

COMMITTEE ON HOUSE AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Minutes of Meeting 2011-2012 Interim February 23, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Tim Burns, Chairman of the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. in Committee Room 3. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Timothy G. Burns, Chairman
Michael E. Danahay, Vice Chairman
Taylor F. Barras
John A. "Johnny" Berthelot
Stuart J. Bishop
Randal L. Gaines
Girod Jackson III
Anthony V. Ligi, Jr.
Stephen E. Pugh

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jared C. Brossett
Gregory A. Miller

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

M. Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, Legislative Analyst
Mark Mahaffey, Attorney
Shawn O'Brien, Secretary
Danny Leming, Sergeant at Arms

III. DISCUSSION

The chairman called on new members and staff to introduce themselves.

Committee staff gave an overview of the subject matter jurisdiction and other pending issues before the committee.

Representative Ligi proposed a motion that rules of procedure for the committee be adopted. There was no objection to the motion, and Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Bishop, Burns, Danahay, Gaines, Ligi, and Pugh voted 8-0 in favor of the motion.

Ms. Shannon Templet, director, Department of State Civil Service, P. O. Box 94111, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-342-8272, gave an introductory presentation on the department and the agencies included therein.

Ms. Ann Wise, director of the Louisiana Division of Administrative Law (DAL) within the Department of State Civil Service, explained the function of the DAL, which provides hearings on disputes between state agencies and private parties.

Ms. Kathleen Allen, ethics administrator, Board of Ethics, 617 N. Third Street, 10th Floor, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, briefed the committee on the function of the board in administering the Code of Governmental Ethics, campaign finance laws, and lobbying disclosure laws, as well as ethics training for all state employees and financial disclosure by elected officials.

The Honorable Tom Schedler, secretary of state; Ms. Angie Rogers, commissioner of elections; and Mr. Kyle Ardoin, first assistant to the secretary, P. O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 225-342-4479, introduced themselves to the committee.

Ms. Rogers presented recommendations of the State Board of Election Supervisors and miscellaneous suggestions of noncontroversial amendments to the Election Code to be included in the annual omnibus election code bill which will be prefiled with the chairman as author.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to come before the committee.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy G. Burns, Chairman
Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

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Adopted: _____