

## **House Committee on Education**

Minutes of Meeting  
2020 Regular Session  
May 27, 2020

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

Representative Raymond E. Garofalo, Jr., chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 8:31 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 Kendrick "Ken" Brass  
Representative Rick Edmonds  
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman  
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg  
Representative Patrick O. Jefferson  
Representative Charles Anthony Owen  
Representative Tammy T. Phelps  
Representative Vincent "Vinney" J. St. Blanc, III  
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver  
Representative Polly Thomas  
Representative Mark Wright, vice chairman

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.  
Representative Stephanie Hilferty  
Representative Blake Miguez

#### **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. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Resolution No. 52 by Representative Schexnayder**

On behalf of Representative Schexnayder, Monty Sullivan, president, Louisiana Community and Technical College System, 265 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 922-1643, presented House Resolution No. 52, which requests that the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges and Board of Regents study and report relative to changes needed for community and technical colleges in response to COVID-19.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 52 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 52 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Garofalo, Amedée, Brass, Edmonds, Freeman, Freiberg, Jefferson, Charles Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 62 by Senator Milligan**

On behalf of Senator Milligan, Representative Amedée presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 62, which requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to implement a traumatic injury response program in all public schools.

Representative Amedée offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 62 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 62 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Garofalo, Amedée, Brass, Edmonds, Freeman, Freiberg, Jefferson, Charles Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**Senate Bill No. 318 by Senator Cathey**

Senator Cathey presented Senate Bill No. 318, which provides for TOPS-Tech award eligibility for certain military veterans.

James A. Caillier, Taylor Foundation, One Lee Circle, New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 589-0470, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 318.

Representative Freeman offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 318 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 318 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Garofalo, Brass, Edmonds, Freeman, Freiberg, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Phelps, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **Senate Bill No. 365 by Senator Cloud**

On behalf of Senator Cloud, Representative Beaulieu presented Senate Bill No. 365, which requires that information be provided to students about high-demand, high-wage jobs during the development and revision of their individual graduation plans.

Representative Garofalo offered amendments to Senate Bill No. 365 that provide that a guidance counselor's qualified designee may perform any of the counselor's duties relative to the development of a student's academic profile and his access of Louisiana Workforce Commission job information. Representative Garofalo offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Garofalo, Brass, Edmonds, Freeman, Freiberg, Jefferson, Charles Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 365 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 365 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Garofalo, Brass, Edmonds, Freeman, Freiberg, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Phelps, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 63 by Senator Jackson**

On behalf of Senator Jackson, Representative Jefferson presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 63, which requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to create a task force to develop and oversee continuous learning outside of normal practices.

Representative Jefferson offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 63 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 63 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Garofalo, Brass, Edmonds, Freeman, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Phelps, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 437 by Senator Jackson**

On behalf of Senator Jackson, Representative Jefferson presented Senate Bill No. 437, which provides relative to postsecondary education management board sick leave policies.

Monty Sullivan, president, Louisiana Community and Technical College System, 265 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 922-1643, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 437.

Representative Jefferson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 437 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 437 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Garofalo, Brass, Edmonds, Freeman, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Phelps, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Thomas voted yea.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: