

## House Committee on Commerce

Minutes of Meeting  
2020 Regular Session  
March 10, 2020

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

Representative Paula P. Davis, chairwoman of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Paula P. Davis, chairwoman  
Representative Stephanie Hilferty, vice chairwoman  
Representative Kenny R. Cox  
Representative Royce Duplessis  
Representative Bryan Fontenot  
Representative Jonathan Goudeau, I  
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.  
Representative Charles Alexander Henry  
Representative Danny McCormick  
Representative Markham Scott McKnight  
Representative Candace N. Newell  
Representative Vincent "Vinney" J. St. Blanc, III  
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver  
Representative Polly Thomas  
Representative Debbie Villio

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Paul Hollis  
Representative Edmond Jordan

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

Kimona Hogan, attorney  
Halie Guidry, legislative analyst  
Allie King, committee administrative assistant  
Charlesetta Lavergne, executive assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Janet Anthony, sergeant at arms  
Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**

There was no discussion of legislation.

**IV. DISCUSSION OF ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

The members and staff introduced themselves to the committee.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to adopt the committee rules for the House Committee on Commerce. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Cox, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Committee jurisdiction and workload were discussed.

**V. PRESENTATIONS**

Ms. Mandi Mitchell, Louisiana Economic Development, 617 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, presented an overview of economic development in the state of Louisiana and provided handouts, Exhibit A and Exhibit B, which are included in the committee records.

Ms. Christine Kirkland, Office of Financial Institutions, 8660 United Plaza Blvd., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 925-4660, presented an overview on the structure and regulations of banks and financial institutions in the state of Louisiana and provided a handout, Exhibit C, which is included in the committee records.

Ms. Lessie House, Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission, 3519 12<sup>th</sup> St., Metairie, LA 70002, (504) 838-5207, and Mr. Burgess E. McCranie, Jr., Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission, 909 Poydras St., #100, New Orleans, LA 70112, (504) 450-9194, presented an overview of the motor vehicle structure and regulations in the state of Louisiana.

Ms. Kathryn Bowman, Louisiana Public Service Commission, 602 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9888, Mr. Brandon Frey, Louisiana Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 91154, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 202-0856, and Mr. Colby Cook, Louisiana Public Service Commission, Galvez Building, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-4427, presented an overview on the structure of the public service commission in the state of Louisiana.

Mr. Jody Montelaro, Entergy, 446 North Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (504) 458-0734, presented an overview of the structure and layout of Entergy in the state of Louisiana.

Ms. Summer Mire, Louisiana Real Estate Commission, 9071 Interline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 925-1923, and Mr. Thomas Devillier, Louisiana Real Estate Commission, 9071 Interline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 923-1923, presented an overview of the structure and regulations of the real estate commission in the state of Louisiana and provided a handout, Exhibit D, which is included in the committee records.

Mr. Michael McDuff, Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors, 600 North St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 763-3983, and Mr. Brad Hassert, Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors, no address provided, (225) 765-2301, presented an overview of the structure and regulations of the licensing board for contractors in the state of Louisiana and provided a handout, Exhibit E, which is included in the committee records.

Mr. Buddy Embanato, Louisiana State Boxing and Wrestling Commission, 129 Clayton Dr., Monroe, LA 71203, (318) 381-2998, and Mr. James A. Stevenson Jr., Louisiana State Boxing and Wrestling Commission, 531 Louisiana Ave., Bogalusa, LA 70427, (985) 516-6443, presented an overview of the structure and regulations of the boxing and wrestling commission in the state of Louisiana.

Mr. Joe Gendron, Louisiana Bankers Association, 5555 Bankers Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 788-8748, presented an overview of the structure and regulations of the bankers association in the state of Louisiana.

## **VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Hilferty offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passes by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Hilferty, Cox, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, Henry, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairwoman Paula P. Davis

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Date adopted: