

## House Committee on Retirement

Minutes of Meeting  
2012 Regular Session  
April 12, 2012

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Pearson, chairman of the House Committee on Retirement, called the meeting to order at 10:49 a.m. in Committee Room 1, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

### II. ROLL CALL

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative J. Kevin Pearson, Chairman  
Representative Nick Lorusso, Vice Chairman  
Representative Frank A. Hoffmann  
Representative Paul B. Hollis  
Representative Sam Jones  
Representative Anthony "Tony" V. Ligi  
Representative Jack Montoucet  
Representative Edward J. Price  
Representative Eugene "Gene" Reynolds  
Representative Alan Seabaugh  
Representative Kirk Talbot  
Representative Jeff R. Thompson

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

#### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Stephanie Little, Committee Attorney  
Ms. Malerie Cacibauda, Committee Secretary  
Ms. Beverly Vincent, Sergeant at Arms  
Ms. Mattie Franklin, Sergeant at Arms  
Mr. Danny Leming, Sergeant at Arms  
Ms. Joyce Anthony, Sergeant at Arms  
Ms. Dot Jarvis, Sergeant at Arms

### III. DISCUSSION

#### **House Bill No. 54 by Representative Pearson**

House Bill No. 54 provides relative to membership on the boards of state retirement systems.

Submitting witness cards in support were Mr. Jim Harris and Mr. Brad Lambert, representing Blueprint Louisiana, P.O. Box 52126 (remainder of address not provided), (225) 336-4143; Mr. Ryan Haynie and Mr. Randy Haynie, representing Blueprint Louisiana, P.O. Box 52129 (remainder of address not provided), (225) 336-4143, Ryan@Haynie.com; Ms. Camille Conaway, representing Blueprint Louisiana, 9331 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 769-2676; Mr. Kevin Kane, representing the Pelican Institute for Public Policy, 643 Magazine St., New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 920-4727; and Mr. Barry Erwin, CABL, P.O. Box 4308, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 344-2225.

Submitting witness cards to provide information were Ms. Kristy Nichols, representing the Governor's Office, State Capitol Bldg., (225) 342-5632; Ms. Cindy Rougeou, representing the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, 8401 United Plaza, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 922-0604; Ms. Maureen H. Westgard, representing the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, 8401 United Plaza Blvd./P.O. Box 94123, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 925-6454; Mr. Jim Napper, representing the Department of the Treasury (no address provided), cell: (225) 802-9877; and Mr. Steven Procopio, representing the Division of Administration (no address provided), (225) 342-7000.

Submitting witness cards in opposition were Ms. Ina LaBorde, representing AFSCME, P.O. Box 457, Libuse, LA 71348, cell: (318) 623-2639, labordei@bellsouth.net, and Mr. Ed Parker, AFSCME, 424 Government St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 927-2800.

Representative Pearson announced that the bill was voluntarily deferred.

#### **House Bill No. 6 by Representative Pearson**

Representative Pearson presented House Bill No. 6, which provides relative to financing the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund.

Representative Pearson presented a handout, which is attached. (Exhibit A)

Representatives Jones, Thompson, Pearson, Talbot, and Price asked questions and discussed the merits of the bill.

Speaking to provide information was Mr. Gary Curran, representing G.S. Curran & Co., Ltd., 10555 N. Glenstone Pl., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 769-4825, actuary@gscurranco.com.

Speaking in opposition were Mr. Rob Rieger, representing the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund, 450 Laurel St., Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 336-5200, cell: (225) 202-6147, robert.rieger@arlaw.com; Mr. James Laurent, Jr., representing the Assessors' Retirement Fund, 3060

Valley Creek Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 928-8886, cell: (225) 240-0074, jimmyca@att.net; Mr. Lawrence Chehardy, retired assessor, One Galleria Blvd., Metairie, LA 70001, (504) 833-5000; Mr. Samuel D. Wilkerson, representing the Louisiana Assessors' Association, P.O. Box 570, Harrisonburg, LA 71340, (318) 744-5291, cell: (318) 623-5086, catahoulapari9780@bellsouth.net; Mr. Conrad Comeaux, Lafayette Parish Assessor, P.O. Box 3225, Lafayette, LA 70502, (337) 291-7080, cell: (337) 288-4578, conradc@lafayetteassessor.com; and Ms. Stephanie Smith, representing the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund, P.O. Box 1127, Monroe, LA 71210, (318) 376-3781, cell: (318) 327-1300, stph@opassessor.com.

