

## House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs

Minutes of Meeting  
2013 Regular Session  
April 18, 2013

### 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 11:35 a.m. in Room 6, in 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 Chair  
Representative Austin J. Badon, Jr.  
Representative Taylor F. Barras  
Representative Regina Ashford Barrow  
Representative John A. Berthelot  
Representative Wesley T. Bishop  
Representative Jared C. Brossett  
Representative Terry R. Brown  
Representative Michael E. Danahay  
Representative Kenneth E. Havard  
Representative Dalton W. Honoré  
Representative Stephen J. Ortego  
Representative Stephen E. Pugh

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Roy A. Burrell  
Representative Barbara M. Norton  
Representative Thomas P. Willmott

#### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tina Righteous, Committee Attorney  
Valarie Banks, Committee Secretary  
R. Jared Evans, Central Staff Attorney  
David Gauthier, Central Staff Legislative Analyst  
Bryan D. Vincent, Director  
Mattie Franklin, Sergeant at Arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**

**House Bill No. 389 by Representative Abramson**

Representative Abramson presented House Bill No. 389, which provides relative to the parcel fee imposed within the Twinbrook Security District in Orleans Parish.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to report House Bill No. 389 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Havard, Honoré, and Ortego voted yea.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place House Bill No. 389 on the Local & Consent calendar. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barras, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Havard, Honoré, and Ortego voted yea.

**House Bill No. 603 by Representative Abramson**

Representative Abramson presented House Bill No. 603, which provides relative to the parcel fee imposed within the Hurstville Security and Neighborhood Improvement District.

Representative Brown offered a motion to report House Bill No. 603 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Havard, Honoré, and Ortego voted yea.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place House Bill No. 603 on the Local & Consent calendar. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Havard, Honoré, and Ortego voted yea.

**House Bill No. 99 by Representative Schexnayder**

Representative Schexnayder presented House Bill No. 99, which repeals provisions relative to the Garyville Timbermill Museum.

Ms. Mary Duruseau, representing the Louisiana secretary of state's office, 3851 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 219-6117, provided information as requested.

Mr. Joe R. Salter, representing the Louisiana secretary of state's office, 3851 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, LA, was present in support of the legislation.

Representative Brown offered a motion to report House Bill No. 99 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Havard, Honoré, and Ortego voted yea.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place House Bill No. 99 on the Local & Consent calendar. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Havard, Honoré, and Ortego voted yea.

**House Bill No. 96 by Representative Broadwater**

Representative Broadwater presented House Bill No. 96, which provides relative to the selection and terms of fiscal agents of waterworks districts.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 96 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to place House Bill No. 96 on the Local & Consent calendar. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea.

**House Bill No. 667 by Representative Gaines**

Representative Gaines presented House Bill No. 667, which provides relative to the appointment and removal of commissioners of local housing authorities located in certain parishes.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to report House Bill No. 667 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place House Bill No. 667 on the Local & Consent calendar. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea.

**House Bill No. 18 by Representative Danahay**

Representative Danahay presented House Bill No. 18, which provides relative to meetings of the Sulphur Industrial Development District.

Representative Brown offered a motion to report House Bill No. 18 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place House Bill No. 18 on the Local & Consent calendar. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea.

**House Bill No. 107 by Representative Badon**

Representative Badon presented House Bill No. 107, which changes the boundaries of the McKendall Estates Neighborhood Improvement District in Orleans Parish.

Representative Barrow offered a motion to report House Bill No. 107 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea.

Representative Barrow offered a motion to place House Bill No. 107 on the Local & Consent calendar. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea.

**House Bill No. 323 by Representative Badon**

Representative Badon presented House Bill No. 323, which creates the Eastover Neighborhood Improvement and Security District in Orleans Parish.

Representative Barrow offered a set of amendments to change the district's boundaries, to exclude certain property from the district, and to add a provision for a reduced combined parcel fee if multiple adjacent parcels are combined for the purpose of housing a single family dwelling. Representative Barrow offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea.

Present in support of the legislation but declining to speak were Mr. Mark Moody, representing the Eastover Property Owners Association, 6390 Eastover Drive, New Orleans, LA, (504) 248-6962; and Ms. Leila Eames, representing the Eastover Property Owners Association, 5420 Eastover Drive S., New Orleans, LA 70128, (504) 259-7956.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to report House Bill No. 323 with amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea.

**House Bill No. 259 by Representative Terry Landry**

Representative Taylor Barras, upon authorization by Representative Terry Landry, presented House Bill No. 259, which provides relative to the membership on the board of commissioners of the Hopkins Street Economic Development District.

Representative Barras offered a motion to report House Bill No. 259 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place House Bill No. 259 on the Local & Consent calendar. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea.

**House Bill No. 140 by Representative Gisclair**

Representative Gisclair presented House Bill No. 140, which provides relative to the Lafourche Parish Tourist Commission.

Representative Berthelot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 140 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place House Bill No. 140 on the Local & Consent calendar. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea.

**House Bill No. 70 by Representative Fannin**

At the request of Representative Fannin, Representative Billiot presented House Bill No. 70, which authorizes an increase in the per diem paid to the governing board members of the Bienville Parish Ward 4 and 5 Fire Protection District.

Representative Billiot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 70 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea.

**House Bill No. 204 by Representative Dove**

At the request of Representative Dove, Representative Billiot presented House Bill No. 204, which provides relative to the governing board of the Bayou Cane Fire Protection District.

Representative Billiot offered a set of amendments to authorize an increase in the number of members of the governing board of the Bayou Cane Fire Protection District rather than increasing such membership statutorily. Representative Billiot offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea.

Representative Billiot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 204 with amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea.

**House Bill No. 229 by Representative Anders**

Representative Anders presented House Bill No. 229, which increases the amount of per diem authorized to be paid to board members of Concordia Parish Hospital Service District No. 1.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to report House Bill No. 229 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea.

Representative Girod Jackson III offered a motion to place House Bill No. 229 on the Local & Consent calendar. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea.

**House Bill No. 285 by Representative Harris**

Chairman Jackson announced that House Bill No. 285, which creates the Alexandria Urban Renewal Authority, had been voluntarily deferred by the author.

Mr. Kerry Everitt, representing the American Association of Retired Persons, 301 Main Street, Suite 1012, Baton Rouge, LA 70825, (225) 376-1151, submitted a witness card in support of the legislation.

**House Bill No. 327 by Representative Arnold**

Chairman Jackson announced that House Bill No. 327, which provides relative to the powers and duties of the Algiers Development District, had been voluntarily deferred by the author.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Austin Badon, Chairman  
Date Approved: May 15, 2014