

House Committee on Appropriations

Minutes of Meeting
2019 - 2020 Interim
March 2, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue, chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The committee administrative assistant called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue, chairman
Representative Roy Daryl Adams
Representative Tony Bacala
Representative Barbara W. Carpenter
Representative R. Dewith Carrier
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr., vice chairman
Representative Raymond J. Crews
Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel
Representative Mary DuBuisson
Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Lance Harris
Representative Valarie Hodges, interim member
Representative John R. Illg, Jr.
Representative Frederick Douglass Jones
Representative Timothy P. Kerner
Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative Tanner D. Magee
Representative Jack G. McFarland
Representative Blake Miguez
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative Troy D. Romero
Representative Francis C. Thompson
Representative Christopher Turner
Representative William "Bill" Wheat, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley, interim member
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman
Representative C. Denise Marcelle

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Katie Andress, committee administrative assistant
Stephanie Little, attorney
Amanda Trapp, legislative analyst

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms

III. OTHER BUSINESS

Representative Zeringue thanked the committee members for serving on the House Committee on Appropriations and discussed his plan for the committee going forward.

Organizational Session

Ms. Stephanie Little, attorney, and Ms. Amanda Trapp, legislative analyst, House Fiscal Division (HFD), 900 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-2448, presented an overview of the committee jurisdictions and proposed rules for the new legislative term, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Harris offered a motion to adoption of House Committee on Appropriations committee rules. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carrier, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Harris, Hodges, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Miguez, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Legislative Fiscal Office

Mr. John Carpenter, legislative fiscal officer, 900 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7233, presented an overview of the Legislative Fiscal Office and provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Mr. Alan Boxberger, section director, Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO), 900 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7233, presented an overview of the fiscal note process.

Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Greg Albrecht, chief economist, LFO, 900 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7233, discussed the accuracy of fiscal notes and with Representative Bacala.

Mr. Shawn Hotstream, section director, LFO, 900 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7233, discussed BA-7 analysis and other roles of the agency.

Representative Carter took a personal privilege to welcome the new members of the committee.

Louisiana Legislative Auditor

Mr. Thomas H. Cole, first assistant legislative auditor, Legislative Auditor's Office, 1600 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 339-3800, addressed the committee regarding the functions of the Legislative Auditor's Office. Mr. Cole also discussed the office's role in advising the legislature in new policies with Representative Crews.

Division of Administration

Commissioner Jay Dardenne, Division of Administration, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-100, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7000, introduced key staff members within the division and discussed the division's functions.

Mr. J. Travis McIlwain, Office of Planning and Budget, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7005, introduced the office's key staff members to the committee.

Discussion of House Bill No. 105 of the 2020 Regular Session:

Representative Zeringue discussed the upcoming budget hearings schedule for House Bill No. 105.

Mr. Patrick Goldsmith, director, HFD, 900 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-2440, presented the organizational portion of the meeting and the overview of the state's budget.

Preamble

Mr. McIlwain presented and discussed the preamble to House Bill No. 105. Mr. McIlwain discussed changes made to the preamble in FY 19 with Representative Bacala.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Gary Carter offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 21 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Magee, Miguez, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Jerome "Zee" Zeringue
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