

## **House Committee on Ways and Means**

Minutes of Meeting  
2016 First Extraordinary Session  
February 15, 2016

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Neil C. Abramson, Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. in Room 6, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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 Stephanie Hilferty  
Representative Dodie Horton  
Representative Marcus L. Hunter  
Representative Mike Huval  
Representative Barry Ivey  
Representative Edward C. "Ted" James, II  
Representative Robert A. Johnson  
Representative John C. "Jay" Morris, III  
Representative James H. "Jim" Morris  
Representative Julie Stokes  
Representative Major Thibaut  
Representative Thomas P. Willmott

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Gay Owens, Secretary

Ms. Alison Pryor, Deputy Director  
Ms. Elise C. Read, Legislative Analyst

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Ms. Janet Anthony, Sergeant at Arms  
Ms. Beverly Hurst, Sergeant at Arms

**III. DISCUSSION**

Mr. Ben Nevers, Chief of Staff, Governor's Office, 900 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7015; Ms. Kimberly L. Robinson, Secretary, and Ms. Shaunda McClain, Attorney, Department of Revenue (DOR), 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219-2700, provided information concerning the fiscal outlook and revenue plans for the 2016 First Extraordinary Session. (See Exhibit A)

Mr. John Carpenter, Legislative Fiscal Officer, Mr. Greg Albrecht, Chief Economist, and Ms. Deborah Vivien, Economist, Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO), 900 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7233, provided an explanation of the role of LFO and fiscal notes during the extraordinary and regular sessions of the legislature, including confidentiality.

The meeting recessed at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

Ms. Mandi Mitchell, Assistant Secretary, Department of Economic Development (LED), 1051 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-3000, provided a critique in businesses and incentives; small business development; and policies and legislative affairs in this year's legislative sessions. (See Exhibit B)

Mr. Charles Ables, Tax Commission Administrator, Louisiana Tax Commission, 5420 Corporate Boulevard, Suite 107, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, (225) 925-7830, provided an examination of the commission's role during the 2016 First Extraordinary Session and upcoming legislative sessions, along with its oversight of local tax dollars.

Mr. Dannie P. Garrett, III, Louisiana School Boards Association, 635 Main Street #3, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 382-0333, provided information regarding local property taxes that businesses self-declare related to inventory.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Thibaut offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion to adjourn passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Broadwater, DeVillier, Dwight, Harris, Horton, Hunter, Huval, Ivey, Jay Morris, Stokes, Thibaut and Willmott voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Neil C. Abramson  
House Committee on Ways and Means