Submitting witness cards in opposition were Mr. Terry Baker, representing the Louisiana Assessors' Association, 1449 Tech Dr., Farmerville, LA 71241, (318) 368-3232, cell: (318) 245-2879; Mr. Charles R. Henington, Jr., Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund, 501 Texas St., Rm. 102, Shreveport, LA 71101, (318) 226-6711; Mr. Gabe Marceaux, representing the Louisiana Assessors' Association, no information provided; Mr. Brent Rutherford, representing the Beauregard Assessors' Office, P.O. Box 477, DeRidder, LA 70634, (337) 463-3945, brutherford@bpassessor.com; Mr. James A. Johnson, representing the Vernon Parish Assessors' Office, P.O. Box 1535, Leesville, LA 71496, (337) 239-2167, cell: (337) 397-5711, vpassessor@bellsouth.net; Mr. Rickey J. Huval, Sr., Iberia assessor, 300 Iberia St., New Iberia, LA 70560, (337) 369-4415; Mr. Bobby Cudd, Beauregard Assessor, P.O. Box 477, DeRidder, LA 70634; Ms. Nannette Menou, representing the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund, 3060 Valley Creek Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 928-8886, cell: (225) 252-3644, nannette@louisianaassessors.org; Ms. Pam Jones, Lincoln Parish assessor, no address provided, (318) 243-7803; Ms. Jana LeBlanc, Iberia Parish assessor, 300 Iberia St., New Iberia, LA 70560, (337) 369-4415; Mr. Marnell S. Fremin, Iberia Parish assessor, 300 Iberia St., New Iberia, LA 70560, (337) 369-4415; Mr. Emmett L. Brown III, representing Louisiana Assessors' Association, 708 Julia St., Rm. 115, Rayville, LA 71209, (318) 728-4491, cell: (318) 366-8850, lee@rpao.org; Ms. Mona Kelley, representing the Louisiana Assessors' Association, Valley Creek Rd., Baton Rouge, LA, (337) 775-5416, cpao@camtel.net; Ms. DeAnna Smith, representing the Louisiana Assessors' Association, Valley Creek Rd., Baton Rouge, LA, (318) 428-2371, cell: (318) 669-1872, WCAssessor@bellsouth.net; Mr. Lance Futch, representing the Louisiana Assessors' Association, Valley Creek Rd., Baton Rouge, LA, (318) 368-3232, lancefutch@bellsouth.net; and Ms. Becky Craig, representing the Louisiana Assessors' Association, Valley Creek Rd., Baton Rouge, LA, (318) 932-4922, rrpta@bellsouth.net; Mr. Glenn Waguespack, representing the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund, 3060 Valley Creek, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 928-8886, glenn.waguespack@stjamesla.com; Mr. Loney J. Grabert, representing Terrebonne Parish, P.O. Box 5094, Houma, LA 70361, (985) 876-6620, cell: (985) 859-4231, grabert11@bellsouth.com; Mr. Jeffrey D. Gardner, East Feliciana assessor elect, P.O. Box 263, Clinton, LA 70722, (225) 683-8945, cell: (225) 719-1099, jeff51765@yahoo.com; Mr. Emmett V. Womack, Jr., representing the Red River Parish Assessors' Office, P.O. Box 509, Coushatta, LA 71019, and the Louisiana Assessors' Association, Valley Creek Rd., Baton Rouge, LA (remainder of address not provided), (318) 932-4922, cell: (318) 471-2676, vaughn\_ta@bellsouth.net; Mr. John C. Hill, representing the Morehouse Assessors' Office, P.O. Box 1177, Bastrop, LA 71220, (318) 281-1802; Ms. Wendy Curphy Aguilard, Calcasieu Assessor, 1011 Lakeshore Dr #101, Lake Charles, LA 70601, (337) 721-3000, cell: (337) 302-4305, calcasieuassessor@cppj.net; Mr. Louis Hebert, representing the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund; P.O. Box 943, New Roads, LA 70760, (225) 635-7077, cell: (225) 718-1525, louispea@bellsouth.net; Ms. Carroll Ellzey, representing the Sabine Assessors' Office, 400 S. Capital St., Rm. 106, Many, LA 71449, (318) 256-

3482, cell: (318) 315-1013, spassessor@bellsouth.net; Mr. Brian Wilson, East Baton Rouge assessor, 222 St. Louis St., Rm. 126, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 389-5125, bwilson@ebrpa.org; Mr. Randy Ritchie, representing the West Feliciana Parish Assessors' Office, P.O. Box 279, St. Francisville, LA 70775, (225) 635-3350, cell: (225) 721-1292, ritchie003@bellsouth.net; Mr. Rod Elrod, representing Franklin Parish, 6552 Main St., Winnsboro, LA 71295, (318) 435-5390, assessorfp@att.net; Mr. Joaquin "Jr." Matheu, P.O. Box 335, Amite, LA 70422, (985) 345-6225; Mr. Barney Altazan, representing the Louisiana Assessors' Association, P.O. Box 76, Port Allen, LA 70767 (225) 344-6777, cell: (225) 335-3519, frog.altazan@WBRAssessor.org; Mr. Donald T. Stephens, representing St. Mary Parish, 2008 Sixth St., Morgan City, LA 70380, (985) 255-1516; Assessor Jarrod Longman (no information provided); Mr. Jeff Taylor, representing Louisiana Assessors' Association, P.O. Box 307, Livingston, LA 70754, (225) 921-1554, Lpajgt@Aol.com; Mr. James A. Laurent, representing the Assessors' Retirement Fund, 602 E. Main St., New Roads, LA 70750, (225) 678-3161, cell: (225) 718-5125, loulaurent@hotmail.com; and Mr. Bobby Edmiston, Bossier Parish Assessor, P.O. Box 325, Benton, LA 71006, (318) 965-2213, cell: (318) 401-1800, bedmiston@bossierparish.org.

Representative Pearson announced that he was voluntarily deferring the bill.

#### **Senate Bill No. 48 by Senator Guillory**

Senator Guillory presented Senate Bill No. 48, which provides relative to membership on the boards of state retirement systems.

Representatives Jones, Thompson, and Pearson asked questions and discussed the merits of the bill.

Speaking in favor was Ms. Rina Thomas, representing the Governor's Office (no information provided).

Submitting witness cards in favor were Ms. Camille Conaway, representing Blueprint Louisiana, 9331 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 769-2676; and Mr. Barry Erwin, representing CABL, P.O. Box 4308, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 344-2225, erwin@cabl.org.

Speaking to provide information were Ms. Cindy Rougeou, representing LASERS, 8401 United Plaza Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 922-0604; and Mr. Steven Procopio, representing the Division of Administration (no address provided), (225) 342-7000, Steven.Procopio@la.gov.

Submitting a witness card to provide information was Ms. Maureen H. Westgard, representing the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, 8401 United Plaza Blvd./P.O. Box 94123, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 925-6454.

Submitting a witness card in opposition was Ms. Latania Silvester, representing SEIU, 300 Jefferson Hwy., Jefferson, LA 70121, (504) 483-2125, cell: (504) 210-6659, Latanja.silvester@seiu21LA.org.

Representative Pearson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 48 favorably, to which there was no objection. Senate Bill No. 48 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Hoffmann, Hollis, Jones, Ligi, Lorusso, Pearson, Reynolds, Seabaugh, and Thompson voted yea.

**House Bill No. 40 by Representative Hoffmann**

Representative Hoffmann presented House Bill No. 40, which provides relative to the board of trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.

Submitting a card in support was Mr. Joe R. Salter, representing BESE and DOE (no address provided), Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-3745.

Submitting a card to provide information was Ms. Maureen H. Westgard, representing the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, 8401 United Plaza Blvd./P.O. Box 94123, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 925-6454.

