

Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay

Minutes of Meeting
2017 Interim Session
January 27, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Abramson called the meeting to order in House Committee Room 6, of the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 10:37 a.m. The secretary called the roll, and a quorum was established.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Neil C. Abramson, chairman
Representative Paula Davis
Representative Phillip DeVillier
Representative Stephen C. Dwight
Representative Kenneth Havard
Representative Cameron Henry
Representative Marcus Hunter
Representative Mike Huval
Representative Edward "Ted" James, II
Representative Robert Johnson
Representative Terry Landry
Representative Christopher Leopold
Representative James "Jim" Morris
Representative Major Thibaut

SENATORS PRESENT

Senator Troy Carter
Senator Yvonne Dorsey-Colomb
Senator Dale M. Erdey
Senator James R. "Jim" Fannin
Senator Ronnie Johns
Senator Eddie Lambert
Senator Barrow Peacock
Senator John Smith
Senator Mack "Bodi" White

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Taylor Barras
Representative Joseph Bouie, Jr.
Representative Chris Broadwater
Representative Jimmy Harris
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Walter Leger, III
Representative John C. "Jay" Morris, III
Representative Julie Stokes

SENATORS ABSENT

Senator John A. Alario, Jr.
Senator Eric LaFleur
Senator W. Jay Luneau
Senator Jean-Paul "JP" Morrell
Senator Karen Carter Peterson
Senator Neil Riser
Senator Gary L. Smith, Jr.
Senator Gerald Long

III. STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ashley Albritton, Capital Outlay Specialist
Linda Hopkins, Committee Secretary
Alison Pryor, House Deputy Director
Anita Carr, Senate Administrative Secretary
Martha S. Hess, Senate Counsel
Bobbie Hunter, Senate Senior Budget Analyst
James Bullock, Senate Sergeant at Arms

IV. DISCUSSION

The first item on the agenda was to approve the minutes from the last JLCCO meeting, held on October 13, 2016. Senator Peacock offered a motion to adopt the minutes from the October 13, 2016, meeting, to which there was no objection. The motion passed by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Havard, Hunter, Huval, James, Johnson, Landry, Leopold, "Jim" Morris, and Thibaut voted yea; Senators Carter, Dorsey-Colomb, Erdey, Fannin, Johns, Lambert, Peacock, John Smith, and White voted yea.

Representative Abramson described documentation included in members' folders, and stated the committee's next order of business was to approve the late submissions for Capital Outlay. He explained, by law, for projects to be eligible for Capital Outlay, there is a November 1, 2016, deadline, by which the entity requesting Capital Outlay must submit a request for capital outlay, as well as the required letter of support from a legislator. If the deadline of November 1st is missed, in prior years, the committee had the ability to approve those late submissions by February 1, 2017. Representative Abramson clarified this does not mean they will be included in HB2, go through bond commission, or that they will receive any funding. It simply means the committee is approving applications which makes them eligible for Capital Outlay funding. Representative Abramson moved to *Exhibit A, "FY18 Capital Outlay Request Non-State Late List Total Project Cost Under \$1 Million Ready for JLCCO Approval"*, which are the projects that missed the November 1, 2016, deadline, either with respect to their requests for Capital Outlay or their letter of support from the legislator. Their application is complete, after the deadline, and the committee is charged with the task to approve those submissions by February 1, 2017.

Representative Abramson moved to approve the list of late Capital Outlay budget requests submitted after November 1, 2016, to which there was no objection. The motion passed by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Havard, Hunter, Huval, James, Johnson, Landry, Leopold, "Jim" Morris, and Thibaut voted yea; Senators Carter, Dorsey-Colomb, Erdey, Fannin, Johns, Lambert, Peacock, John Smith, and White voted yea.

Representative Abramson moved to *Exhibit B, "FY18 Capital Outlay Request Non-State Late List Total Project Cost Under \$1 Million Needs COR or LOS"*. Representative Abramson explained

those items listed on *Exhibit B* are also non-state entities that have projects less than \$1,000,000, yet they are incomplete. They have either not submitted their request for Capital Outlay, or they have not had their letters from the requisite legislator. If those non-state entities complete what they are missing by February 1, 2017, the committee will approve them, though this is a prospective approval, assuming they provide documentation by February 1, 2017. Representative Abramson clarified this does not mean they will be in HB2, go through bond commission, or that they will receive any funding.

Senator Fannin expressed his objection to the inclusion of a fire truck included in "*Schedule 36-L34, the Orleans Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority, eCORTS ID 558132, Title: ARFF Fire Truck (Replacement)*" because it is movable and is not eligible for Capital Outlay as described by Mr. Mark Moses, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Facility Planning & Control, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-210, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7000. Senator Fannin clarified that his motion would be to approve the list without that item (fire trucks), which would leave some option for Mr. Moses to further investigate.

Senator Fannin offered a motion to approve non-state entity Capital Outlay requests with a total cost of \$1,000,000 which meet all of the legal requirements including a fully submitted Capital Outlay application and letter of support, as contained in "*Exhibit B*", minus the project Senator Fannin objected to, that are submitted to the Division (Office of Facility Planning & Control) on or before February 1, 2017. The motion covers all projects in "*Exhibit B*" for non-state projects under \$1,000,000, that can be approved by JLCCO upon receipt of a fully submitted Capital Outlay application and letter of support, and any newly completed non-state Capital Outlay requests with a total cost of less than \$1,000,000, that have been fully submitted between now and the February 1, 2017, deadline for JLCCO approval. The motion passed by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Havard, Hunter, Huval, James, Johnson, Landry, Leopold, "Jim" Morris, and Thibaut voted yea; Senators Carter, Dorsey-Colomb, Erdey, Fannin, Johns, Lambert, Peacock, John Smith, and White voted yea.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Abramson offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 22 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Havard, Hunter, Huval, James, Johnson, Landry, Leopold, "Jim" Morris, and Thibaut voted yea; Senators Carter, Dorsey-Colomb, Erdey, Fannin, Johns, Lambert, Peacock, John Smith, and White voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Neil C. Abramson, chairman