

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2018 1st Extraordinary Session
February 21, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Michael E. Danahay, chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:44 a.m. in Room 3, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Michael E. Danahay, chairman
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.
Representative Jimmy Harris
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.
Representative Robert E. Shadoin

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Lance Harris
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Gregory A. Miller
Representative John C. "Jay" Morris, III
Representative Stephen E. Pugh, vice chairman

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

There was no legislation to discuss.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Interview nominees for the vacancy on the Board of Ethics

The members heard from the following nominees on their qualifications and interviewed them:

Robert W. Grand, 539 Dunmoreland, no city or state provided, (318) 869-2272.

Bettsie B. Miller, 6704 Audubon Circle, no city or state provided, (225) 803-2424.

LaKoshia R. Roberts, 1436 Mitchell Street, Lake Charles, LA 70607, (337) 478-3374.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to nominate LaKoshia Roberts to the Board of Ethics. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 5 yeas and 1 nay. Representatives Danahay, Gary Carter, Jimmy Harris, Hill, and Jenkins voted yea. Representative Shadoin voted nay.

Representative Shadoin offered a motion to nominate Bettsie Miller to the Board of Ethics. Representative Shadoin withdrew his motion.

Discuss recommendations of the State Board of Election Supervisors

Kyle Ardoin, first assistant secretary of state, 8585 Archives Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 922-2880, addressed the committee regarding recommendations of the Board of Elections (Exhibits A and B).

Merietta Norton, office of the secretary of state, P.O. Box 91425, Baton Rouge, LA, 70804-9125, (225) 922-0547, provided information relative to the State Board of Elections.

Sherri Wharton Hadskey, office of the secretary of state, 8585 Archives Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 603-8583, provided information relative to the State Board of Elections.

Discuss other changes to the Election Code, including limitations on changes to precinct boundaries

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, committee legislative analyst, addressed the committee regarding the processes leading up to redistricting. Ms. Patricia Lowrey-Dufour stated that the processes involving the submission of precincts to the census bureau for maintenance of block boundaries for the purpose of counting citizens has changed. (See Exhibits C and D).

Kyle Ardoin, first assistant secretary of state, 8585 Archives Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 922-2880, spoke for information only.

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V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Michael E. Danahay
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Date approved: _____

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