

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

Minutes of Meeting  
2020 Regular Session  
May 28, 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 8:00 a.m. in Room 6, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Rick Edmonds  
Representative Bryan Fontenot  
Representative Cedric B. Glover  
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.  
Representative Rodney Lyons  
Representative C. Denise Marcelle

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

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

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**

**Senate Bill No. 27 by Senator Hewitt**

Senator Hewitt presented Senate Bill No. 27, which provides relative to board appointments and powers and duties of the Harbor Center District.

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 27 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 27 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Farnum, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, McKnight, Newell, Schamerhorn, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 518 by Senator Hewitt**

Senator Hewitt presented Senate Bill No. 518, which provides relative to the St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 518 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 518 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Farnum, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, McKnight, Newell, Schamerhorn, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 441 by Senator Abraham**

On behalf of Senator Abraham, Representative Huval presented Senate Bill No. 441, which provides for meetings of the Calcasieu-Cameron Navigation District Board of Commissioners.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 441 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 441 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, Farnum, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, McKnight, Newell, Schamerhorn, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 344 by Senator Johns**

On behalf of Senator Johns, Representative Huval presented Senate Bill No. 344, which provides relative to the regulation of battery-charged fences by parishes and municipalities.

Michael Pate, AMAROK, 521 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 931-5220, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 344.

Representative Willard offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 344 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 344 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, DuBuisson, Farnum, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, McKnight, Newell, Schamerhorn, Stagni, and Willard 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 Bill No. 416 by Senator Carter**

On behalf of Senator Carter, Representative Newell presented Senate Bill No. 416, which provides relative to the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad.

Matt Gresham, Port NOLA / New Orleans Public Belt, 1350 Port of New Orleans Place, New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 526-3257, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 416.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 416 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 416 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, DuBuisson, Farnum, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, 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.

**Senate Bill No. 104 by Senator Milligan**

On behalf of Senator Milligan, Thomas Carmody, director of state museums, 3015 Greenwood Road, Shreveport, LA 71109, (318) 632-2020, presented Senate Bill No. 104, which provides for board membership and authority of certain state museums.

Representative Stagni offered amendments to provide for the effectiveness of proposed law provisions relative to the Louisiana Military Hall of Fame and Museum if House Bill No. 213 of the 2020 Regular Session becomes effective. Representative Stagni offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, DuBuisson, Farnum, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, McKnight, Newell, Schamerhorn, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 104 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 104 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Huval, DuBuisson, Farnum, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, McKnight, Newell, Schamerhorn, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

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

**Senate Bill No. 411 by Senator Barrow**

Senator Barrow presented Senate Bill No. 411, which provides relative to the Bethany Convention Center Development District.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 411 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 411 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, DuBuisson, Farnum, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, McKnight, Newell, Schamerhorn, Stagni, and Willard 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 Bill No. 410 by Senator Barrow**

Senator Barrow presented Senate Bill No. 410, which provides for the boundaries of the Baton Rouge North Economic Development District.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 410 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 410 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Huval, DuBuisson, Farnum, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, McKnight, Newell, Schamerhorn, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

*Vice Chairman Stagni in the chair.*

**Senate Bill No. 459 by Senator Reese**

Senator Reese presented Senate Bill No. 459, which establishes an Economic Development District for the parish of Vernon.

Representative Schamerhorn offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 459 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 459 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives DuBuisson, Farnum, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, 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 Gadberry offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives DuBuisson, Farnum, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, McKnight, Newell, Schamerhorn, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: