

## **House Committee on Education**

Minutes of Meeting  
2020 First Extraordinary Session  
July 13, 2020

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

Representative Raymond E. Garofalo, Jr., chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Raymond E. Garofalo, Jr., chairman  
Representative Beryl A. Amedée  
Representative Kendricks "Ken" Brass  
Representative Rick Edmonds  
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman  
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg  
Representative Stephanie Hilferty  
Representative Charles Anthony Owen  
Representative Tammy T. Phelps  
Representative Vincent "Vinney" J. St. Blanc, III  
Representative Polly Thomas  
Representative Mark Wright, vice chairman

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.  
Representative Patrick O. Jefferson  
Representative Blake Miguez  
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver

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

Elizabeth L. Borne, legislative analyst  
Lisa Lovello, legislative analyst  
Jacqueline Snowden, committee administrative assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Mrytis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

**III. BUSINESS**

**To receive information from Dr. Cade Brumley, state superintendent of education; Dr. Courtney Phillips, secretary, Louisiana Department of Health; Sandy Holloway, president, State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; and Eddie Bonine, executive director, Louisiana High School Athletic Association, on issues relative to schools reopening in fall 2020**

Dr. Cade Brumley, no witness card provided, presented a PowerPoint, "Resources for School Reopening 2020-21", included in the committee records as Exhibit A.

Dr. Courtney Philips, Louisiana Department of Health, 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only.

Sandy Holloway, no witness card provided, spoke for information only and announced a Board of Elementary and Secondary Education meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2020.

Eddie Bonine, Louisiana High School Athletic Association, 12720 Old Hammond Highway, (225) 250-7480, spoke for information only and presented a handout, "LHSAA Sport Specific Phase Information", included in the committee records as Exhibit B.

Kristal McDaniel, Parents and Families for Louisiana High School Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, 303 Monterey Drive, Lafayette, LA 70506, (337) 281-2015, spoke in support of issues relative to schools reopening.

Carlos Zervigon, president of the board of Benjamin Franklin High School, 8424 Zimpel Street, New Orleans, LA 70118, (504) 442-2387, spoke in support of issues relative to schools reopening.

Chairman Garofalo distributed a letter authored by himself and 62 House and Senate legislators in support of returning students and athletes to classrooms, included in the committee records as Exhibit C.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support of issues relative to schools reopening.

**To discuss interim committee activities**

Representative Garofalo offered a motion to conduct an interim committee study for the purpose of studying curriculum, particularly with respect to civics, history, and social studies, with an emphasis on African American history. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Garofalo, Amedée, Brass, Edmonds, Freeman, Freiberg, Charles Owen, Phelps, St. Blanc, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Raymond E. Garofalo, Jr.  
House Committee on Education

Date adopted:

The committee has acknowledged on \_\_\_\_\_, that these minutes were prepared in accordance with the rules of the House of Representatives.