

House Committee on Ways and Means

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
April 19, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Jim Morris, Vice Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. in Room 6, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Joseph Bouie, Jr.
Representative Paula P. Davis
Representative Phillip R. DeVillier
Representative Stephen C. Dwight
Representative Stephanie Hilferty
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Mike Huval
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Edward C. "Ted" James, II
Representative Robert A. Johnson
Representative James H. "Jim" Morris, Vice Chairman
Representative Julie Stokes
Representative Major Thibaut
Representative Thomas P. Willmott

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Neil C. Abramson, Chairman
Representative Chris Broadwater
Representative Jimmy Harris
Representative Marcus L. Hunter
Representative John C. "Jay" Morris, III

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Alison Pryor, deputy director
Ms. Elise C. Read, legislative analyst
Ms. Gay Owens, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Ms. Janet Anthony, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION

Overview and discussion regarding the appropriations proposed in House Bill No. 2 of the 2016 Regular Session. Testimony was received from the following agencies:

Department of Economic Development

Ms. Mandi Mitchell, assistant secretary, and Ms. Ann Villa, undersecretary, LA Economic Development, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-3000.

Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

Mr. Bob Becker, chief executive officers, City Park of New Orleans.

Judicial Expenditures

Judge Gene Thibodeaux, Third Circuit Court of Appeal, 1000 Main Street, Lake Charles, LA 70615, (337) 433-9403.

Department of Education

Mr. Patrick Widhalm, LA. School of Math Science and Arts, 715 University Parkway, (no further address) Natchitoches, LA, (318) 357-2520.

Mr. Kyle Wedberg, President and Chief Executive Officer, New Orleans Center for Creative Arts, 2800 Chartres Street, New Orleans, LA 70117.

Mr. Chris Herring, Assistant Commissioner for Facilities, Board of Regents, 1201 North Third Street, (no further address), (225) 342-4253.

Mr. Lonnie Leger, Board of Regents, LA Optical Network Infrastructure (LONI), Frey Computing, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, (225) 933-1693.

Mr. Dan Layzell, Vice President for Finance and Administration, LSU Board of Supervisors, and Mr. Tony Lombardo, Associate Vice President for Facilities and Property Oversight, 3810 West Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 578-2264.

Mr. Bruce Janet, Director of Internal and External Audit, University of Louisiana System, (no address), 247-2423.

Mr. Eli Guillory, Fiscal Plant Director, Southern University System (No witness card).

Mr. Joseph Marin, Chief Financial Officer, LA Community and Technical Colleges, 265 South Foster Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 922-1635.

Ms. Beth Courtney and Mr. Don Ballard, LA Educational Television Authority, 7733 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70820, (225) 767-4200.

Department of Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority

Ms. Janice Lansing, Chief Financial Officer, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (no further information).

Department of Natural Resources

Mr. Don Haydel, Executive Director, Atchafalaya Basin Program, (no address given), (225) 342-8953.

Department of Health and Hospitals

Ms. Michelle Allett, Mr. Gregory Andrus, and Ms. Lisa Schilling, Dept. of Health and Hospitals, 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9500.

Secretary of State

Mr. Joe Salter, Undersecretary of Management and Finance, and Ms. Mary Durusau, Southern Director, Secretary of State, 411 Stanford Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 769-6809.

Dept of Public Safety and Corrections

Mr. Thomas Bickham, Department of Corrections, 504 Mayflower, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-6740.

Dr. Mary Livers, Deputy Secretary, Office of Juvenile Justice, 7979 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 287-7900.

Major Jason Starnes, Dept. of Public Safety, (no address given), (225) 925-6032.

Workforce Commission

Mr. Benny Soulier, Chief Financial Officer, LA Workforce Commission, 1001 North 23rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-3111.

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Mr. Bryan McClinton, Undersecretary, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 765-5021.

Department of Veterans Affairs

Mr. Homer F. Rodgers and Mr. Robert M. Hayes, 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 219-5006.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Ivey offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion to adjourn passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bouie, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Hilferty, Horton, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, "Jim" Morris, Stokes, Thibaut, and Willmott.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Neil C. Abramson
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