

## **House Committee on Ways and Means**

Minutes of Meeting  
2017 Regular Session  
June 6, 2017

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Neil C. Abramson, Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m. in Room 6, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Neil C. Abramson, chairman  
Representative Joseph Bouie, Jr.  
Representative Chris Broadwater  
Representative Paula P. Davis  
Representative Phillip R. DeVillier  
Representative Stephen C. Dwight  
Representative Jimmy Harris  
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 Clay Schexnayder  
Representative Alan Seabaugh  
Representative Julie Stokes  
Representative Major Thibaut

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Marcus L. Hunter

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Alison Pryor, deputy director  
Ms. Elise C. Read, legislative analyst  
Ms. Tina Vanichchagorn, attorney

Ms. Linda Hopkins, secretary

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Ms. Janet Anthony, sergeant at arms

Ms. Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

**To consider administrative rule changes submitted by the Department of Education concerning administration of the five School Readiness Tax Credits**

Ms. Erin Bendily, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Education, and Ms. Lisa Brochard, Chief of Staff, Office of Early Childhood, explained the provision of law that indicates whenever changes are made to the School Readiness Tax Credits, that rule not only goes through the administrative process but in addition to that, the approval of the House Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, and the House Ways and Means Committee. Unanimous approval has been met by both Education Committees, as well as Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs. Two handouts were provided committee members: "*Title 28 Education, Part CLXV. Bulletin 139 - Louisiana Child Care and Development Fund Programs*" and "*School Readiness Tax Credit Revisions*". (See Exhibits A and B)

There was no further discussion.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to approve the rules submitted by the Department of Education concerning the administration of the School Readiness Tax Credits. Without objection, the motion to approve the rules submitted by the Department of Education concerning the administration of the School Readiness Tax Credits was passed by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Broadwater, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Jimmy Harris, Horton, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

**To review and approve the third party convenience fee schedules for the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology pursuant to R.S. 49:316.1**

Mr. Cloyce Clark, PayStar, 733 East Airport Avenue, Suite 201, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (318) 344-4211, spoke concerning third party convenience fee schedules for the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology pursuant to R.S. 49:316.1. (See Exhibit C)

There was no further discussion on the fee schedules.

Representative Horton offered a motion to approve third party convenience fee schedules for the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology pursuant to R.S. 49:316.1. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Broadwater, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Jimmy Harris, Horton, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

**To review and approve the third party convenience fee schedules for the Louisiana Department of Insurance pursuant to R.S. 49:316.1**

Ms. Denise Gardner, Chief of Staff, Louisiana Department of Insurance, spoke concerning the third party convenience fee schedules for the Louisiana Department of Insurance pursuant to R.S. 49:316.1. (See Exhibit D)

There was no further discussion on the third party convenience fee schedules.

Representative Huval offered a motion to approve third party convenience fee schedules for the Louisiana Department of Insurance pursuant to R.S. 49:316.1. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Broadwater, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Jimmy Harris, Horton, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

**To review and approve the third party convenience fee schedules for the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services, pursuant to R.S. 49:316.1**

Ms. Staci Hoyt and Ms. Karen St. Germain, Office of Motor Vehicles, 7979 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 925-6161, spoke concerning third party convenience fee schedules, pursuant to R.S. 49:316.1. (See Exhibit E)

There was no further discussion on third party convenience fee schedules.

Representative Jim Morris offered a motion to approve third party convenience fee schedules for the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services, pursuant to R.S. 49:316.1. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Broadwater, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Jimmy Harris, Horton, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

**To review and approve the third party convenience fee schedules for the Department of Veteran Affairs, pursuant to R.S. 49:316.1**

Mr. Matt Farlow, Deputy Undersecretary, Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, (225) 219-5020, spoke concerning the third party convenience fee schedules for the Department of Veteran Affairs, pursuant to R.S. 49:316.1. (See Exhibit F)

There was no further discussion on the third party convenience fee schedules.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to approve the third party convenience fee schedules for the Department of Veteran Affairs, pursuant to R.S. 49:316.1. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Broadwater, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Jimmy Harris, Horton, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

## **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Abramson offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion to adjourn passed by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abramson, Bouie, Broadwater, Davis, DeVillier, Dwight, Jimmy Harris, Horton, Huval, Ivey, James, Johnson, Jay Morris, Jim Morris, Schexnayder, Seabaugh, Stokes, and Thibaut voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Neil C. Abramson  
House Committee on Ways and Means