

## **House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs**

Minutes of Meeting  
2020 Regular Session  
May 20, 2020

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

Representative Mike Huval, chairman of the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Mike Huval, chairman  
Representative Mary DuBuisson  
Representative Rick Edmonds  
Representative Les Farnum  
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg  
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry  
Representative Timothy P. Kerner  
Representative Rodney Lyons  
Representative C. Denise Marcelle  
Representative Markham Scott McKnight  
Representative Candace N. Newell  
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn  
Representative Joseph A. Stagni, vice chairman  
Representative Matthew Willard

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Bryan Fontenot  
Representative Cedric B. Glover  
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Tina Righteous, attorney  
Valarie Banks, committee administrative assistant  
David Gauthier, analyst

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Alvin Judson, sergeant at arms  
Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**

**Senate Bill No. 209 by Senator Morris**

Senator Morris presented Senate Bill No. 209, which requires the office of state examiner to develop online testing for entrance firefighter and entrance police officer applicants.

Chief Jeff Terrell, West Monroe Police Department, 2301 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, West Monroe, LA 71291, (318) 450-0964, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 209.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 209 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 209 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Farnum, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, Lyons, McKnight, Newell, Schamerhorn, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**Senate Bill No. 313 by Senator Peterson**

On behalf of Senator Peterson, Paul Rainwater, city of New Orleans, 5117 Cheneau Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 281-8176, presented Senate Bill No. 313, which provides relative to exemptions related to the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board.

Representative Willard offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 313 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 313 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Farnum, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, Lyons, McKnight, Newell, Schamerhorn, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 390 by Senator Peterson**

On behalf of Senator Peterson, Paul Rainwater, city of New Orleans, 5117 Cheneau Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 281-8176, presented Senate Bill No. 390, which provides relative to the public water system, the public sewerage system, and the public drainage system of the city of New Orleans.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 390 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 390 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Farnum, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, Lyons, Marcelle, McKnight, Newell, Schamerhorn, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

### **House Resolution No. 35 by Representative Stagni**

Representative Stagni presented House Resolution No. 35, which provides relative to promotions in the municipal fire and police civil service system.

Representative Stagni offered amendments to House Resolution No. 35 that:

1. Add a provision that the president of the Louisiana Fraternal Order of Police or his designee shall serve as the chairman of the task force and that the president of the Baton Rouge Union of Police or his designee shall serve as the vice chairman.
2. Add a requirement that the chairman call the first meeting of the task force.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments, to which Representative McKnight objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the amendments were adopted by a vote of 7 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Huval, DuBuisson, Lyons, Marcelle, Newell, Stagni, and Willard voted yea. Representatives Farnum, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, McKnight, and Schamerhorn voted nay.

Kevin Hayes, Chiefs of Police Association, 412 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 268-2725, spoke in opposition to House Resolution No. 35.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 35 with amendments. Without objection, House Resolution No. 35 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, DuBuisson, Farnum, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, Lyons, Marcelle, McKnight, Newell, Schamerhorn, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support, and 2 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **Senate Bill No. 254 by Senator Carter**

Senator Carter presented Senate Bill No. 254, which provides for expansion of working conditions afforded to fire service employees employed by nonprofit corporations under contract with a fire protection district, municipality, or other political subdivision.

Chad Major, Professional Fire Fighters, 8011 Merle Gustafson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70807, (225) 572-8483, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 254.

Representative Lyons offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 254 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 254 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Farnum, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, Lyons, Marcelle, McKnight, Newell, Schamerhorn, Stagni, and Willard 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.

### **House Resolution No. 39 by Representative Hilferty**

Representative Hilferty presented House Resolution No. 39, which provides relative to the control and management of sewerage, water, and drainage facilities and services in the city of New Orleans.

Representative Stagni offered amendments to House Resolution No. 39 that:

1. Add the chairmen of the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs and the Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs, or their designees, as members of the task force.
2. Authorize task force members to designate persons to serve in their stead.
3. Provide that the Board of Liquidation, City Debt selects the member representing the board.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Farnum, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, Lyons, Marcelle, McKnight, Newell, Schamerhorn, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 39 with amendments. Without objection, House Resolution No. 39 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, DuBuisson, Farnum, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, Lyons, Marcelle, McKnight, Newell, Schamerhorn, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

## **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Lyons offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, DuBuisson, Farnum, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, Lyons, Marcelle, McKnight, Newell, Schamerhorn, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Mike Huval  
House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs

Date adopted: