

House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice

Minutes of Meeting
2020 First Extraordinary Session
June 18, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Edward C. "Ted" James, II, chairman of the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. in Room 6, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Edward C. "Ted" James, II, chairman
Representative Tony Bacala, vice chairman
Representative Marcus Anthony Bryant
Representative Bryan Fontenot
Representative Jonathan Goudeau, I
Representative Frederick Douglass Jones
Representative C. Denise Marcelle
Representative Markham Scott McKnight
Representative Nicholas Muscarello, Jr.
Representative Richard James Nelson
Representative Debbie Villio

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Joseph A. Marino, III
Representative Alan Seabaugh

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kelly C. Fogleman, attorney
Katie LeLeux, attorney
Stephanie Weinman, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms
Madeleine Murphy, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7 by Senator Fields

Senator Fields presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7, which establishes the Police Training, Screening, and De-escalation Task Force to study and make recommendations to the legislature.

Representative James offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes;
- (2) Add one member to the task force from the following organizations:
 - (a) Louisiana Council of Student Body Presidents
 - (b) Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police
 - (c) Together Louisiana
 - (d) Office of state police
 - (e) Legislative Youth Advisory Council; and
- (3) Require that the additional members' organizational leadership receive a copy of this Resolution.

Representative James offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives James, Bacala, Bryant, Fontenot, Goudeau, Jones, Marcelle, McKnight, Muscarello, Nelson, and Villio voted yea.

Michael Ranatza, Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, 1175 Nicholson Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 343-8402, spoke in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7.

Harold Bailey, no address provided, (504) 994-6407, spoke in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives James, Bacala, Bryant, Fontenot, Goudeau, Jones, Marcelle, McKnight, Muscarello, Nelson, and Villio voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 23 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Resolution No. 9 by Representative Lyons

Representative Lyons presented House Resolution No. 9, which requests that the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office adopt certain policies with respect to body-worn cameras.

On behalf of the author, Representative James offered an amendment to request that a status report and the adoption of the policies and procedures be provided to the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana by January 1, 2021, to which Representative Villio objected. After discussion, Representative James withdrew the amendment.

Representative James offered an amendment to request that only a status report on the adoption of the policies and procedures be provided to the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana by January 1, 2021. Representative James offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives James, Bacala, Bryant, Fontenot, Goudeau, Jones, Marcelle, McKnight, Muscarello, Nelson, and Villio voted yea.

Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr., Louisiana House District 83, 6641 Westbank Expy., Marrero, LA 70072, (504) 349-8788, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 9.

Councilman Byron Lee, Jefferson Parish District 3, 1221 Elmwood Park Blvd., 10th Floor, Jefferson, LA 70123, (504) 736-6591, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 9.

Gaynell Joseph, 1112 S. Lexington Ave., Gonzales, LA 70737, (504) 239-7600, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 9.

Peter Robins-Brown, Power Coalition for Equality and Justice, no address provided, (504) 256-8196, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 9.

Michelle A. Charles, Village Keepers, 2495 Paige Janette Dr., Harvey, LA 70058, (504) 259-9884, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 9.

Gaylor A. Spiller, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, P.O. Box 165, Westwego, LA 70096, (504) 222-1213, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 9.

Alfonso Rowland, no address provided, (504) 638-7016, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 9.

Aaron Greathouse, Village Keepers, 328 George St., Avondale, LA 70094, (504) 914-6800, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 9.

Datrice Smith, Village Keepers, 3813 Aspen Dr., Harvey, LA 70058, (504) 570-7502, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 9.

Sheryl Robinson, 1604 S. Arnoult Rd., Metairie, LA 70001, (504) 249-9139, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 9.

Aryanna Kelly, 4800 Burbank Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70820, (225) 916-8808, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 9.

Senator Troy Carter, Louisiana Senate District 7, 3401 General DeGaulle Dr. Suite 100, New Orleans, LA 70114, (504) 302-3682, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 9.

Harold Bailey, The Fatherhood Roundtable New Orleans, no address provided, Jefferson, LA, (504) 994-6407, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 9 and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Bryant offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 9 with amendments. Without objection, House Resolution No. 9 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives James, Bacala, Bryant, Fontenot, Goudeau, Jones, Marcelle, McKnight, Muscarello, Nelson, and Villio voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 15 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 3 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Edward C. "Ted" James, II
House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice

Date adopted: