

House Committee on Appropriations

Minutes of Meeting
2016 First Extraordinary Session
March 3, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Cameron Henry, Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m. in Room 5, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Cameron Henry, Chairman
Representative Mark Abraham
Representative Beryl A. Amedée
Representative Tony Bacala
Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley
Representative John A. Berthelot
Representative Robert E. Billiot
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.
Representative Charles R. Chaney
Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Franklin J. Foil, Vice Chairman
Representative Lance Harris
Representative Bob Hensgens
Representative Valarie Hodges
Representative Jack G. McFarland
Representative Blake Miguez
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative Steve E. Pylant
Representative Jerome Richard
Representative John M. Schroder, Sr.
Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative James K. Armes, III
Representative Walt Leger, III
Representative Scott M. Simon
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Penny B. Bouquet, Administrative Secretary
Mr. Peter G. E. Conroy, Legislative Analyst
Ms. Nancy Keaton, Legislative Analyst

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

None

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

There was no discussion of legislation.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Jay Dardenne, Commissioner of Administration, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7000, gave the committee an overview of state agency contracts and discussed the newly implemented LaGOV system. (See Exhibit A)

Commissioner Dardenne discussed, with Representative Richard, the GRAD Act, the process to terminate a contract, and Act 87 from the 2015 Regular Session.

Commissioner Dardenne and Mr. Randy Davis, Assistant Commissioner of Administration, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7000, discussed, with Representative Schroder and Representative Hensgens, an approach to reduce state contracts and the distinction between federal funds and the state general fund.

Mr. Davis discussed, with Representative Schroder and Representative Carter, features of the LaGOV system that provides information regarding state contracts.

Commissioner Dardenne discussed, with Representative Henry, budget autonomy for certain state agencies.

Mr. Davis discussed, with Representative Zeringue, how to determine which contracts are reported in the LaGOV system and which ones are not.

Commissioner Dardenne and Mr. Davis discussed, with Representative Bacala, the amount of savings realized, to date, from terminating and/or modifying certain state contracts.

Commissioner Dardenne discussed, with Representative Pylant, inmate housing in Allen and Winn Parish prisons and the per diem paid to sheriffs.

Mr. Rick McGimsey, Executive Counsel for the Division of Administration, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7000, discussed the Surplus Property Law with Representative Amedée.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative McFarland offered a motion to adjourn, to which there was no objection. The motion passed by a vote of 21 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, Harris, Henry, Hensgens, Hodges, McFarland, Miguez, Miller, Pylant, Richard, Schroder, and Zeringue voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Cameron Henry
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