

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2017 Regular Session
May 31, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Michael E. Danahay, chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. in Room 2, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Michael E. Danahay, chairman
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.
Representative Lance Harris
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.
Representative Gregory A. Miller
Representative John C. "Jay" Morris, III
Representative Stephen E. Pugh, vice chairman
Representative John M. Schroder, Sr.
Representative Robert E. Shadoin

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Jimmy Harris
Representative Barry Ivey

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst
Mark Mahaffey, attorney
Shawn O'Brien, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms
Hannah Gale, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 60 by Senator Perry

Representative Schroder presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 60, which designates the grounds surrounding the Old Arsenal Museum on the capitol grounds as The Louisiana Veterans Memorial Park.

Representative Danahay offered a technical amendment. Representative Danahay offered a motion to adopt the proposed technical amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Pugh, Schroder, and Danahay voted yea.

Representative Lance Harris offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 60 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 60 was reported with amendments by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Pugh, Schroder, and Danahay voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 189 by Senator Colomb

On behalf of the author, Domoine D. Rutledge, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, 1050 S. Foster Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, 225-922-5619; and Nan McCann, Baton Rouge Magnet High School, 2825 Government St., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, 225-383-0520, presented Senate Bill No. 189, which provides for ethical standards for public servants.

Kathleen M. Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics/Ethics Administration Program, P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70816, 225-219-5600, informed the committee that the Board of Ethics had voted to oppose the legislation.

Representative Danahay offered amendments to add that teachers and administrators may also be provided a stipend for participating in the National Math and Science Initiative, to remove language specifying that time spent pursuant to the initiative shall not be deemed as hours worked for the governmental entity, and to make technical changes. Representative Danahay offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Pugh, Schroder, and Danahay voted yea.

Representative Gary Carter offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 189 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 189 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Jay Morris, Pugh, Schroder, and Danahay voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Adoption of committee minutes from the 2016 Regular Session

The minutes from the 2016 Regular Session dated March 16, March 23, March 30, April 6, April 7, April 13, April 20, April 27, May 4, May 11, May 18, May 24, and June 1 were presented to the committee for approval. Representative Pugh offered a motion to approve the minutes. Without objection, the minutes were approved by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Pugh, Schroder, and Danahay voted yea.

Sunset Review

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst, provided background on the sunset review process for entities under the purview of the committee.

Sunset Review, Division of Administrative Law

Cynthia G. Eyre, general counsel, and Alycia G. O'Bear, general counsel, Division of Administrative Law, 1020 Florida St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, 225-219-9984, made a presentation on the work of the Division of Administrative Law. They explained that the Division of Administrative Law conducts administrative hearings for executive branch agencies using independent, impartial judges who issue findings of fact and determinations of law at a low cost per hearing and with an average turnaround time of six days per case.

Adrienne T. Bordelon, State Civil Service, 1201 North 3rd St., Baton Rouge, LA, 225-342-4442, provided information relative to the structure of the Division of Administrative Law.

Sunset Review, State Police Commission

Jason Hannaman, executive director, State Police Commission, 7979 Independence Blvd., Suite 208, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, 225-925-7057, answered questions about the work of the State Police Commission, a three-employee, constitutionally created entity that administers tests, promulgates rules, and serves as the final authority over the administration of the State Police Service under the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police.

Sunset Review: Board of Ethics

Kathleen M. Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics/Ethics Administration Program, P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70816, 225-219-5600, provided information on the board's role as administrator of the

Code of Governmental Ethics, which covers all public servants at the state, parish, and local level and those who interact with them; the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act; and the state and local legislative and executive lobbying disclosure laws.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Danahay recognized 4-H students visiting from Tangipahoa Parish.

Representative Danahay thanked the committee and staff for its work during the 2017 Regular Session.

Representative Morris thanked the chairman for his leadership.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Vice Chairman Royce Duplessis
House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Date adopted: October 7, 2020

The committee has acknowledged on October 7, 2020, that these minutes were prepared in accordance with the rules of the House of Representatives.