

House Committee on Ways and Means

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
April 26, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Jim Morris, Vice Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. in Room 6, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Paula P. Davis
Representative Phillip R. DeVillier
Representative Stephen C. Dwight
Representative Dodie Horton
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, Vice Chairman
Representative Major Thibaut
Representative Thomas P. Willmott

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Neil C. Abramson, Chairman
Representative Joseph Bouie, Jr.
Representative Chris Broadwater
Representative Jimmy Harris
Representative Stephanie Hilferty
Representative Marcus L. Hunter
Representative Julie Stokes

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

Mr. M. J. Hernandez, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

There was no discussion of legislation.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Testimony was received from the following agencies concerning House Bill No. 2 of the 2016 Regular Session.

Mr. Mark Moses, Division of Administration, Facility Planning & Control, P. O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 342-9654, answered questions relating to other miscellaneous non-state entity, and non-governmental projects where no one appeared to represent the parish/city.

St. James, St. John the Baptist, and St. Charles Parishes

Mr. Paul Aucoin, (no address given), (225) 206-0371, and Mr. James Purpera, LaPlace (no address given), (225) 316-1346, representing the Port of South Louisiana.

Orleans Parish

Dr. Keith Liederman, chief executive officer, Kingsley House, 1600 Constance Street, New Orleans, LA, (504) 523-6221.

Rapides Parish

Mr. Jon Grafton and Mr. David Broussard, England Airpark, 1611 Arnold Drive, Alexandria, LA 71303, (318) 792-6063.

Sabine and Vernon Parishes

Mr. Clarence Beebe, P. O. Box 129, mayor, Hornbeck, LA, (318) 565-4379, and Mr. Byron Racca, Meyers & Associates Consulting Engineers, 600 North Cities Service Highway, Sulphur, LA 70663, (337) 625-8353.

Lafayette Parish

Mr. Nick Gautreaux, representing Carencro, the Town of Duson, and the Port of Vermilion, 209 East Victor Street, Abbeville, LA 70516, (337) 319-0085.

St. Landry

Mayor Reginald Tatum, City of Opelousas, 614 East South Street, Opelousas, LA 70570, (337) 948-2520.

Ms. Yvonne Normand, representing the City of Opelousas, 112 Crestview Drive, Opelousas, LA, (337) 308-3474.

St. Tammany Parish

Ms. Renee Roberts, legislative liaison, 21490 Koop Drive, Mandeville, LA 70471, (985) 898-2700.

Statewide

Ms. Tamara S. Anthony, Louisiana Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, P. O. Box 62166, Lafayette, LA, (337) 268-9555.

Tangipahoa Parish

Mr. Robby Miller, Tangipahoa Parish President, and Mr. Jeff McKneely, Director of Finance, P. O. Box 215, Amite, LA 70422, (985) 748-3211.

Mayor Tony Lamonte, Village of Tickfaw (no card), Mr. Frank DiBenedetto, Tickfaw Chief of Police, Village of Tickfaw, (no given address), (985) 345-4677.

Mayor Bob Zabbia, City of Ponchatoula, 125 West Hickory, Ponchatoula, LA 71454, (985) 386-0741.

Tensas Parish

Mr. Danny H. Magee, Tensas Parish Police Jury, 212 Hancock Street, St. Joseph, LA, (318) 766-3942.

Terrebonne Parish

Mr. David Rabalais, Executive Director, Terrebonne Port, P. O. Box 6097, Houma, LA 70360, (985) 873-6428.

Mr. Steven Smith, Attorney, Recreation Districts 2 and 3, 125 Old Schriever Highway, Schriever, LA, (504) 322-2783, and Mr. Gary Beeson, 421 Westview Drive, Houma, LA 70360, (985) 688-6925.

Vermilion Parish

Ms. Nedra Davis, Chenier Plain Authority, 7515 Jefferson Highway, Suite 322, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 333-8234.

Mr. Todd Vincent, Chief Executive Officer, Sellers & Associates, Inc., 148 B Easy Street, Lafayette, LA 70506, (337) 288-5608.

Vernon Parish

Mr. Byron Racca, Meyers & Associates Consulting Engineers, 600 North Cities Service Highway, Sulphur, LA 70663, (337) 625-8353.

West Baton Rouge Parish

Mr. Riley Berthelot, Parish President, and Ms. Bernadette Settoon, Assistant to Parish President, West Baton Rouge, P. O. Box 757, Port Allen, LA, (225) 336-2403.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Abramson announced that the meeting scheduled for April 27, 2016, at 8:45 a.m., would begin at 9:00 a.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Willmott offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion to adjourn passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Horton, Huval, Ivey, James, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Thibaut, and Willmott voted yea. The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Neil C. Abramson
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