

**House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works
and
Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works**

Minutes of Joint Meeting
2020-2021 Interim
December 16, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Vincent Pierre, chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

HOUSE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Vincent Pierre, chairman
Representative Ken Brass, vice chairman
Representative Mack Cormier
Representative Kathy Edmonston
Representative Michael Firment
Representative Barbara Freiberg
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative C. Travis Johnson
Representative Robert Owen
Representative Rodney Schamerhorn

HOUSE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Foy Gadberry
Representative Ed Larvadain
Representative Pat Moore
Representative Charles Owen
Representative Larry Selders

SENATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Rick Ward, III, chairman
Senator Louis Bernard
Senator Barrow Peacock
Senator J. Rogers Pope
Senator Edward J. "Ed" Price
Senator Gary L. Smith, Jr.

SENATE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Patrick McMath, vice chairman

HOUSE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ashleigh Clare-Kearney, attorney
LeeAnne Sharlow, attorney
Renee Mozee, committee administrative assistant

SENATE STAFF PRESENT:

Xavier Alexander, attorney
Candace Shields, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Fay Talbot, House sergeant at arms
Anthony Lombard, Senate sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION

To review and approve the Department of Transportation and Development request to solicit a public-private partnership (P3) pursuant to Act No. 519 of the 2016 Regular Session (R.S. 48: 250.4) for the project I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge

Mr. Shawn D. Wilson, Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access Road, (225) 379-1200, spoke for information only. He provided a handout and narrated a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Potential P3/I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge Project", Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Mr. Wilson gave an overview on the DOTD Leadership Team, background of I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge, Environmental Status, I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge (Scope, Legislative Authority and Process, Why a P3, Actions to Date, Procurement Schedule) and DOTD recommendations.

Mr. George Swift, Southwest Chamber, 1200 Camellia Boulevard, Suite 101, Lafayette, LA 70508, (337) 989-0071, spoke for information only.

Senator Romero addressed the committee and spoke in support of the I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge P3 Project.

Senator Abraham addressed the committee and spoke on behalf of the Southwest Delegation in support of the I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge P3 Project.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to approve the Department of Transportation and Development's request to solicit a public-private partnership (P3) pursuant to Act No. 519 of the 2016 Regular Session for the project I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge. Without objection, the project was approved by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representative Pierre, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firmont, Freiberg, Horton, C. Travis Johnson, Robert Owen, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

Senator Ward offered a motion to approve the Department of Transportation and Development's request to solicit a public-private partnership (P3) pursuant to Act No. 519 of the 2016 Regular Session for the project I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge. Without objection, the project was approved by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Senators Ward, Bernard, Peacock, Pope, Price, and Smith voted yea.

To approve use of Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) for a project under \$15 million for the City of Franklin entitled the Virgil Browne Glencoe Charter School pursuant to R.S. 38:2225.2.4

Ms. Morgan Segura, V. B. Glencoe Charter School, 4491 Highway 83, Franklin, LA 70538, (337) 923-6900, spoke for information only. She gave a brief comment on the use of Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) for a project under \$15 million for the City of Franklin entitled the Virgil Browne Glencoe Charter School and asked the committee for final approval.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to approve the CMAR project for the V. B. Glencoe Charter School. Without objection, the project was approved by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Horton, C. Travis Johnson, Robert Owen, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

Senator Pope offered a motion to approve the CMAR project for the V. B. Glencoe Charter School. Without objection, the project was approved by a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays. Senators Ward, Bernard, Peacock, Pope, and Smith voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Brass offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Horton, C. Travis Johnson, Robert Owen, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

Senator Ward offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays. Senators Ward, Bernard, Peacock, Pope, and Smith voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Vincent Pierre
House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Date adopted: _____

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