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**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE INSTITUTIONS & PROPERTY
February 17, 2016**

The Senate Committee on State Institutions & Property met on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 in the Senate Mezzanine at 3:00 p.m.

Members present:

Sen. Ed Harbison (15th), Chairman
Sen. Rick Jeffares (17th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Gail Davenport (44th)
Sen. Larry Walker (20th)

Members absent:

Sen. JaNice VanNess (43rd), Secretary

Chairman Harbison (15th) called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. He opened the meeting by welcoming guests, and introducing all new Committee members. He announced that SR 954 and SR 955 were on the agenda.

SR 954 (Sen. Rick Jeffares, 17th) Public Property; granting of nonexclusive easements for the construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads; 16 counties

Vice-Chairman Jeffares (17th) introduced the resolution, stating that it grants nonexclusive easements for the construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, and ingress and egress in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in the counties of Bartow, Bulloch, Carroll, Chatham, Columbia, Coweta, DeKalb, Emanuel, Gordon, Henry, Marion, Murray, Paulding, Sumter, Ware, and Whitfield.

Vice-Chairman Jeffares (17th) passed out a list to all of the Senators whose counties are affected. Frank Smith, with the State Properties Commission office, spoke for the bill and agreed that his office had no issues with the bill. Each Senator had been given a copy in advance.

Chairman Harbison (15th) asked Mr. Smith to introduce himself and explain his role within the State Properties Commission. Mr. Smith introduced himself and stated that his office is the real estate portfolio manager for the State.

With no further discussion, Sen. Davenport (44th) moved that the Committee recommend that SR 954 **Do Pass**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Walker (20th). The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

SR 954 DO PASS

SR 955 (Sen. Rick Jeffares, 17th) Property Conveyance; authorizing 8 counties

Vice-Chairman Jeffares (17th) explained that this legislation simply authorizes the conveyance of specific state-owned real property in the counties of Bacon; Camden; Greene; Gwinnett; McIntosh; Paulding; Spalding; and White. A list was printed and handed out to all Senators affected and there were no objections.

With no further discussion, Sen. Davenport (44th) moved that the Committee recommend that **SR 955 Do Pass**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Walker (20th). The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

SR 955 DO PASS

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Ed Harbison (15th), Chairman

/s/ Cyndi Williams, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE INSTITUTIONS & PROPERTY
February 24, 2016**

The Senate Committee on State Institutions & Property met on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 in the Senate Mezzanine at 3:00 p.m.

Members present:

Sen. Ed Harbison (15th), Chairman
Sen. Gail Davenport (44th)
Sen. Larry Walker (20th)

Members absent:

Sen. Rick Jeffares (17th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. JaNice VanNess (43rd), Secretary

Chairman Harbison (15th) called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. He opened the meeting by welcoming guests, and informed the Committee and visitors that the meeting was a hearing only.

Sen. Harbison (15th) introduced Mr. Bob Johnson and Mr. David Knight of Fuse Atlanta. Both discussed their mission and that they wish to purchase property from the State. Mr. Bob Johnson explained that with the help of the city of Atlanta and the State, they would like to transform a severely neglected part of the city into a microcosm sustainable community. Once completed, this community will serve as a prototype for visionary community leaders who want to lead by example. Fuse is an acronym for Future Urban Sustainable Environment. They are interested in purchasing a building located on the corner of Murphy and Avon Street in Atlanta.

Chairman Harbison (15th) asked Mr. Frank Smith to introduce himself and explain his role within the State Properties Commission. Frank Smith introduced himself and stated that his office is the real estate portfolio manager for the State. They are the go-to office for any real estate matters within the State. Mr. Smith spoke to the guests about what is required to purchase property/buildings.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Ed Harbison (15th), Chairman

/s/ Cyndi Williams, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE INSTITUTIONS & PROPERTY
March 10, 2016**

The Senate Committee on State Institutions & Property met on Thursday, March 10, 2016 in the Senate Mezzanine at 4:30 p.m.

Members present:

Sen. Ed Harbison (15th), Chairman
Sen. Rick Jeffares (17th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Gail Davenport (44th)
Sen. Larry Walker (20th)

Members absent:

Sen. JaNice VanNess (43rd), Secretary

Chairman Harbison (15th) called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. He opened the meeting by welcoming guests, and informed the Committee that HR1312 and HB1066 were on the agenda.

HR 1312 (Rep. Barbara Sims, 123rd) Houston County; certain property currently dedicated as a heritage preserve; authorize the change of use

Rep. Sims explained that this resolution grants an exclusive easement to Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) through 3.146 acres of a heritage preserve located in Houston County for the sole purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining traffic safety improvements related to the widening of State Route 96. GDOT will have the right to remove only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of such traffic safety improvements. The heritage preserve will remain in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the easement will expire three years after the date this resolution becomes effective.

With no further discussion, Sen. Walker (20th) moved that the Committee recommend that **HR 1312 Do Pass**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Davenport (44th). The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous. Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) will be the Senate sponsor.

HR 1312 DO PASS

NOTE: Sen. VanNess (43rd) arrived at 4:37 p.m.

HB 1066 (Rep. Alan Powell, 32nd) Penal institutions; additional duties of commissioner of corrections; authorize chief of staff to issue warrants of an offender who has escaped

Rep. Shaw Blackmon (146th) introduced the bill and spoke on behalf of the author, Rep. Alan Powell (32nd), who was not able to attend the meeting.

Rep. Blackmon (146th) explained that the bill simply allows Corrections Commissioner's Chief of Staff to issue arrest warrants for escaped prisoners. Under current law, the Commissioner of Corrections is authorized to issue arrest warrants for escaped prisoners. This legislation extends this authority to the Commissioner's Chief of Staff.

With no further discussion, Sen. Jeffares (17th) moved that the Committee recommend that **HB 1066 Do Pass**. The motion was seconded by Sen. VanNess (43rd). The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous. Sen. Jeffares (17th) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 1066 DO PASS

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. JaNice VanNess (43rd), Secretary

/s/ Cyndi Williams, Recording Secretary

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March 29, 2016

Honorable David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
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Dear Secretary Cook:

For the 2016 State Institutions & Property Committee, I am returning the following Bill:

SB437

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cyndi Williams".

Cyndi Williams
Recording Secretary
State Institutions & Property

