

# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Minutes of Meeting  
2012 Regular Session  
May 23, 2012

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Stephen F. Carter, chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m., in Committee Room 2, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

## II. ROLL CALL

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Stephen F. Carter, Chairman  
Representative Patrick O. Jefferson, Vice Chairman  
Representative Wesley T. Bishop  
Representative Christopher Broadwater  
Representative Henry L. Burns  
Representative Thomas Carmody  
Representative John Bel Edwards  
Representative Paul B. Hollis  
Representative Nancy Landry  
Representative Edward J. Price  
Representative Jerome Richard  
Representative John M. Schroder  
Representative Robert E. Shadoin  
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith  
Representative Jeff R. Thompson  
Representative Alfred Williams

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Simone Champagne  
Representative Cameron Henry

## III. STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Jones, Legislative Analyst  
Nancy Y. Jolly, Legislative Analyst  
Jackie Snowden, Secretary  
Angelika Washington, Clerk  
Beverly Vincent and Mattie Franklin, Sergeants at Arms

## IV. DISCUSSION

### Senate Bill No. 726 by Senator Claitor

Senate Bill No. 726 provides relative to legislative approval of the minimum foundation program formula.

Senator Claitor presented the bill to the committee.

Supporting the bill and available to provide information in support but not wishing to speak were persons whose names are included in Attachment A.

Speaking in opposition to the bill were Ms. Penny Dastugue, president, State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Claiborne Bldg., 1201 North 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Baton Rouge, LA 70806; Ms. Joan E. Hunt, executive counsel, representing the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, 1201 North 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 342-3575; and Mr. Russell Armstrong, the Governor's Education Policy Advisor, P. O. Box 94004, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 342-6160.

Also opposing the bill and available to provide information in opposition but not wishing to speak were persons whose names are included in Attachment B.

Senator Claitor closed on the legislation.

Representative Carmody moved that action on Senate Bill No. 726 be involuntarily deferred. There was no objection, and the motion that action on Senate Bill No. 726 be involuntarily deferred passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Hollis, Jefferson, Landry, Schroder, Shadoin, and Thompson voted yea, and Representatives Edwards, Price, Richard, Patricia Smith, and Alfred Williams voted nay.

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business for discussion.

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen F. Carter, Chairman  
House Committee on Education