 years old and the business has done very well even during 2009. Michelin started in a small town in the central part of France. As of today there are 67 plants around the world producing about 177 million tires every year all over the world. Local sales in 2008 were about \$16 billion Euros. Employees at Michelin's eight plants around the state come from every county in the state except for about three. The North American headquarters and the North American research and development center is located in Greenville. Over the last twenty years, Michelin has spent more than two billion dollars in South Carolina researching how to make better tires. When you see tires in advertisements, Michelin tires do better than others in saving fuels and greenhouse gases, etc. At times it is thought that if Michelin is a high quality company that spends billions of dollars designing the rubber, all aspects of making the best tire is possible. In South Carolina there are nearly 8,000 employees. Since 1990 Michelin has budgeted more than \$2.6 Billion in capital dollars in South Carolina and in 2007 announced another \$350M investment in the state. Part of that money goes to Michelin's earthmover plant in Lexington where the largest tires in the world are made. As of last week, Mr. Chamlee was surprised to find out that about 84% of the tires that are built in Lexington are exported anywhere from Australia to Canada, Europe and Asia. There are about 2,500 Michelin retirees in the state. Michelin purchases more than \$490M every year from South Carolina suppliers. Wages and salaries in South Carolina exceed \$500M every year.

In addition to salaries, annual fringe benefits distributed in South Carolina to employees is over \$190M. State and local withholding taxes exceed \$26M and another \$15M in direct taxes is paid in South Carolina to include property taxes, etc. In 2008, Michelin retirees were paid over \$80M in retirement benefits and medical care. Added up that is about \$1.4 billion every year in South Carolina by Michelin

North America.

In 1978 the Spartanburg plant, opened with about 1.2M square feet under roof, is currently accepting applications for a few positions. During the last year, employees at the plant spent or contributed more than \$95M to projects for community enhancements with more than 500 hours of volunteer time. Michelin Spartanburg partnered with Fairforest Elementary School as a part of what is called 'Michelin Challenge Educational Program.' Every plant in the United States is required to have a major education component. Michelin provides two year increment assistance to kids in terms of school supplies, etc. This plant has been providing a lot while working with not only the students but also with parents of the students in the school.

Last summer, in Greenville, a program was announced called 'Michelin Development Upstate' which has been designed for the company to assist low income loans to develop businesses. For folks who have difficulties in starting up businesses, this program allows them to come in to apply for funds in the amount of \$50,000 to \$100,000. A number of the loans have been made to several businesses in the last few days in Greenville. One of the things this program provides is mentoring in areas such as accounting and legal executive assistance. Retirees are working in this program which is beneficial to the community not just in Greenville but also the Upstate.

Michelin has a series of corporate values: Respect for its customers; Respect for people; Respect for shareholders; Respect for the environment; Respect for facts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. REPRESENTATIVE ALLISON – SPARTANBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Area Councils have been having advance meetings throughout the county. On Monday, November 2, 2009, all the Chambers in the Upstate had a 'Water Education Summit' which was held at BMW, and sponsored by Duke Energy. The summit was held to not only educate the Delegations from the Upstate, but also anyone that was interested in the water situation as to how it has been, where it is today and what it will look like for the future. The number one natural resource in jeopardy today is water. Over 155 people attended the very successful meeting.

The Chambers and the Upstate Caucus has come together to be a very vocal board on issues that not only affect the Upstate, but also affect the entire state.

8. REPRESENTATIVE KELLY – COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

In the interest of time, there is a 16 page typed written CTC report that has been included in the binder.

9. REPRESENTATIVE FORRESTER – COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT (COG)

Back in 2008, the EPA moved the standard for ozone quality from .08 parts per million ground level ozone to .075. Five of the six counties are not meeting that standard today, and yet the EPA has dropped the

.075 level to .06. This will be a major concern when road construction and economic development funding ceases. This could be a major concern to place on your radar screen.

COG passed a resolution opposing House Bill 3272 which is the point of sale.

10. REPRESENTATIVE LITTLEJOHN – SPATS

SPATS meets next week. Representative Littlejohn will mail delegation members an updated summary report.

11. REPRESENTATIVE MILLWOOD – CHILDREN’S SHELTER OF THE UPSTATE

The CEO wanted to send a reminder to delegation members with regard to the affects of the Spartanburg Children’s Shelter budget cuts for the coming year. Last year, the Children’s Shelter has seen 282 children of which 248 were from Spartanburg. The reasons for bringing these children to the Children’s Shelter are physical neglect, physical abuse, and sexual abuse. Almost 19,000 meals were served and almost 69,000 miles were driven to transport these children.

12. REPRESENTATIVE ALLISON – DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Representative Allison referred to Senator Martin to give a report on the Woodruff Roebuck Water District.

Senator Martin reported the Woodruff Roebuck Water District is proposing to build a lake in the southern portion of the county. Senators McGill, Verdin and Martin are meeting with Mr. John Frampton, the director of DNR, to discuss moving forward with the project. There is an environmental impact study that needs to be completed with talk of an environmental assessment to review before moving forward.

