

House Committee on Appropriations

Minutes of Meeting
2017-2018 Interim
December 14, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Cameron Henry, Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. in Room 6, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Cameron Henry, Chairman
Representative Franklin J. Foil, Vice Chairman
Representative Mark Abraham
Representative Beryl A. Amedée
Representative Tony Bacala
Representative John A. Berthelot
Representative Robert E. Billiot
Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Lance Harris
Representative Bob Hensgens
Representative Valarie Hodges
Representative Walt Leger, III
Representative Jack G. McFarland
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative Scott M. Simon
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith
Representative Julie Stokes
Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative James K. Armes, III
Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.
Representative Charles R. Chaney
Representative Reid Falconer
Representative Katrina R. Jackson

Representative Blake Miguez
Representative Steve E. Pylant
Representative Jerome Richard

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Katie Andress, Secretary
Mr. Peter G. E. Conroy, Legislative Analyst
Ms. Nancy Keaton, Legislative Analyst

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

None

III. DISCUSSION

Office of Group Benefits Contracts

Mr. Tommy Teague, Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Group Benefits (OGB), P.O. Box 44036, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 342-9670, discussed and requested approval of the contracts between OGB and Discovery Benefits, Inc., and between OGB and Prudential Insurance Company of America. (See Exhibit A)

Representative Billiot offered a motion to approve the contract between the OGB and Discovery Benefits, Inc. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Berthelot, Billiot, Edmonds, Harris, Hensgens, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miller, Simon, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Billiot also offered a motion to approve the contract between OGB and Prudential Insurance Company of America. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Berthelot, Billiot, Edmonds, Harris, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miller, Simon, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

Present to provide information were Mr. Randy Davis, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Administration, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-210, (225) 342-7000, and Mr. Lawrence K. Hofstad, 1239 Kings View Circle, Jackson, LA 70748, (225) 937-9412.

A copy of the witness cards for individuals (who were present, but did not testify) in support of, in opposition to, and to provide information on the OGB Contracts is available upon request.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Billiot offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Amedée, Bacala, Berthelot, Billiot, Edmonds, Harris, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Miller, Simon, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Cameron Henry
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