

## House Committee on Commerce

Minutes of Meeting  
2016 Regular Session  
March 15, 2016

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Thomas G. Carmody, Jr., chairman of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. in Room 1, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### II. ROLL CALL

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Thomas G. Carmody, Jr., chairman  
Representative Chad Brown  
Representative Patrick Connick  
Representative Jean-Paul P. Coussan  
Representative Kenny R. Cox  
Representative Reid Falconer  
Representative Cedric B. Glover  
Representative Paul Hollis, vice chairman  
Representative Patrick O. Jefferson  
Representative Christopher J. Leopold  
Representative Rodney Lyons  
Representative Helena N. Moreno  
Representative Edward J. Price  
Representative Stephen E. Pugh  
Representative H. Eugene Reynolds

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative John F. "Andy" Anders  
Representative Joseph P. Lopinto III  
Representative J. Kevin Pearson  
Representative Robert E. Shadoin

#### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sandy Painting, secretary  
Rashida Keith, attorney  
Thomas Devillier, attorney

#### ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms  
Beverly Hurst, sergeant at arms

### **III. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**

The members and staff introduced themselves to the committee.

### **IV. DISCUSSION OF ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

Representative Pugh offered a motion to adopt the committee rules for the House Committee on Commerce. Without objection, the rules were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carmody, Chad Brown, Connick, Coussan, Cox, Falconer, Hollis, Jefferson, Leopold, Lyons, Moreno, Price, Pugh, and Reynolds voted yeas.

Committee jurisdiction and workload was discussed.

### **V. PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Donald Pierson, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Economic Development, P. O. Box 94185, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 342-5308, presented an overview of economic development in the state of Louisiana.

Mr. Kyle Ardoin, First Assistant, Secretary of State's Office, 8585 Archives Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 922-2880, presented an overview of incorporation and licensing of businesses in the state of Louisiana.

Ms. Christine Kirkland, Mrs. Rhonda Reeves, Mr. Darin Domingue, and Mr. Sid Seymour, Office of Financial Institutions, P. O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 925-4660, presented an overview on the structure and regulations of banks and financial institutions in the state of Louisiana.

Mr. Joe Gendron, Louisiana Bankers Association, 5555 Bankers Ave., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 788-8748, and Mr. David Boneno, Louisiana Bankers Association, 5555 Bankers Ave., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 214-4836, presented an overview on the structure and regulations of banks and financial institutions in the state of Louisiana.

Ms. Renee Frie, Attorney General's Office, (no address provided), (225) 326-6451, and Mr. Mike Dupree, Attorney General's Office, (no address provided), (225) 326-6464, presented an overview on consumer protection and related matters in the state of Louisiana.

An overview and structure of the newly revised Louisiana Uniform Construction Code was presented by Mr. Mark Joiner, Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council, 8181 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 922-0817.

Mr. Butch Browning, Louisiana State Fire Marshal's office, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 806-0803, presented an overview of the office of the Louisiana State Fire Marshal.

Ms. Eve Gonzales, Louisiana Public Service Commission, Galvez Bldg., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-4427, presented an overview of the regulation of public utilities in the state of Louisiana.

Mr. Jody Montelaro, Entergy, 446 North Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 381-5865, Mr. Stephen Ledet, Entergy, 446 North Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 939-6170, and Mr. Daryn Bovard, Entergy, 446 North Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA (no phone number provided) presented an overview of public utilities in the state of Louisiana.

Mr. Randy Pierce, Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives, 10725 Airline Hwy., Baton Rouge, LA 70810 and Mr. Dennie Williams, CLECO Power, P. O. Box 5000, Pineville, LA 71361, (318) 308-2574, were also present for public utilities in the state of Louisiana.

Mr. Norman Morris, Louisiana Realtors Association, 821 Main St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 229-8335, presented an overview of the real estate industry.

Mr. Michael McDuff, Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors, presented an overview of the licensing laws and regulations of the construction industry in the state of Louisiana.

#### **VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business addressed.

#### **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Thomas G. Carmody, Jr.  
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