Representative Hoffmann offered a motion to report House Bill No. 40 favorably, to which there was no objection. House Bill No. 40 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Hoffmann, Hollis, Jones, Ligi, Lorusso, Price, Reynolds, Seabaugh, and Thompson voted yea.

**House Bill No. 60 by Representative Pearson**

Representative Pearson presented House Bill No. 60, which provides relative to the merger of the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System into the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.

Representatives Jones, Reynolds, Thompson, Ligi, and Pearson asked questions and discussed the merits of the bill.

Speaking in favor were Ms. Rina Thomas, representing the Governor's Office (no information provided) and Executive Counsel to the Governor Liz Murrill, representing the Governor's Office, (no address provided), (225) 342-8212.

Submitting cards in favor were Mr. Barry Erwin, representing CABL, P.O. Box 4308, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 344-2225; Mr. Brian Landry, representing the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, 3113 Valley Creek Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (888) 811-5224; Ms. Renee Amar, representing the National Federation of Independent Business, 530 Lakeland Dr., #102, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 218-6847; Mr. Randy Haynie and Mr. Ryan Haynie, representing Blueprint Louisiana, P.O. Box 52129, LA (remainder of address not provided), (225) 336-4143, Ryan@Haynie.com; Mr. Jim Harris and Mr. Brad Lambert, representing Blueprint Louisiana, P.O. Box 52129, LA (remainder of address not provided), (225) 336-4147, Ryan@Haynie.com; Ms. Camille Conaway, representing Blueprint Louisiana, 9331 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 769-2676; Mr. Kevin Kane, representing the Pelican Institute for Public Policy, 643

Magazine St., New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 920-4727; and Mr. Dino Paternostro, representing the Northshore Legislative Alliance, 118 West Hall, Slidell, LA 70460, (504) 756-7904, dino@legislinkllc.com.

Speaking to provide information were Dr. Steven Procopio, representing the Division of Administration, (no address provided), (225) 342-7000; Mr. Charles Bujol, representing the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System, 8660 United Plaza, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 925-6560; Mr. Robert Klausner, representing the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System, 4433 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70115, cell: (954) 614-1396, bob@robertdklausner.com; and Mr. Charles Hall, representing the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, 1624 LaSalle Parc Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 928-7866.

Submitting cards to provide information were Mr. Brendan B. Brosnan, representing the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System, 8660 United Plaza Blvd., First Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 925-6489; Mr. Warren D. Ponder, representing the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System, 8660 United Plaza Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 925-6560; Ms. Carolyn N. Forbes, representing the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System, 8660 United Plaza Blvd., First Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 925-6480, cforbes@lsers.net; and Ms. Maureen H. Westgard, representing the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, 8401 United Plaza Blvd./P.O. Box 94123, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 925-6454.

Speaking in opposition were Mr. Shane Riddle, representing LAE, 8322 One Calais Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 343-9243, shane.riddle@lae.org; and Ms. Mary-Patricia Wray, representing the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 6820 Menlo Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (937) 495-7853, mpwray@lft-aft.org.

Submitting cards in opposition were Mr. Ed Parker, representing AFSCMS, 429 Government St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 927-2800; Ms. LaTanja Silvester, representing the Service Employee International Union, 300 Jefferson Hwy., Jefferson, LA 70121, (504) 483-2125, (504) 210-6659, latanja.silvester@seiuzlla.org; Ms. Judith McKee, representing the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System, 4561 Hwy. 559, Columbia, LA 71418, (318) 649-9696; Mr. Jeffrey Faulk, representing the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System, 8660 United Plaza Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (337) 893-3315; Ms. Wanda Leach, LSBO, 202 Manis Wiely Rd., Pitkin, LA 70656, (337) 328-7883, cell: (337) 401-7785, WandaWisby@yahoo.com; Ms. Linda Matheu, representing the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System and LSBOA (no address provided), cell: (337) 652-4380, buslady9k@yahoo.com; Ms. Kathy Jarrell, representing the Louisiana School Bus Operators Association, P.O. Box 161, Evas, LA 70639, (337) 286-5398, katsjoe1974@bellsouth.net; Ms. Ina LaBorde, representing AFSCME, 429 Government St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 927-2800; and Mr. Nichols Felton, representing New Orleans Fire Fighters, 3520 General De Gaulle Dr., New Orleans, LA 70114, (504) 366-8564.

