

## **House Select Committee on Homeland Security**

Minutes of Meeting  
2018-2019 Interim  
March 18, 2019

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

Representative Franklin J. Foil, chairman of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security, called the meeting to order at 10:22 a.m. in Room 6, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Franklin J. Foil, chairman  
Representative John F. "Andy" Anders  
Representative Lance Harris  
Representative Valarie Hodges, vice chairman  
Representative Barry Ivey  
Representative Edmond Jordan  
Representative Rodney Lyons  
Representative Clay Schexnayder

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Chad Brown  
Representative Jean-Paul P. Coussan  
Representative Kenny R. Cox  
Representative Julie Emerson  
Representative Cedric B. Glover  
Representative Walt Leger, III  
Representative James H. "Jim" Morris  
Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

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

Glenn Fleming, legislative analyst  
Karen Stephens, secretary

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

Danny Leming, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION**

**Louisiana Watershed Initiative**

Mr. Pat Forbes, Office of Community Development, no address or phone provided, gave members a briefing on the activities and plans of the Louisiana Watershed Initiative. He narrated the first portion of a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Louisiana Watershed Initiative Update", Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records. Mr. Forbes outlined Louisiana's eight watershed areas and explained that the mission of the initiative was to reduce flood risk and improve floodplain management across the state by maximizing the natural and beneficial functions of the floodplain.

Mr. Casey Tingle, GOHSEP, 7667 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-7345, narrated the second portion of the PowerPoint presentation. He provided information on their approach to forming regional and local partnerships and the opportunities for funding. Mr. Tingle further detailed past legislative efforts and the approach and progress of the statewide floodplain data and modeling project.

**Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP)**

Mr. James B. Waskom, GOHSEP, 7667 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-7345, gave a briefing on the current Mississippi River flood stages, the preparations for the 2019 hurricane season, and the status of the continuing recovery from the 2016 floods. He narrated a PowerPoint presentation entitled "House Select Committee on Homeland Security Briefing", Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

**Security Upgrades for the Capitol Building**

Representative Foil offered a motion to go into executive session pursuant to R.S. 42:18(A)(4) to discuss security upgrades for the capitol building. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Foil, Anders, Lance Harris, Hodges, Ivey, Jordan, Lyons, and Schexnayder voted yea.

Mr. Clarence Russ, sergeant-at-arms, Louisiana House of Representatives, spoke about upgrades to the capitol building security.

The executive session commenced at 11:23 a.m. The executive session concluded at 12:04 p.m.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Franklin J. Foil  
House Select Committee on Homeland Security

Date adopted: