

OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
JOINT COMMITTEE ON AGENCY RULE REVIEW

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**March 3, 2025**

Co-Chair Callender called the meeting to order at approximately 1:30 PM.

Legal Counsel Billmaier called the roll. Present were Representatives Callender, Mathews, Brennan, and Brown Piccolantonio; as well as Senators Gavarone, Brenner, Craig, and DeMora. Representative Santucci substituted for Representative Willis and Senator Schaffer substituted for Senator Lang. Both Representative Willis and Senator Lang were excused. Legal Counsel Billmaier stated a quorum was present.

Co-Chair Callender asked Committee members to review the January 28, 2025, minutes. The minutes were approved as presented.

Interim Director Fouche read the No Change Agenda. Co-Chair Callender called for questions or comments on the No Change Agenda. There were no questions or comments from the Committee or public.

Interim Director Fouche read the Regular Agenda. Item 5 and Item 27 were moved to the review portion of Committee. Co-Chair Callender called for questions or comments on the Regular Agenda. There were no additional questions or comments from the Committee or public.

Co-Chair Callender recognized Ms. Zharon Van Meter, Co-Founder of Passion & Purpose for Ohio's Voiceless, to provide testimony on Regular Agenda Item 5: two rules filed by the Department of Agriculture related to the management of Brucella Canis. Brucella Canis is a contagious bacterial infection that can spread in dog breeding operations and kennels. The Co-Chair reminded Ms. Van Meter of the Committee's jurisdiction to review rules based only on prong violations, and that these concerns were outside that scope. The Co-Chair thanked the witness for her time. Representative Brennan also thanked Ms. Van Meter for her advocacy and encouraged her to reach out to her state representative for a legislative fix.

Co-Chair Callender recognized Mr. Allen Williams, Pastor and Founder of My Friend's Place in Unity, to provide testimony on Regular Agenda Item 27: two rules filed by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services related to mobile response and stabilization services, addressing crisis situations. The Co-Chair reminded Mr. Williams about the procedures of the Committee to focus on prong violations. The Co-Chair clarified that there has been a longstanding differentiation of classes of facilities, and origination of rules for each. The Co-Chair thanked the witness for his time. Mr. Williams asked a follow up question on what the agency was able to do in these rules, and the Co-Chair recommended these questions to the agency or possible litigation due to being outside of JCARR's jurisdiction. No additional questions or comments were offered from the Committee or public.

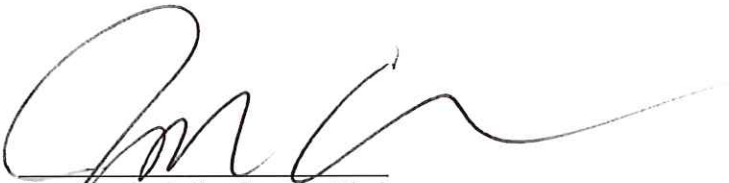
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Co-Chair Callender welcomed the Department of Education and Workforce to provide a presentation on three proposed rules related to the calculation of school report cards. These rules contain a new rated component for College, Career, Workforce, and Military Readiness to be used as a weighted performance measure for a school district's overall report card rating. The Co-Chair provided a brief update on JCARR's new statutory responsibility to hold a public hearing to either approve or disapprove the inclusion of this component, pursuant to a provision in HB 82 of the 134th General Assembly that is now ORC 3302.03. Anthony Palmer (Chief Legal Counsel) provided statutory background and Chris Woolard (Chief Integration Officer) provided context on the Department's rating method. The Co-Chair thanked the Department for their time and professionalism throughout this process. Mr. Woolard took questions from Representative Brennan and Senator DeMora.

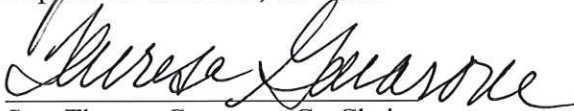
The Co-Chair reminded the public of the next JCARR meeting to be held on Monday, March 24, 2025, at 2:30 PM in the Statehouse Room 121 (William McKinley Room).

Co-Chair Callender adjourned the meeting at 2:16 PM.

You may watch the March 3, 2025 JCARR meeting at <https://ohiochannel.org/video/ohio-joint-committee-on-agency-rule-review-3-3-2025>



Rep. Jamie Callender, Co-Chair



Sen. Theresa Gavarone, Co-Chair



Greg Fouche, Interim Director