

House Committee on Appropriations

Minutes of Meeting
2021 Regular Session
April 14, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue, chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue, chairman
Representative Roy Daryl Adams
Representative Tony Bacala
Representative Barbara W. Carpenter
Representative R. Dewith Carrier
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr., vice chairman
Representative Raymond J. Crews
Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel
Representative Mary DuBuisson
Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman
Representative Lance Harris
Representative John R. Illg, Jr.
Representative Frederick Douglass Jones
Representative Timothy P. Kerner
Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative Tanner D. Magee
Representative C. Denise Marcelle
Representative Jack G. McFarland
Representative Blake Miguez
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative Troy D. Romero
Representative Francis C. Thompson
Representative Christopher Turner
Representative William "Bill" Wheat, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Katie Andress, committee administrative assistant
Stephanie Little, attorney
Amanda Trapp, legislative analyst

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION**House Bill No. 1 by Representative Zeringue**

The following agencies contained in House Bill No. 1 were presented and discussed:

Representative Carter in the chair.

Overview of the proposed FY 21-22 budgets for:**Higher Education**

Mr. Chris Henry, budget analyst, House Fiscal Division (HFD), 900 North Third Street, 11th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-1394, presented an overview and discussed the FY 21-22 budget for the department.

Dr. Kim Hunter Reed, Commissioner of Higher Education, Louisiana Board of Regents, 1201 North Third St., Suite 6-200, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-4253, addressed the committee on the work of the board which includes: strategic asset of the state; developing more talent; remote learning; addressing the digital divide; technology needs in post-secondary education; healthcare surge in 12 months graduating 12,000 healthcare professionals; continuing to address the critical healthcare shortage in our state; and continuing access to vaccine development and testing sites and clinical trials. Dr. Reed provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Dr. Reed continued that this executive budget for the first time provides funding that puts TOPS and Go GRANTS on almost equal funding in terms of the increase and that the department had not

received funding for the increased mandated costs in higher education. The board would like to focus on outcomes and make sure to do their jobs well to support recovery and move the state forward.

Representative Carter asked what higher education looked like, while Dr. Reed explained the process that the education was 100% remote learning, call centers were established to check on students, while retention in the spring had been very good.

Representative Carpenter asked Dr. Reed for a breakdown of demographics.

Representative Carpenter, Dr. Reed, and Mr. Henry discussed statutory dedications for the SU Ag Center and how the amount was determined to which Mr. Henry stated it was from the (para-mutual fund) slots at the track funds and collections determined by the revenue estimating forecast.

Mr. Travis McIlwain, state budget director, Office of Planning and Budget, Division of Administration, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-7000, stated the race track slots were set in statute and would be the same amount, \$750,000, each year.

Representative Carter and Dr. Reed discussed how faculty pay raises were determined, to which Dr. Reed explained the categories of faculty with variance citing the "average faculty salary variance from SREC".

Representative Carpenter and Dr. Reed discussed Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) and the personal income category. The academic preparation was directly related to family income. Regardless of these challenges, Dr. Reed recommended a strong need-based program in the state.

Representative Turner and Dr. Reed discussed the barriers and vision to move beyond the pandemic and to have an affordable path to those educational opportunities and supporting nursing programs to double the number of nursing staff workforce in the next few years.

Representative Marcelle and Dr. Reed discussed the percentages of those who need TOPS versus those with strong family income. Representative Marcelle stressed the inequality of TOPS created for those who could not afford college tuition versus those who can and asked when the program would address this problem and change the outcome. Dr. Reed stated we must put our dollars where our priorities lie. We need to fund a needs-based state program. When it comes to affordability, the state of Louisiana, the legislature, the governor, and the community leaders say, "This is our priority." We are helping individuals who cannot afford it. It is a combined effort between federal aid and state aid as well.

Representative Deshotel and Dr. Reed discussed the ability of students and families to provide proof of their income and the fact that it could distort statistics, and the concern of the people who do not

produce their proof of income would be lumped in the category with those earning \$150,000. Representative Deshotel discussed merit-based programs.

Dr. Sujuan W. Boutte, La. Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA), 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219-7294, discussed how low-performing students must be able to demonstrate the need for aid and the efficacy and types of financial aid left on the table if they do not. The graph reflected actual numbers from the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), and LOSFA (Louisiana Office of Student Financial Aid) used those numbers which produce the grants.

Representative Edmonds asked Dr. Reed if remediation preparations were being made and if the Board of Regents were discussing what might be a stop gap measure to bring students back to where they could be. Dr. Reed stated those conversations were in progress with academic officers across the state. Representative Edmonds inquired about COVID-19 dollars available for extended day, or early start, to which Dr. Reed stated intentional conversations were occurring.

Representative Bacala, Dr. Reed, and Dr. Boutte discussed FAFSA income verification.

Representative Bacala and Dr. Reed discussed allocation of higher education money to the Board of Regents to create a funding formula in terms of an outcomes-based funding formula. Representative Bacala and Mr. Henry discussed historical spending with TOPS and state-level funding.

Mr. Terrence Ginn, deputy commissioner for finance, La. Board of Regents, Louisiana Board of Regents, 1201 North Third St., Suite 6-200, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-4253, addressed Representative Bacala's comments regarding The La. Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCOM).

Representative Crews and Dr. Reed discussed faculty compensation and graduation rates.

Representative Illg and Dr. Reed discussed the problem with virtual learning for new students who have one in-person class per semester while the other classes, including labs, were held online.

Representative Lyons, Dr. Reed, and Dr. Boutte discussed the dollars awarded for the La. Go Grant Program.

Representative Zeringue and Dr. Boutte discussed constituent concerns with responsiveness. Representative Zeringue shared that he had not received a return call per his reaching out to Dr. Boutte's office.

Representative Kerner and Dr. Reed discussed the number of professors nurse capitation dollars to support institutions expanding the number of nursing student slots.

Representative Thompson and Dr. Reed discussed graduation rates and good consumer information for students to the end goal of a payback period for their loans.

Representative Romero and Dr. Reed discussed how close the Board of Regents was with each of the system presidents. Dr. Reed explained the board has a very strong working relationship with system presidents, driving good policy and enforcement.

Representative Romero and Dr. Boutte discussed the presentation slides that addressed how many students start a program and actually graduate and whether any of those students remain in state for post-secondary education. Dr. Boutte shared statistics from the presentation given by Mr. Henry.

Representative Wheat shared Southeastern University's Promise Program, which includes two main components: a fixed net tuition rate that will not increase and the commitment to assist students with graduating in four years. This guarantee allows students the benefit of knowing they can graduate in four years and planning their finances accordingly.

Representative Carter in the chair.

Dr. Ray Belton, president-chancellor, Southern University System, T.H. Harris Hall Annex, P.O. Box 9231, Baton Rouge, LA 70813, (225) 771-4680, addressed the committee on their investment and advocacy in the university. Dr. Belton shared information regarding Go Grants and how they bridge the gap for students who typically work part time, while having experienced the pandemic. Dr. Belton stated that a portion of CARES Act dollars were able to support their endeavors, and the faculty went above and beyond to turn the curve, during the last year and-a-half. Southern's graduation rates, enrollment, time-to-degree reflected instances where it was higher in 2010 than currently. They experienced a general trend of decline and most recently have begun digging themselves out of the hole. Today they enjoy three years of consecutive growth, an improved retention rate, increased graduation rates, and a support staff who monitors wrap-around services to the students. Dr. Belton affirmed the level of commitment provided to the students without additional resources could inhibit their ability to retain faculty and recruit others. Dr. Belton asked the committee to fully support faculty adjustments going forward.

Representative Carter and Dr. Belton discussed PELL Grants and other programs that provide for students' deferred tuition payment programs.

Representative Jones and Dr. Belton discussed statutory dedication changes for FY 22 from the presentation. Mr. Henry further explained the statutory dedications were dependent upon the Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) forecasts.

Mr. Flanders McClinton, Jr., finance administrator, Southern University, 1640 Gleneagles Bend, Zachary, LA 70791, (225) 620-5974, addressed Representative Jones' questions regarding federal match funds.

Representative Illg and Dr. Belton discussed in-person classes, enrollment, hybrid classes, student adjustment to the hybrid plan, and the students' lack of experience with in-person college classes that students had envisioned.

Representative Turner and Dr. Belton discussed Southern versus Grambling Football this weekend for the Bayou Classic.

Representative Miller thanked Dr. Belton for Southern's vaccine campaign statewide, distributing over 1,000 vaccines in various communities. Representative Miller asked if plans were in place to expand or to renovate the nursing building or to increase their funds. CARES Act dollars cannot be depended upon to stand-up programs, but Dr. Belton noted some programs were being eliminated while new programs were being developed.

Dr. Jim Henderson, president of the University of Louisiana System, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (318) 426-7104, addressed the committee on the 16,000 graduating students this year and the adaptability of the faculty and students during the recent pandemic and destructive coastal hurricanes, and provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Jones and Dr. Henderson discussed the nine systems of the University of Louisiana System and ULM (University of Louisiana at Monroe), the only college of pharmacy in the public sector. Dr. Henderson shared costs associated with COVID-19, CARES Act dollars, self-generated revenue and responsiveness to the markets served. Revenue over expenses previously supported institutions have now disappeared, leaving \$90 million that must be offset as lost revenue.

Representative Romero and Dr. Henderson discussed rebuilding efforts of Lake Charles, Louisiana, and the determination and model of leadership that Dr. Burckel, president, McNeese State University, has demonstrated.

Representative Freeman and Dr. Henderson discussed non-traditional students throughout the state and UL's proof-of-concept. Representative Freeman noted Dr. Henderson's efforts, two years ago, for creating a safe environment on campuses for power-based violence or abuse which includes sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, sexual harassment, or any form of interpersonal violence intended to control or intimidate another person through the assertion of power.

Representative Edmonds and Dr. Henderson discussed declines in enrollment within the UL System and the disruptive learning environment caused by COVID-19. Dr. Henderson believed there will be social distancing and mask wearing based on the variants prevalent in the southern United States.

Dr. Monty Sullivan, president, Louisiana Community & Technical College System, 2655 Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 922-1643, addressed the committee on 54 parishes that our colleges touch. In 1998, then-governor Mike Foster stated we needed a workforce system to serve the needs

of all Louisiana. At the time we had a limited amount of two-year colleges, and what happened as a result of that over the last 22 years has focused on completion, increasing the number of students who complete the programs. Dr. Sullivan challenged committee members to look at what happens to students when they leave the learning institutions attended. Are they going to work? Are they making a living? Are they providing for their families? Dr. Sullivan discussed the economic impact of the stimulus dollars, what colleges were doing today, and continuing to provide ways to be more efficient in core operations in centralizing services and internal audits, peripheral to the mission.

Representative Romero and Dr. Sullivan discussed Dr. Neil Aspinwell, chancellor, SOWELA Technical Community College, and his commitment to return his students to school following the hurricanes of 2020.

Representative Deshotel and Dr. Sullivan discussed how the adult education grant was recently not awarded in Representative Deshotel's district. Dr. Sullivan offered to talk after the meeting with Representative Deshotel.

Representative Wheat and Dr. Sullivan discussed the Northshore Technical Community College Chancellor's Sunshine Breakfast and scholarships awarded on April 1, 2021.

Dr. William B. Richardson, LSU AgCenter, 101 Efferson Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 578-3979, addressed the committee on the specialized units he represents, which means in many cases, there are no undergraduate students. The LSU AgCenter receives no tuition money, regardless of increase or decrease in tuition, and have not been at the table with all the federal money coming in related to COVID-19 expenses, and major storm damage would prevent Grant Walker 4-H Camp for the second year in a row from not taking place due to hurricane and flood damage.

Representative Freeman asked Dr. Richardson several questions regarding Title IX issues at LSU AgCenter and Mr. Niranjana Baisakh, who was reported to have sexually harassed and assaulted a graduate student in a series of events from 2014 to 2016. Dr. Richardson declined comment.

Dr. John Kirwan, executive director, Pennington Biomedical Research Center, 6400 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 763-2500, addressed the vision for the state funded and founded by Dr. Pennington: to build the institution focused around nutrition and the problems that are associated with nutrition. The center recruits those who have Louisiana connections and can add to the state's economy.

Representative Bacala and Dr. Kirwan discussed the research scientists hired by the center and preeminent in the country. Dr. Kirwan shared that Dr. Phil Schauer heads the new bariatric/metabolic surgery program. The new state-of-the-art metabolic disease treatment facility will complement Pennington Biomedical's existing and highly impactful basic science and clinical research. The facility will also bring cutting-edge treatments for obesity and diabetes to Louisiana, which has the United States' fourth-highest rate of obesity and diabetes. Representative Bacala stated Pennington

is an anchor facility for other endeavors that could benefit the state revolving around the Pennington mission, to which Dr. Kirwan agreed.

Representative Freeman and Dr. Kirwan discussed childhood obesity and pioneer programs at Pennington for developing solutions and evidence that become state policy. The program that they would like to develop partners with schools and health institutions to bring activity in nutrition into those environments for children to enhance a more nutritious approach that has been demonstrated at pilot programs throughout the country.

Representative Edmonds and Dr. Kirwan discussed study groups involved outside of the Baton Rouge area, to which Dr. Kirwan cited a partnership with Bogalusa Heart Study.

Dr. Ashley Mullins, external and governmental affairs, LSU AgCenter, 103 J. Norman Efferson Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, (225) 278-1980, addressed Representative Carpenter's questions related to the marijuana program and adoption of rules and regulations relating to the dispensing of prescribed marijuana for therapeutic use.

Special Schools and Commissions

LA Schools for the Deaf and Visually Impaired

Mr. Ashari Robinson, budget analyst, House Fiscal Division (HFD), 900 North Third Street, 11th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-2412, presented an overview and discussed the FY 21-22 budget for the department.

Mr. Ernest E. Garrett, III, Special Schools District, Louisiana Schools for the Deaf and Visually Impaired, 2888 Brightside Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 246-3602, introduced himself to the committee.

Ms. Katherine Granier, Special Schools District, Louisiana Schools for the Deaf and Visually Impaired, 2888 Brightside Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 766-3220, introduced herself to the committee.

Representative Carter and Mr. Garrett discussed the vacant positions, the number of students enrolled, and retention of staff. Mr. Garrett further explained the ongoing challenge of filling the vacant positions, such as a transitional coordinator who would provide programming associated with post-secondary outcomes. Strong efforts continue year-round to recruit qualified and competent staff. Mr. Garrett shared that the schools serve approximately 490 students. Representative Carter asked Mr. Garrett about the school's capacity to do more, and if there was room to expand. Mr. Garrett responded that when he accepted his current position, he was aware of the school's potential to serve a population of 600 at peak, but the funding would be a problem. Mr. Garrett shared that his vision would be to move from potential to execution on behalf of his students.

Representative DuBuisson and Mr. Garrett discussed additional funding to create greater handicap accessibility, to improve and modernize the facilities. Ms. Granier shared standardization measures at the campus.

Representative Deshotel asked the amount of CARES Act dollars that had been received for the school, to which Ms. Granier shared \$66,000. Representative Deshotel shared with the committee that the Dept. of Education (DOE) was scheduled to receive \$3.2 billion of federal aid; 95% of the population at the school is economically challenged.

Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts - LSMSA

Dr. Steve Horton, executive director, LSMSA, 715 University Parkway, Natchitoches, LA 71457, no phone number provided, briefly shared the challenges presented by COVID-19.

Mr. John Allen, chief of staff, director of administration, LSMSA, 715 University Parkway, Natchitoches, LA 71457, (318) 357-2510, accompanied Mr. Horton at the witness table.

New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts - NOCCA

Mr. Kyle Wedberg, president and chief executive officer, NOCCA, 2800 Chartes Street, New Orleans, LA 70117, (504) 940-2787, briefly addressed the committee on the most difficult year attempting to teach an eager student body. NOCCA is an A ranked school with 20 years of clean audits. Mr. Wedberg presented a handout, Exhibit C, which is included in the committee records.

Mr. Silas Cooper, director of arts, NOCCA, 2800 Chartres Street, New Orleans, LA 70117, (504) 940-2836, accompanied Mr. Wedberg at the witness table.

Ms. Lotte Delaney, chief financial officer, NOCCA, 2800 Chartres Street, New Orleans, LA 70117, (504) 940-2826, accompanied Mr. Wedberg at the witness table.

Louisiana Educational Television Authority - LETA

Ms. Beth Courtney, LETA, president and chief executive officer of La. Public Broadcasting, 7733 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 767-4200, addressed the committee for highlights over the past year, the addition of 350 hours of programming, math, social studies and science, no lapse in broadcasting during the pandemic, held 185 press conferences, and provided a handout, Exhibit D, which is a part of the committee records.

Representative Carter mentioned FY 22 budget funding removed two particular stations and if those stations required additional monies for preparation airing funding, to which Ms. Cortney responded she had raised funds in the community to collect the necessary dollars.

Representative Freeman and Ms. Courtney discussed the request of funding versus the statute stating the executive branch did not include some critical funding. LETA is requested to petition for funding and did not receive CARES Act dollars.

Mr. C.C. Copeland, deputy director, LETA, 7733 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 767-4446, addressed the committee on a Lafayette transmitter in critical need of repair.

The meeting recessed at 3:11 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 4:52 p.m.

Thrive Academy

Ms. Sara Broome, Thrive Academy, 2585 Brightside Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70820, (225) 367-6855, shared an overview of the residential and academic program and the difficulties of virtual learning and a huge increase in mental health issues during the pandemic.

Representative Freeman and Ms. Broome discussed how students were made aware of the program, recruitment opportunities, and referrals. Ms. Broome stated there were approximately 100 students on the waiting list.

Representative Edmonds commended Ms. Broome on her leadership and vision of the school.

Representative DuBuisson and Ms. Broome discussed classroom size, mental health challenges, dormitory suites, and an invitation to committee members to schedule a tour of the academy.

Representative Wheat and Ms. Broome discussed online applications, the process of contacting parents to visit on-site, and the interview process.

Ms. Diane Layrisson, chief financial officer, Thrive Academy, 2585 Brightside Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70820, (225) 367-6855, accompanied Ms. Broome at the witness table.

Board of Elementary and Second Education - BESE

Ms. Shan Davis, executive director, BESE, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 5-190, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-5480, introduced herself to the committee and was available for any questions.

Representative Carter and Ms. Davis discussed the funding process, AG dollars flow-through directly to districts, salaries to support the board, constituent outreach, and certification of appeals.

Louisiana State University - LSU

Dr. Tom Galligan, interim LSU president, 3811 Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA (865) 250-5749,

addressed the committee on what steps the university has taken regarding recent scandals about practices of covering up complaints of sexual misconduct lodged by female students. Dr. Galligan shared information about The Office of Civil Rights & Title IX which was created in March 2021 to ensure students, faculty and staff are treated fairly with no discrimination or bias. Dr. Galligan reaffirmed and emphasized commitment to provide an educational and work environment free from sexual harassment and to provide a means to remedy sexual harassment that faculty or students may have experienced. Dr. Galligan provided a handout, Exhibit E, which is part of the committee records.

Representative Illg and Dr. Galligan discussed the disservice of no in-person learning for the students at LSU, faculty who met once with their students and moved the class to virtual learning. Representative Illg also asked about the number of vaccinations at LSU and where the school was headed in the Fall 2021 term. Dr. Galligan noted that a new student success desk was created along with a new call center for COVID-19 related questions. Representative Illg stressed the importance of college friendships among students, instruction, maturity, and independence of the students, along with parental frustration over the disruptiveness of forced immersion with technology.

Representative Marcelle and Dr. Galligan discussed in-person learning and the protocols in place to ensure safety and social distancing requirements during the Fall 2021 term. Representative Marcelle further inquired about student vaccinations, and the Title IX Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response (STAR) training programs.

Ms. Donna Torres, interim executive vice president for finance and administration, LSU, 3811 Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 578-3386, addressed the committee on athletic training, required STAR training for every employee at LSU, the LSU Student Health Center Office of Wellness and Health Promotion offers MyStudentBody, an online comprehensive health education program. The updated course focuses on alcohol, drugs, and sexual violence prevention education. This course is required for new LSU students.

Representative Zeringue and Ms. Torres discussed how available funds that were not utilized from other LSU departments (vacant positions, restricted funds dedicated to other projects) were dedicated into the Office of Civil Rights & Title IX Office. In FY 23, the office would be fully funded and fully staffed for the LSU System.

Representative McFarland shared with Dr. Galligan his disillusionment with online learning and the expediency to return to in-person learning as soon as and as safely and responsibly as possible.

Representative Zeringue conveyed on behalf of his colleagues, both House and Senate members, a significant disappointment in the lack of action on the LSU Board of Supervisors regarding their lax response.

Representative Freeman and Dr. Galligan discussed mandatory in-person classes for LSU education students and the discrepancies of the guidelines. Representative Freeman cited how nine college students who visited the House today voiced their dismay on this burdensome situation with online learning as well as lighting and safety concerns on campus. Representative Freeman shared a quote of Coach Orgeron's and his disrespectful response to the sexual crimes committed.

Representative Deshotel and Dr. Galligan discussed quality broadband access for faculty/professors to effectively teach online courses, as well as professors who schedule tests outside of the class schedule which create a problem for students who work outside of class.

Representative Edmonds, Dr. Galligan, and Ms. Torres discussed an itemized budget for the \$2.1 million in order to demonstrate transparency.

Representative Crews, Dr. Galligan, and Ms. Torres discussed the average age of students on LSU's campus versus the risk of in-class instruction with regard to the pandemic, while parents were frustrated with paying lab costs and other fees and whether this was a quality education.

Representative Romero asked Dr. Galligan the cost of classroom preparations with pandemic measures in place (plexiglass) to which Dr. Galligan stated \$3.1 million federal dollars were utilized while the total COVID-19 expenses were \$40 million.

Representative Jones and Dr. Galligan discussed in-person instruction and the possibility of another variant on the horizon.

Representative Carter and Dr. Galligan discussed the Title IX action plan timeline and when those responsible for the crimes are going to be held accountable, to which Dr. Galligan stated the actions taken have been explained.

Representative Zeringue asked about tuition-free instruction provided for those 60 years of age and asked Dr. Galligan to get back to the committee.

IV. BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Carter announced that the committee would reconvene following adjournment of the House floor.

Persons who do not feel comfortable giving testimony in person at this time may submit a prepared statement in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee:

A. Any interested person or any committee member may file with the committee a prepared statement concerning a specific instrument or matter under consideration by the committee or concerning any matter within the committee's scope of authority, and the committee records shall reflect receipt of such statement and the date and time thereof.

B. Any person who files a prepared statement which contains data or statistical information shall include in such prepared statement sufficient information to identify the source of the data or statistical information.

For the purposes of this Paragraph, the term "source" shall mean a publication, website, person, or other source from which the data or statistical information contained in the prepared statement was obtained by the person or persons who prepared the statement.

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All persons desiring to participate in the meeting shall utilize appropriate protective health measures and observe the recommended and appropriate social distancing.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Bacala, Carpenter, Carter, Carrier, Crews, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Jones, Lyons, Marcelle, Miguez, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Jerome "Zee" Zeringue
House Committee on Appropriations