13. REPRESENTATIVE MITCHELL – PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Alesha Cushman, grants coordinator for PARD funds in Columbia asks the delegation to approve the re-allocation of the remaining funds from the City of Greer Master Plan, in the amount of \$1900, to install park benches in two other parks in the City of Greer. The weighted vote of signatures is required to be submitted to Columbia before Greer can move forward on the project.

14. REPRESENTATIVE PARKER – POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Representative Parker reported that if the County Administrative Office building were to be closed during inclement weather, and the Spartanburg County Delegation meeting were scheduled for the same day and time, then the Delegation meeting would be moved to the next Monday that did not interfere with the

schedule of the County Council meetings.

Senator Martin moved to approve moving a delegation meeting during inclement weather if the Spartanburg County Administrative Office building was closed to the next Monday that did not interfere with the schedule of the County Council meetings. The motion was seconded and carried. This new policy will be posted in the Policy and Procedures manual.

15. SENATOR MARTIN – UPSTATE CAUCUS

Representative Allison previously covered the majority of the report for the Upstate Caucus.

APPOINTMENTS

Signatories combined weight factor must be greater than 50% for endorsement of nominated applicants.

16. ARKWRIGHT FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION

Terms of E. R. Thomas, Philip “Greg” Turner, Charles Nichols, and Mary Lynn Melton.
Applications received: None

There were no applications received, therefore, Senator Martin moved to carry this appointment over by acclamation.

17. SPARTANBURG AREA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Terms of Kathleen Baechle, Jeanie S. Montgomery, George Wideman, Hal Warlick, John Brady, and Robert Hendrix. Applications received: John L. Brady, Hal G. Warlick, Jr., Jennie Montgomery, Robert Kyle Hendrix and from Cherokee County: Joy Radcliff

Representative Littlejohn moved to re-appoint John Brady, Hal Warlick, Jennie Montgomery and Robert Hendrix from Spartanburg County. Senator Reese seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Peeler moved to nominate Joy Radcliff for the Cherokee County seat. The motion was seconded and carried.

18. INMAN CAMPOBELLO WATER DISTRICT COMMISSION

Term of John D. Edmonson, Sr. Applications received: Jeffery Clyde Bailey, Claude D. Waldrop and John D. Edmonson, Sr.

Senator Glenn Reese moved to nominate Mr. John Edmonson. Representative Parker seconded the

motion. There were no other nominations. The motion carried by acclamation.

19. SPARTANBURG COUNTY COMMISSION FOR TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Resignation of James L. Hailstock (District 7). Application received: Anthony D. (Tony) Bell.

Senator Bright moved to carry this appointment over until the next meeting. Senator Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Parker moved to reconsider the Spartanburg County Commission for Technical and Community Education appointment. Representative Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Mitchell moved to nominate Mr. Anthony (Tony) Bell. Representative Anthony seconded the motion. A majority voted in favor of the motion with Senator Bright and Representative Millwood voting in the opposition. The motion carried.

20. MAYO FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION

Term of Leland Vance Roach. Application received: Leland Roach

Representative Cole moved to nominate Leland Roach. Senator Reese seconded the motion. The motion carried.

21. FIRST STEPS

Term of Kay Phillips. Applications received: Kay P. Phillips, and Brantlee Dillard Fulmer

Representative Forrester moved to nominate Kay Phillips. Representative Parker seconded the motion.

Senator Bright moved to nominate Brantlee Fulmer. Representative Millwood seconded the motion. Votes were taken with Kay Phillips receiving 37.172% and Brantlee Fulmer receiving 62.828%.

Senator Martin asked for a unanimous consent for Kay Phillips' application be carried over for consideration of a future appointment.

22. CHILDREN'S FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD 7A and 7C

Terms of Carolyn Dawkins from Board A. and Resignation of William Bond from Board C. Applications received: Sherrie S. Smith, Board 7C and Anna J. Jenkins, Board 7A.

Representative Millwood moved to nominate Anna Jenkins to serve on Board 7A by acclamation and carry over the appointment for Board 7C. Senator Bright seconded the motion. The motion carried.

23. LIBERTY-CHESNEE-FINGERVILLE WATER COMMISSION

Term of Nancy Ogle. Application received: Nancy Ogle

Representative Millwood moved to nominate Nancy Ogle. Senator Reese seconded the nomination by acclamation. The motion carried.

24. HOLLY SPRINGS FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION

Unexpired term of Clara Edwards. Applications received: Kelly Camp Waters, Vickie Finley, and Matthew Henderson, and William D. Baddorf.

Representative Allison moved to nominate Matthew Henderson. Representative Parker seconded the motion.

Senator Bright moved to nominate Kelly Waters. Representative Millwood seconded the motion.

