

## **House Committee on Appropriations**

Minutes of Meeting  
2019 Regular Session  
April 17, 2019

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

Representative Cameron Henry, Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. in Room 5, 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 Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley  
Representative John A. Berthelot  
Representative Robert E. Billiot  
Representative Charles R. Chaney  
Representative Rick Edmonds  
Representative Julie Emerson  
Representative Reid Falconer  
Representative Lance Harris  
Representative Walt Leger, III  
Representative Jack G. McFarland  
Representative Blake Miguez  
Representative Dustin Miller  
Representative Scott M. Simon  
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith  
Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative James K. Armes, III  
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.  
Representative Valarie Hodges

Representative Steve E. Pylant  
Representative Jerome Richard

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Alexis Normand, Attorney  
Ms. Jane Schoen, Secretary  
Ms. Adrienne Wood, Attorney

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Ms. Faye Talbot, Sergeant at Arms  
Ms. Vivian Hurst, Sergeant at Arms

**III. DISCUSSION**

**Public testimony regarding the appropriations proposed in House Bill No. 105 of the 2019 Regular Session**

Representative Henry indicated that the committee would hear public testimony regarding the appropriations proposed in House Bill No. 105, schedule by schedule.

**Louisiana Department of Health - Schedule 09**

Mr. Andrew Mull, Live at Home Louisiana, 301 Main Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 276-1941, spoke in support of House Bill No. 105 and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Ms. Helen Ambeau, Live at Home Louisiana, 4505 A Point Claire, St. Gabriel, LA 70776, (225) 937-3773, spoke in support of House Bill No. 105.

Ms. Deborah Macalusa, Live at Home Louisiana, 301 Main Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 576-1146, spoke in support of House Bill No. 105.

Ms. Jacquelyn Blaney, 1468 Applewood Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 335-8904, spoke in support of House Bill No. 105.

Ms. Guynell Holiday, Independent Living, Inc., 474 North Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 924-7998, spoke in support of House Bill No. 105.

Ms. Illeana Ledet, Greater New Orleans, Inc., 1100 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70163, (504) 527-6951, spoke in support of House Bill No. 105.

Ms. Monique Rouge, Carlie Care Kids, 2032 Carol Sue Avenue, Terrytown, LA 70056, (504) 451-1712, spoke in support of House Bill No. 105.

Ms. Helen Dumas, Candyland Kinder Kollege, 6117 Singleton Drive, Marrero, LA 70072, (504) 348-8710, spoke in support of House Bill No. 105.

Ms. Sonjia Joseph, Clara's Little Lambs, 1871 Farragut Street, New Orleans, LA 70114, (504) 362-7710, spoke in support of House Bill No. 105.

Ms. Martha Weatherford, Weatherford Academy, 615 Fourth Street, Westwego, LA 70094, (504) 267-3080, spoke in support of House Bill No. 105.

Ms. Becky Beene, Village de Memoire, 1001 North Reed Street, Ville Platte, LA 70586, (337) 363-0162, spoke in support of House Bill No. 105.

Ms. Celena Regan, Elderly Housing Development and Operations Corporation, 122 East Duson Street, Morse, LA 70559, (337) 250-0569, spoke in support of House Bill No. 105.

Ms. Laurie Boswell, Chief Executive Officer, Holy Angels, 10450 Ellerbe Road, Shreveport, LA 71106, (318) 797-8500, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 105.

Ms. Jennifer Hebert, Executive Director, Magnolia Community Services, 100 Central Avenue, Jefferson, LA 70121, (504) 733-2874, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 105.

Ms. Sharon Gomez, Executive Compliance Officer, Evergreen Life Services, 1015 Eleventh Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601, (337) 309-7064, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 105.

Ms. April Dunn, Chairperson, Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council, 3902 Whitesands Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70814, (225) 272-4080, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 105.

Ms. Amy Donarski, 28700 Rae Drive, Walker, LA 70785, (218) 686-5248, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 105.

Ms. Jamie Hattier, Quality Support Coordination, 641 Papworth Avenue, Metairie, LA 70005, (504) 756-0098, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 105.

Ms. Jamie Duplechine, 1307 West Willow Street, Apt. 113A, Lafayette, LA 70506, (504) 909-56007, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 105.

Mr. Lorene Phillips, 42166 Eagles Eye Street, Prairieville, LA 70769, (318) 987-4264, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 105.

Mr. Rebecca Fruge, 303 Summerland Key Lane, Lafayette, LA 70508, (337) 371-6737, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 105.

Ms. Kelli Inabnet, 43480 Weber City Road, Gonzales, LA 70737, (601) 519-9669, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 105.

Ms. Christy Paulsell, 919 Woodsprings Court, Covington, LA 70433, (985) 264-4926, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 105.

Mr. Rocky Fuselier, 2016 Oak Park Blvd., Lake Charles, LA 70601, (337) 540-3213, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 105.

Ms. Kellie Luke, 511 Rain Tree Trail, Lafayette, LA 70507, (337) 258-0325, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 105.

Ms. Mary Piroso, 2607 B St. Martin, Hammond, LA 70403, (985) 345-6269, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 105.

Mr. Robert Paddy, Vice Chair, Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council, 7202 Laurel Ridge, Greenwood, LA 71033, (318) 938-7664, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 105.

Ms. Sue Yacovissi, 601 Woodmere Drive, Shreveport, LA 71115, no telephone number provided, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 105.

Ms. Sylvia Bush, OPTIONS, Inc., 19362 West Shelton Road, Hammond, LA 70401, (985) 345-6269, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 105.

Mr. Mitch Iddins, New Horizons Independent Living Center, 1111 Hawn Avenue, #A, Shreveport, LA 71107, (318) 671-8131, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 105.

Mr. Daryn Broussard, New Horizons Independent Living Center, 1111 Hawn Avenue, #A, Shreveport, LA 71107, (318) 671-8131, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 105.

Mr. Jarred DeSoto, 820 South Street, Alexandria, LA 71301, (318) 481-0922, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 105.

Ms. Joy Barbin, 820 South Street, Alexandria, LA 71301, (318) 481-0922, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 105.

Ms. Sharon LaBorde, 870 Poleman Road, Shreveport, LA 71107, (318) 564-6842, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 105.

Ms. Lisa Hester, 6315 Landmark Drive, Greenwell Springs, LA 70739, (225) 235-4008, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 105.

Mr. Richard Murphy, 2313 Cypress Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601, (337) 912-5671, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 105.

Dr. Laura Brackin, Community Provider Association, 18692 Oakgrove Parkway, Prairieville, LA 70769, (225) 402-7034, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 105.

Mr. Kevin Hayes, Community Provider Association, 412 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 286-2725, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 105.

Mr. Matthew Wallace, Easterseals Louisiana, 1010 Common Street, Suite 2440, New Orleans, LA 70112, (225) 888-6055, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 105.

Mr. Scott Laliberte, Compliance Director, Community Angels of Hope LLC, 2750 Shed Road, #D2, Bossier City, LA 71111, (318) 746-4673, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 105.

Ms. Caroline Meehan, Louisiana Mental Health Coalition, 4152 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70119, (202) 374-8695, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 105.

Mr. Frank D. Lamier, Executive Director, Alexander Milne Developmental Services, 1065 Milne Circle, Covington, LA 70435, (985) 327-6550, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 105.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows:

18 in support, 38 in opposition, and 7 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Dustin Miller offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 20 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Amedee, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Lance Harris, Leger, McFarland, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Simon, Smith, and Zeringue voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Cameron Henry  
House Committee on Appropriations