

Legislative Policy Council

Minutes of the Meeting

October 30, 2015

Present: Mike Hill, Tom Keegan, Richard Singleton, Robert Hucks, Terrance Herriott, Krystal Dotson, Mary Henry, Raymond Rollins, Steven Neeves, Tom Maeser, Jim Eggen, Verlon Wulf, Carla Schuessler, Mike Hagg, Nora Battle, Tony Cox

Guests: Julia Chaney, Mark Kelley (KMSO)

Staff: Brad Dean, Kathy Richardson

I. WELCOME

- Mike Hill called the meeting to order. The September 16th meeting minutes were approved.

II. PRESENTATIONS

- Brad Dean discussed Federal Open Skies legislation explaining that it is an effort to restrict foreign airline carriers from flying into the U.S. from certain Middle Eastern country and could ultimately result in negative long term effects on tourism.
- Brad discussed Federal Airport Modernization legislation, which addresses modernizing airport infrastructure, enhances airline competition, expands air service, reduces air traffic congestion and privatizes the air traffic control system. The Council requested an update from Myrtle Beach International Airport officials on this legislation.
- Brad then discussed the Federal Regulatory Accountability Act of 2015. The Council voted to sign onto a letter in support of regulatory reform and also encourages Senators Graham & Scott to co-sponsor the legislation.
- Julia Chaney spoke on behalf of Capitol Hill Consulting providing an update on the federal surface transportation reauthorization. She reported the bill passed in the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee and now heads to the full House floor for consideration.
- Brad and Mark Kelly discussed the state school start date issue that is anticipated in the coming session. Mark discussed the challenges and compromises currently in play.
- The council also reviewed a proposed MBACC Infrastructure Policy Statement and voted to approve the statement which will now be brought before the full MBACC Board for consideration.

III. REPORTS

- Tom Keegan gave an update from Congressman Tom Rice's office stating several mobile stations have been set up by staff to assist constituents with flood damage.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- Mike Hill reminded all of the upcoming Legislative Luncheon on November 17th.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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