

## **House Committee on Education**

Minutes of Meeting  
2020 First Extraordinary Session  
June 29, 2020

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

Representative Raymond E. Garofalo, Jr., chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.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 Gary M. Carter, Jr.  
Representative Rick Edmonds  
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman  
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg  
Representative Stephanie Hilferty  
Representative Patrick O. Jefferson  
Representative Blake Miguez  
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:**

None

#### **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. 55 by Representative Duplessis**

Representative Duplessis presented House Resolution No. 55, which requests that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education study the history of racism, racism's effects on public education, and anti-racism education and creates a task force to develop recommendations for implementing such education.

Patrick Dobard, New Schools for New Orleans, 1555 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 55.

DeJunné Clark Jackson, Center for Development and Learning, 530 Lakeland Drive, Suite 1A, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (504) 251-5468, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 55.

Representative Garofalo offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Resolution No. 55. Without objection, action on House Resolution No. 55 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Garofalo, Amedée, Brass, Gary Carter, Edmonds, Freeman, Freiberg, Hilferty, Jefferson, Miguez, Charles Owen, Phelps, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Wright 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.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: