

House Committee on Appropriations

Minutes of Meeting
2020 First Extraordinary Session
June 4, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue, chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.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 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 Aimee Adatto Freeman
Representative John R. Illg, Jr.
Representative Frederick Douglass Jones
Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative C. Denise Marcelle
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 Roy Daryl Adams
Representative Lance Harris

Representative Timothy P. Kerner
Representative Tanner D. Magee

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms
Blaine Sylvester, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION

Public testimony on the proposed FY 20-21 budget

Representative Zeringue indicated that the committee would hear public testimony regarding the appropriations proposed for the FY 20-21 budget, schedule by schedule.

Executive Department - Schedule 01

Ms. Meghan Garvey, Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (LACDL), 3043 Old Forge Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 767-7640, spoke in support of the FY 20-21 budget.

Ms. Lindsay Blouin, president, LACDL, 222 St. Louis Street, Suite 707, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (504) 975-1329, spoke in support of the FY 20-21 budget.

Mr. Robert Jones, client advocate, Orleans Public Defenders, 13601 North Nemours Street, New Orleans, LA 70129, (504) 265-4654, spoke in support of the FY 20-21 budget.

Ms. Hayley Malcolm, attorney, Orleans Public Defenders, 2601 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70119, (925) 519-1335, spoke in support of the FY 20-21 budget.

Mr. Derwyn Bunton, chief public defender, Orleans Public Defenders, 2601 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70119, (504) 224-0958, spoke in support of the FY 20-21 budget.

Mr. Will Harrell, senior policy counsel, Voice of the Experienced (VOTE), 1221 Kerlerec Street, New Orleans, LA 70116, (504) 571-9599, spoke for information only on the FY 20-21 budget.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 26 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

Louisiana Department of Health - Schedule 09

Ms. Cindy Bishop, Louisiana Alliance on School-Based Health Centers, no address provided, no telephone number provided, spoke in support of the FY 20-21 budget.

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.

Department of Children and Family Services - Schedule 10

Ms. Susan East Nelson, Louisiana Partnership for Children & Families, 13609 Landmark Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 229-2498, spoke in support of the FY 20-21 budget.

Department of Education - Schedule 19

Ms. RuthAnne Oakey-Frost, policy director, Louisiana Policy Institute for Children, P.O. Box 13552, New Orleans, LA 70185, (504) 442-0298, spoke in support of the FY 20-21 budget.

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. BUSINESS

COMMITTEE ROOM 6 TO BE USED FOR OVERFLOW

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Persons who do not feel comfortable giving testimony in person at this time may submit a prepared statement in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee:

A. Any interested person or any committee member may file with the committee a prepared statement concerning a specific instrument or matter under consideration by the committee or concerning any matter within the committee's scope of authority, and the committee records shall reflect receipt of such statement and the date and time thereof.

B. Any person who files a prepared statement which contains data or statistical information shall

include in such prepared statement sufficient information to identify the source of the data or statistical information. For the purposes of this Paragraph, the term "source" shall mean a publication, website, person, or other source from which the data or statistical information contained in the prepared statement was obtained by the person or persons who prepared the statement.

NOTE: Only statements mailed to andressk@legis.la.gov and received prior to Wednesday, June 3rd, at 6:00 p.m., will be included in the record for this committee meeting. All persons desiring to participate in the meeting shall utilize appropriate protective health measures and observe the recommended and appropriate social distancing.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Lyons offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 20 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, Crews, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Illg, Jones, Lyons, Marcelle, McFarland, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Jerome "Zee" Zeringue
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