

House Committee on Judiciary

Minutes of Meeting
2020 First Extraordinary Session
June 24, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Randal L. Gaines, chairman of the House Committee on Judiciary, called the meeting to order at 11:39 a.m. in Room 6, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Randal L. Gaines, chairman
Representative Jason Hughes
Representative Michael T. Johnson
Representative Frederick Douglass Jones
Representative Joseph A. Marino, III
Representative Thomas A. Pressly
Representative Tanner D. Magee, ex officio

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Robby Carter
Representative Kathy Edmonston
Representative Edmond Jordan
Representative Mandie Landry
Representative Sherman Q. Mack, vice chairman
Representative Nicholas Muscarello, Jr.
Representative John M. Stefanski

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sadie Becnel, attorney
Diane Merritt, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms
Blaine Sylvester, sergeant at arms
Maddie Murphy, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12 by Senator Ward

Senator Ward presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12, which creates the Drug and Specialty Courts Commission.

On behalf of Senator Ward, Representative Marino offered amendments to add additional members to the commission as follows:

- (1) One specialty court judge selected from the veterans, mental health, or re-entry courts appointed by the chief justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court.
- (2) One drug court judge appointed by the chief justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court.
- (3) One staff member of the Louisiana Supreme Court Drug and Specialty Court Office.
- (4) One member of the indigent defenders board.
- (5) The executive director of the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission, or his designee.

Representative Marino offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gaines, Hughes, Mike Johnson, Jones, Marino, Pressly, and Magee voted yea.

Representative Hughes offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12 was reported with amendments by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gaines, Hughes, Mike Johnson, Jones, Marino, Pressly, and Magee voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Randal L. Gaines
House Committee on Judiciary

Date adopted: