

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

Minutes of Joint Meeting
2019-2020 Interim
March 9, 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 10:03 a.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 Reggie Bagala
Representative Mack Cormier
Representative Kathy Edmonston
Representative Barbara Freiberg
Representative Foy Gadberry
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Travis Johnson
Representative Ed Larvadain
Representative Pat Moore
Representative Charles Owen
Representative Robert Owen
Representative Rodney Schamerhorn
Representative Larry Selders

HOUSE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Michael Firment

SENATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Rick Ward, chairman
Senator Louie Bernard
Senator Patrick McMath, vice chairman
Senator Barrow Peacock
Senator J. Rogers Pope
Senator Edward "Ed" Price
Senator Gary Smith

SENATE MEMBERS ABSENT:

HOUSE STAFF PRESENT:

Ashleigh Clare-Kearney, attorney
LeeAnne Sharlow, attorney
Angelique R. Mozee, committee administrative assistant
Faye Ayes, sergeant at arms

SENATE STAFF PRESENT:

Xavier Alexander, attorney
Candace Sheilds, secretary
Anthony Lumbard, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION

Mr. Shawn Wilson, Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 379-1200, spoke for information only. He thanked the committee members for attending the three orientation meetings that were held at DOTD and introduced the newest member of the executive staff, Ms. Renee Lapeyrolerie, who will be the commissioner of the Office of Multimodal Commerce. Mr. Wilson gave an overview on all of the programs that will be recommended for approval.

Final approval of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Highway Priority Construction Program

Ms. Mary E. Elliott, Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 379-1218, spoke for information only on the final approval of the 2020-2021 Highway Priority Construction Program and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records. She stated that there were no changes to the program and recommended committee approval.

Representative Brass offered a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Highway Priority Construction Program. Without objection, the program was approved by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Bagala, Cormier, Edmonston, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Senator Price offered a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Highway Priority Construction Program. Without objection, the program was approved by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Senators Ward, Bernard, McMath, Peacock, Pope, Price, and Smith 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.

Final approval of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Airport Construction and Development Priority Program

Ms. Renee Lapeyrolerie, Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 379-3029, spoke for information only. She made a brief

statement to the committee and advised them that she looked forward to working with them in the future.

Mr. Bradley R. Brandt, Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 379-1218, spoke for information only on the final approval of the 2020-2021 Airport Construction and Development Priority Program and provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records. He stated that there were no changes to the program and recommended committee approval.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Airport Construction and Development Priority Program. Without objection, the program was approved by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Bagala, Cormier, Edmonston, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Senator Bernard offered a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Airport Construction and Development Priority Program. Without objection, the program was approved by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Senators Ward, Bernard, McMath, Peacock, Pope, Price, and Smith 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.

Final approval of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Port Construction and Development Priority Program

Ms. Mary "Molly" Bourgoyne, Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 379-3033, spoke for information only on the final approval of the 2020-2021 Port Construction and Development Priority Program and provided a handout, Exhibit C, which is included in the committee records. She stated that there were no changes to the program and recommended committee approval.

Representative Lavardain offered a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Port Construction and Development Priority Program. Without objection, the program was approved by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Bagala, Cormier, Edmonston, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Senator McMath offered a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Port Construction and Development Priority Program. Without objection, the program was approved by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Senators Ward, Bernard, McMath, Peacock, Pope, Price, and Smith voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 10 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Final approval of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Statewide Flood Control Priority Program

Mr. Billy Williamson, Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 379-3023, spoke for information only on the final approval of the 2020-2021 Statewide Flood Control Priority Program and provided a handout, Exhibit D, which is included in the committee records. He stated that they have three new projects pending approval, and he recommended committee approval.

Representative Brass offered a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Statewide Flood Control Priority Program. Without objection, the program was approved by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Pierre, Brass, Bagala, Cormier, Edmonston, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Senator Ward offered a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Statewide Flood Control Priority Program. Without objection, the program was approved by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Senators Ward, Bernard, McMath, Peacock, Pope, Price, and Smith voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENT

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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