

Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Interim Session
January 29, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Abramson called the meeting to order in House Committee Room 6, of the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 1:06 p.m. The secretary called the roll and a quorum was established.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

REPRESENTATIVES:

Representative Neil C. Abramson, chairman
Representative Joseph Bouie, Jr.
Representative Chris Broadwater
Representative Paula P. Davis
Representative Phillip R. DeVillier
Representative Stephen C. Dwight
Representative Jimmy Harris
Representative Kenneth E. Havard
Representative Cameron Henry
Representative Stephanie Hilferty
Representative Mike Huval
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Edward C. "Ted" James, II
Representative James H. "Jim" Morris
Representative Thomas P. Wilmott

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Marcus L. Hunter
Representative Robert A. Johnson
Representative John C. "Jay" Morris, III
Representative Julie Stokes
Representative Major Thibaut

SENATORS:

President Alario, Ex-Officio
Senator Jean-Paul "JP" Morrell, vice chairman
Senator Troy E. Brown
Senator Troy Carter
Senator James R. "Jim" Fannin
Senator Ronnie Johns
Senator K. Eric LaFleur
Senator Eddie J. Lambert
Senator Barrow Peacock

Senator Yvonne Dorsey-Colomb
Senator Dale M. Erdey
Senator W. Jay Luneau
Senator Karen Carter-Peterson
Senator Neil Riser
Senator Gary L. Smith, Jr.

Senator John R. Smith
Senator Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr.

III. STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ashley Albritton, Capital Outlay Specialist
Penny Bouquet, Administrative Secretary
Gay Owens, Committee Secretary
Alison Pryor, House Deputy Director
Elise Read, House Senior Legislative Analyst
Anita Carr, Senate Administrative Secretary
Martha S. Hess, Senate Counsel
Bobbie Hunter, Senate Senior Budget Analyst
Daniel Leming, House Sergeant at Arms

IV. DISCUSSION

Representative Abramson called the meeting to order and stated that the committee meets a minimum of once per year to review and approve capital outlay projects submitted after the November 1st deadline. Projects cannot be added to the bill at this meeting, nor can House Bill No. 2 be amended.

In addition, the chairmanship of the committee rotates every two years between the Senate and the House. The House assumed the chairmanship of the committee at this meeting.

Representative Abramson opened the floor for nominations for chairman. Representative Jim Morris nominated Representative Abramson, to which there was no objection. Representative Abramson closed the nominations. Representative Abramson was elected chairman by a vote of 25 yeas and 0 nays. Members voting yea were Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Broadwater, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Harris, Havard, Henry, Hilferty, Huval, Ivey, James, Jim Morris, and Willmott, and Senators Brown, Carter, Fannin, Johns, LaFleur, Lambert, Morrell, Peacock, John Smith, and White.

Representative Abramson assumed his role as chairman and opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. Representative Jim Morris nominated Senator Jean-Paul "J.P." Morrell, to which there was no objection. Representative Abramson closed the nominations. Senator Morrell was elected Vice Chairman by a vote of 25 yeas and 0 nays. Members voting yea were Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Broadwater, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Harris, Havard, Henry, Hilferty, Huval, Ivey, James, Jim Morris, and Willmott, and Senators Brown, Carter, Fannin, Johns, LaFleur, Lambert, Morrell, Peacock, John Smith, and White.

Representative Jim Morris offered a motion to approve the list of late capital outlay requests upon receipt of a letter of support, to which there was no objection. The list of late requests was approved by a vote of 25 yeas and 0 nays. Members voting yea were Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Broadwater, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Harris, Havard, Henry, Hilferty, Huval, Ivey, James, Jim Morris, and Willmott, and Senators Brown, Carter, Fannin, Johns, LaFleur, Lambert, Morrell,

Peacock, John Smith and White.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Neil C. Abramson, Chairman