Representative Pearson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 60 by substitute, to which Representative Jones objected. The secretary called the roll, and House Bill No. 60 was reported by

substitute by a vote of 8 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Hoffmann, Hollis, Ligi, Lorusso, Pearson, Seabaugh, Talbot, and Thompson voted yea; Representatives Jones, Montoucet, Price, and Reynolds voted nay.

### **House Bill No. 61 by Representative Pearson**

Representative Pearson, Ms. Khristy Nichols, Governor's Office, and Ms. Rina Thomas, Governor's Office, presented House Bill No. 61, which provides for a cash balance plan for certain state employees.

Representative Pearson offered a set of amendments to remove a prohibition on members who would have been in the Hazardous Duty Plan if they had been hired after Dec. 31, 2010, from opting into the cash balance plan (CBP); to authorize a CBP member who has more than five years of membership in the plan upon withdrawal from the plan to take the total of his account balance as a direct transfer to another qualified retirement plan or an individual retirement account; to require the system to annuitize and pay any retirement option elected by a qualified CBP member; to require the valuation to be adopted by the Public Retirement Systems Actuarial Committee (PRSAC) to take into account all changes enacted by the legislature in the 2012 R.S.; to authorize PRSAC to adopt for FY 2012-2013 an actuarial valuation or revised employer contribution rate prepared on behalf of the division of administration by a qualified actuary; and to add an expedited hearing provision regarding legal challenges to the Act.

Ms. Rina Thomas, representing the Governor's Office (no information provided), presented a handout, which is attached. (Exhibit B)

Representatives Jones, Pearson, and Price asked questions and discussed the merits of the amendments.

Representative Lorusso offered a motion to adopt the amendments, to which there was no objection. The amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Hoffmann, Jones, Ligi, Lorusso, Pearson, Price, Reynolds, Seabaugh, and Talbot voted yea.

Mr. David Driscoll, representing Buck Consultants, LLC, 101 Federal St., Ste. 900, Boston, MA 02110, (617) 275-8028, cell: (617) 512-8983, david.driscoll@buckconsultants.com, presented a handout, which is attached. (Exhibit C)

Mr. Paul Richmond, representing the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Office, presented a handout, which is attached. (Exhibit D)

Representatives Hoffman, Jones, Price, Montoucet, Thompson, Pearson, Talbot, and Ligi asked questions and discussed the merits of the bill.

Representation Jones offered an amendment to change the date the Cash Balance Plan (CBP) becomes mandatory from Jan. 1, 2013, to July 1, 2013. Representative Pearson offered a motion to adopt the amendment, to which there was no objection. The amendment was adopted by a vote of

12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Hoffmann, Hollis, Jones, Ligi, Lorusso, Montoucet, Pearson, Price, Reynolds, Seabaugh, Talbot, and Thompson voted yea.

Speaking in support of the bill were Ms. Rina Thomas; Mr. David Driscoll; and Mr. Kevin Kane, representing the Pelican Institute for Public Policy, 643 Magazine St., New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 920-4727.

Submitting cards in support were Mr. Dino Paternostro, representing GNO, Inc., 365 Canal St., New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 756-7904, dino@legislinkllc.com; Mr. Jim Harris and Mr. Brad Lambert, representing Blueprint Louisiana, P.O. Box 52129, LA (remainder of address not provided), (225) 336-4143, Ryan@Haynie.com; Mr. Barry Erwin, representing CABL, P.O. Box 4308, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 344-2225; Ms. Camille Conaway, representing Blueprint Louisiana, 9331 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 769-2676; Mr. Brian Landry, representing the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, 3113 Valley Creek Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (888) 816-5224, brianl@labi.org; Mr. Randy Haynie and Mr. Ryan Haynie, representing Blueprint Louisiana, P.O. Box 52129, LA (remainder of address not provided), (225) 336-4143, Ryan@Haynie.com; and Ms. Renee Amar, representing the National Federation of Independent Business, 530 Lakeland Dr., #102, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 218-6847.

Speaking to provide information were Ms. Kristy Nichols, representing the Governor's Office, State Capitol Building, (225) 342-5632; Mr. Robert Klausner, representing the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, 4433 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70115, cell: (954) 614-1396, bob@robertdklausner.com; Ms. Maureen H. Westgard, representing the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, 8401 United Plaza Blvd./P.O. Box 94123, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 925-6454; Ms. Shelley Johnson, representing the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana and the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, P.O. Box 1157, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 272-7339, cell: (225) 921-0074; Ms. Cindy Rougeou, representing the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, 8401 United Plaza Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 922-0604; Dr. Steven Procopio, representing the Division of Administration (no address provided), (225) 342-7000; and Mr. Robert Travis Scott, representing the Public Affairs Research Council, 4664 Jamestown Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 926-8414, cell: (225) 276-0794; robertscott@lapar.org.

Submitting cards to provide information were Mr. Charles Hall, representing the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, 1624 LaSalle Parc Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 928-7866; Mr. Trey Roche, representing the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, 8401 United Plaza Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 925-7218, kroche@lasersonline.org; Ms. Carolyn N. Forbes, representing the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System, 8660 United Plaza Boulevard, First Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 925-6490; and Mr. Charles Bujol, representing the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System, 8660 United Plaza, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 925-6560.

Speaking in opposition to the bill were Mr. Frank Jobert, Jr., representing the Retired State Employees Association, 9412 Common St., Ste. 7, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 930-0961, cell: (504) 289-9424, rsealouisiana@att.net; Ms. Mary-Patricia E. Wray, representing the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 6820 Menlo Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (937) 475-7853; Mr. Gerald Pecoraro, representing himself, 12297 W. Black Cat Rd., Independence, LA 70443, (985) 878-6673,



cell: (985) 507-1404, geraldvp@I-55.com; Mr. Allen Reynolds, representing the Retired State Employees Association, 37446 Prairie Dr., Prairieville, LA 70769, cell: (225) 921-5380, haleyv@eatel.net; and Mr. Kerry Everitt, representing AARP, 301 Main St., Ste. 012, Baton Rouge, LA 70825, (225) 376-1151, cell: (225) 342-3297, keveritt@aarp.org.

Submitting cards in opposition were Ms. Ina LaBorde, AFSCME, P.O. Box 457, Libuse, LA 71348, (318) 623-2639, labordei@bellsouth; Mr. Ed Parker, AFSCME, 429 Government St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802; Mr. Shane Riddle, representing LAE, 8322 One Calais Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 343-9243, shane.riddle@lae.org; Mr. Nicholas Felton, representing the New Orleans Fire Fighters, 3520 General De Gaulle Dr., New Orleans, LA 70114, (504) 366-8564; Mr. Arnold Lowther, representing PFFA (no information provided); and Mr. Bobby Savoie, representing AARP-LA, 301 Main St., Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 936-1293.

Representative Pearson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 61 with amendments, to which Representative Jones objected. The secretary called the roll, and House Bill No. 61 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 1 nay. Representatives Hoffmann, Hollis, Ligi, Lorusso, Montoucet, Pearson, Price, Reynolds, Seabaugh, Talbot, and Thompson voted yea; Representative Jones voted nay.

#### **House Bill No. 1131 by Representative Pearson**

Representative Pearson presented House Bill No. 1131, which provides for the calculation of individualized contribution rates relative to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.

Submitting cards in favor were Ms. Rina Thomas, representing the Governor's Office (no address provided); and Mr. Kevin Kane, representing the Pelican Institute for Public Policy, 643 Magazine St., New Orleans, LA 70130.

Submitting cards to provide information were Ms. Maureen H. Westgard, representing the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, 8401 United Plaza Blvd./ P.O. Box 94123, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 925-6454; and Ms. Kristy Nichols, representing the Governor's Office, State Capitol Building, (225) 342-5632.

Representative Pearson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1131 favorably, to which there was no objection. House Bill No. 1131 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Hoffmann, Hollis, Jones, Ligi, Lorusso, Montoucet, Pearson, Price, Reynolds, Seabaugh, Talbot, and Thompson voted yea.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business for discussion.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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J. Kevin Pearson, Chairman

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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