

JOINT PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

AUGUST 27, 2013

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The Joint Performance Review Committee met Tuesday, August 27 at 8:20 a.m. at the Department of Correction Ouachita River Unit, Malvern, Arkansas.

Committee members present were Senators Jane English, Senate Co-Chair and Jimmy Hickey; also Representatives Douglas House, Mark Lowery, and Josh Miller.

Other members present were Senator Eddie Joe Williams; also Representatives Nate Bell, Mary "Prissy" Hickerson, David Kizzia, Homer Lenderman, and Jeff Wardlaw.

Senator English called the meeting to order.

Discussion of the Status of the Petition for an Agreed Order With the Department of Community Correction

Senator English explained why the Joint Performance Review Committee needs to withdraw a Joint Petition for a Protective Order filed in the Pulaski County Circuit Court on July 22, 2013 for the release of records in the Darrell Dennis matter. With the recent appointment of Ms. Sheila Sharp as the permanent director of the Department of Community Correction and demonstration of DCC's willingness, through Ms. Sharp, to work with this Committee to improve the policies and procedures at DCC and to provide the Committee with requested information, the Co-Chairs feel it is no longer necessary to pursue this issue through a court order. There is a hearing date set on the court order for tomorrow, August 28. The JPR Committee needs to authorize Bureau staff to withdraw the Joint Petition today so that they may make the proper filings with the Circuit Court tomorrow.

Senator Hickey made the following motion: I move that the Committee grant the Joint Performance Review Committee Co-Chairs and the Bureau of Legislative Research legal staff the authority to withdraw or non-suit the Petition for Protective Order filed jointly with the Department of Community Correction in the Pulaski County Circuit Court on behalf of this Committee.

Representative House seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.