

Legislative Policy Council

Minutes of the Meeting

February 19, 2016

Present: Tony Cox, Billy McGonigal, Wes Standish, Tim Ruedy, Raymond Rollins, Stephen Greene, George Mims, Sally Howard, James Battle, Phil Vassar, Mike Hagg, Jim Eggen, Wayne Morris, Buzz Freeman, William Render, Tom Keegan

Guests: Representative Tommy Pope, Representative Greg Duckworth, Alex Bowlin

Staff: Brad Dean, Kathy Richardson

I. WELCOME

- Tony Cox called the meeting to order and welcomed all members of the Legislative Policy Council. He asked everyone to introduce themselves. The December 4, 2015 meeting minutes were approved. Tony then reviewed the LPC mission statement.

II. PRESENTATIONS

- Speaker Pro Tempore Tommy Pope spoke on the School Start Date issue and a possible compromise in the House related to a testing window timeframe. He also discussed his position on the Automatic Stay issue and his understanding of the infrastructure needs along the Grand Strand.
- Mark Kelley provided additional information on the School Start issue and reported that companion bills will be filed next week on the Automatic Stay issue which provides a tighter window for due process. This would eliminate long waiting periods for a court ruling, but still provide the ability to protect the environment. Mark also provided an update on beach renourishment funding.
- Tony Cox reviewed the 2016 Legislative Priorities and reminded all of the Legislative Reception to be held on April 13th.

III. REPORTS

- Tom Keegan reported for Congressman Tom Rice's office discussed efforts to secure funding for beach renourishment and the Georgetown Port.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- None given

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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