Representative Allison asked for clarification of a question on the application. This is *Do you understand and agree that as a board member no person with whom you are associated or a business in which you or a member of your household is a director, officer, owner, employee or compensated agent may appear, either gratuitously or for compensation, on behalf of another person before any board, agency, unit or sub-unit of the county/state?*

Discussions lead to carry the appointment over until further clarification regarding the aforementioned question.

Representative Mitchell moved to carry the appointment over in order to research and receive clarification as to whether or not it would be a conflict of interest if an applicant were appointed to serve as a commissioner along with a current commissioner who is the applicant's direct supervisor.

A vote was taken with eleven voting to carry the appointment over and two voting not to carry the appointment over. Therefore, the appointment will be carried over.

Senator Martin moved to re-consider the Holly Springs Fire Commission appointment. Representative Forrester seconded the motion.

Chairman Martin called for nomination for the Holly Springs Fire District Commission.

Representative Allison moved to nominate Matthew Henderson. Representative Parker seconded the motion.

Senator Bright moved to nominate Kelly Waters. Representative Millwood seconded the motion.

Weighted votes were recorded with Kelly Waters receiving 55.397% of the vote and Matthew Henderson receiving 37.367% of the vote. Therefore, Kelly Waters name will be forwarded to the Governor for confirmation.

25. UPSTATE REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTER ADVISORY BOARD

Terms of Pamela Health, Dr. Deryle Hope, Dr. Charles Jackson, Mr. Fred Marsh, and Mr. Craig Jacobs. Also, from Union County Mr. Roger Bailey, Mr. Joe Walker and Mr. Toney Farr. Applications received: Deryle Hope

Representative Anthony moved to nominate Mr. Toney Farr to the Union County position and carry over the two other Union County positions until the next meeting. Senator Peeler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Bright made a motion to carry all the Spartanburg appointments over until the next meeting. Representative Millwood seconded the motion. The motion carried.

26. CONVERSE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION

Term of Franklin D. Sprouse. Applications received: Franklin D. Sprouse

Representative Cole moved to nominate Franklin D. Sprouse. Senator Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

27. GLENDALE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION

Term of Joe N. Elmore. Applications received: Elby Glenn Hammett

Representative Littlejohn moved to appoint Elby Hammett. The motion was seconded by Representative Kelly. The motion carried.

28. ELECTION COMMISSION

Terms of Melba Blakely, Rosemary Byerly, and Robert Hamilton. Applications received: Rosemary Byerly, Robert Hamilton, and Melba Blakely

Senator Martin moved to nominate all three applicants by acclamation. The motion was approved.

29. VOTER REGISTRATION BOARD (SENATORS ONLY)

Terms of Dottie Broyles, Cindy Church, and F. Don Watson. Applications received: F. Don Watson, Cindy Church, Ronald Herbert Blanchard, and Dottie Broyles.

Senator Reese made a motion to nominate Dottie Broyles, Cindy Church and F. Don Watson. Senator Bright seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Mitchell requested to re-address the Spartanburg County Commission for Technical

and Community Education appointment. Representative Millwood requested to re-address the Holly Springs Fire District Commission appointment. (See items # 19 and 24 for the additional remarks.)

30. SJWD WATER DISTRICT COMMISSION

Terms of Tom Lomax and John L. Sexton. Applications received: Tom Lomax and John L. Sexton

Representative Allison moved to nominate Tom Lomax and John L. Sexton by acclamation. Representative Forrester seconded the motion. The motion carried.

31. BOILING SPRINGS FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION

Term of Leon Dan Kimbrell. Application received: Leon Dan Kimbrell

Representative Parker moved to carry the Boiling Springs Fire District Commission over to be considered at the next meeting. Senator Reese seconded the motion. The motion carried.

32. SPARTANBURG COUNTY COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Term of Dr. Harold Fleming. Application received: Mike Wood

Senator Reese moved to nominate Mike Wood by acclamation. The motion carried.

33. WESTVIEW FAIRFOREST FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION

Resignation of David Parks. Applications received: John S. Mason, Josh Scott, and Todd Gilmore

Representative Littlejohn requested to carry this appointment over until the next meeting because of the controversy with the Fire Department. The fire department is currently on the right track. Mr. Parks resigned in December. December is a bad month for notifying the public with the openings. Because of the problems of the past, Representative Littlejohn again requested to carry over the appointments.

Potentially there could be three board members to be considered at the next meeting, which would be changing the majority of the board at one meeting.

However, commissioners are permitted to serve unless and until others have been appointed and confirmed. Therefore, Representative Littlejohn moved to carry over the appointment until the next meeting. Senator Peeler seconded the motion. The motion carried. Senator Bright opposed the carry over of the appointment.

34. ROEBUCK FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION

Resignation of A. S. Bobo. Application received: Kelly G. Banks

Senator Bright moved to nominate Kelly Banks. Representative Forrester seconded the motion. The motion carried.

35. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

36. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Shane Martin, Chairman

Attested: Carol Crowe