

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL, PAROCHIAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Minutes of Meeting
2012-2013 Interim
October 11, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Girod Jackson III, chairman of the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs, called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. in House Committee Room 6 of the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Girod Jackson III,
Chairman
Representative Robert E. Billiot,
Vice Chairman
Representative Regina Ashford Barrow
Representative John A. Berthelot
Representative Roy Burrell
Representative Michael E. Danahay
Representative Kenneth E. Havard
Representative Stephen J. Ortego
Representative Stephen E. Pugh
Representative Thomas P. Willmott

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Austin Badon
Representative Taylor F. Barras
Representative Wesley T. Bishop
Representative Jared Brossett
Representative Terry R. Brown
Representative Dalton Honoré
Representative Barbara M. Norton

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tina Righteous, Committee Attorney
Valarie Banks, Committee Secretary
E. Anne Dunn, Director
David Gauthier, Legislative Analyst
Susan Broussard, Sergeant at Arms
Danny Leming, Sergeant at Arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 269 of the 2011 Regular Session by Senators Riser and Thompson: To receive an update regarding the programs, powers, duties, responsibilities, and functions transferred to the Louisiana Housing Corporation pursuant to SB 269 of the 2011 Regular Session.

Mr. Don Hutchinson, interim executive director of the Louisiana Housing Corporation, 2415 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 763-8700, presented information to the committee by discussing a PowerPoint presentation entitled, "Louisiana Housing Corporation: Statewide Housing for a Better Louisiana" (Exhibit A). The presentation was distributed electronically to members after the meeting.

Accompanying Mr. Hutchinson to answer questions from members were Mr. E. Keith Cunningham of the Louisiana Housing Corporation, 2415 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 763-8700; and Mr. Bradley Sweazy, representing the Louisiana Housing Corporation, 2415 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 333-2346.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda Item: To receive a report from the Office of Community Development on the status of federal disaster funding for recovery efforts relative to hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav, Ike, and Isaac, and to receive an update on housing programs not transferred to the Louisiana Housing Corporation.

Mr. Pat Forbes, representing the Office of Community Development, 150 Third Street, Suite 200, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 219-9600, presented information in a handout distributed to members entitled, "Division of Administration Office of Community Development: Louisiana Disaster Recovery Unit" (Exhibit B).

Agenda Item: To receive a report from the Louisiana Workforce Development Commission relative to federal funds disbursed to Louisiana for Community Development Block Grants and Community Action Agencies.

Mr. Jay Augustine, representing the Louisiana Workforce Commission, 1001 North 23rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7837, presented information from a paper entitled, "2012 CSBG Highlights: From the LA FY 2011 Community Services Block Grant Information System Survey" (Exhibit C). Mr. Augustine referenced information that had previously been forwarded to members electronically in a document entitled, "Louisiana State Fact Sheet" (Exhibit D).

Mr. Bryan Moore, representing the Louisiana Workforce Commission, 1001 North 23rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-2699, provided information.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Girod Jackson III, Chairman

Date Approved: _____