

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2020 Second Extraordinary Session
December 17, 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 Gary M. Carter, Jr.
Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg
Representative Tammy T. Phelps
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver
Representative Polly Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Stephanie Hilferty
Representative Patrick O. Jefferson
Representative Blake Miguez
Representative Charles Anthony Owen
Representative Vincent "Vinney" J. St. Blanc, III
Representative Mark Wright, vice chairman

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. BUSINESS

- (1) Pursuant to Article VII, Section 10.8(C)(3)(g) of the state constitution and R.S. 17:3805, consider for legislative approval the plans submitted by schools and school systems for the expenditure of Education Excellence Fund (EEF) monies.**

Beth Scioneaux, State Board of Education and Secondary Education/Louisiana Department of Education, Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-3617, spoke for information only.

Kenya Jenkins, Louisiana Department of Education, no address provided, (225) 342- 3342, spoke for information only.

Representative Garofalo offered a motion to approve the education excellence fund plans. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Garofalo, Amedée, Brass, Carter, Edmonds, Freeman, Freiberg, Phelps, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

- (2) Presentations from the state Department of Education on the following:**

- a. Literacy and accountability relative to students in kindergarten through second grade.**

Cade Brumley, Louisiana Department of Education, no witness card provided, spoke for information only on a presentation entitled "Louisiana Believes", which is included in the committee records and labeled Exhibit A.

Witness cards submitted by those who did not speak are as follows: 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

- b. High school students and career readiness.**

Maria Harmon, Step Up Louisiana, 2022 St. Bernard Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70116, spoke for information only.

- c. **State standards and curriculum, including civics, history, and social studies, with an emphasis on African-American history.**

Sandy Holloway, State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, 120 Godchaux Drive, Thibodeaux, LA, (985) 414-3131, spoke for information only.

- (3) **Presentation from the Louisiana Community and Technical College System on the Reboot Your Career program.**

Camille Conway, Louisiana Community and Technical College System, South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 620-5711, spoke for information only.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Raymond E. Garofalo, Jr.
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Date adopted: