

## **House Committee on Education**

Minutes of Meeting  
2019 Regular Session  
April 24, 2019

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

Representative Nancy Landry, chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Nancy Landry, chairman  
Representative Beryl A. Amedée  
Representative Joseph Bouie, Jr.  
Representative Kendricks "Ken" Brass  
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr., vice chairman  
Representative Stephen F. Carter  
Representative Rick Edmonds  
Representative Julie Emerson  
Representative Reid Falconer  
Representative Stephanie Hilferty  
Representative Walt Leger, III  
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Scott M. Simon  
Representative Polly Thomas

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

Elizabeth L. Borné, legislative analyst  
Nancy Y. Jolly, legislative analyst  
Jacqueline Snowden, secretary

#### **ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms

### III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

#### **House Bill No. 403 by Representative Nancy Landry**

On behalf of Representative Nancy Landry, Joe Salter, office of the Louisiana secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 922-2880, presented House Bill No. 403, which provides that certain election days shall be public school holidays in certain parishes.

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to report House Bill No. 403 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 403 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedée, Brass, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, and Leger voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 89 by Representative McMahan**

Representative McMahan presented House Bill No. 89, which renames the Northwest Louisiana Technical College as the Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College and provides for an expansion of its mission and educational program.

Earl Meador, Northwest Louisiana Technical College, 901 Industrial Boulevard, Minden, LA, (318) 371-3035, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 89.

Representative Emerson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 89 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 89 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedée, Brass, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, and Hilferty voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

*Vice Chairman Carter in the chair.*

#### **House Bill No. 343 by Representative Steve Carter**

Representative Steve Carter presented House Bill No. 343, which provides for technical corrections to various provisions of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to report House Bill No. 343 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 343 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedée, Brass, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Hilferty, and Leger voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

*Chairman Landry in the chair.*

#### **House Bill No. 395 by Representative Steve Carter**

Representative Steve Carter presented House Bill No. 395, which provides relative to a special fund for the purpose of funding early childhood education.

Representative Brass offered a motion to report House Bill No. 395 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 395 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedée, Brass, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Hilferty, and Leger voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 18 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 9 by Representative Hoffmann**

On behalf of Representative Hoffmann, Representative Landry presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 9, which requests a study relative to allowing Anatomy and Physiology to count in addition to, rather than as a substitute for, Biology II for Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) award qualification and high school graduation.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 9 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 9 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedée, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Hilferty, and Leger voted yea.

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

To hear a presentation by the Board of Regents relative to the master plan for postsecondary education.

Kim Hunter Reed, Louisiana commissioner of higher education, Board of Regents, Claiborne Building, 1201 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 341-0303, spoke for information only.

Marty J. Chabert, chairman, Board of Regents, Claiborne Building, 1201 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Nancy Landry  
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: