

## **House Committee on Education**

Minutes of Meeting  
2021 Regular Session  
June 2, 2021

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

Representative Mark Wright, vice chairman of the House Committee on Education called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Mark Wright, vice chairman  
Representative Beryl A. Amedée  
Representative Kendrick "Ken" Brass  
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.  
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman  
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg  
Representative Stephanie Hilferty  
Representative Patrick O. Jefferson  
Representative Charles Anthony Owen  
Representative Tammy T. Phelps  
Representative Laurie Schlegel  
Representative Vincent "Vinney" J. St. Blanc III  
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Rick Edmonds

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

Elizabeth L. Borne, legislative analyst  
Lisa Lovello, legislative analyst  
Jacqueline Snowden, committee administrative assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms  
Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms  
John Harrington, clerk

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2 by Senator Fields**

Senator Fields presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2, which provides for legislative approval of the MFP formula for the 2021-2022 school year.

Beth Scioneaux, Louisiana Department of Education, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-3617, spoke for information only on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2.

Ethan Melancon, Louisiana Department of Education and State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, no witness card submitted, spoke for information only on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2.

Representative Gary Carter offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brass, Gary Carter, Freeman, Freiberg, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Phelps, Schlegel, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Resolution No. 119 by Representative Hughes**

Representative Hughes presented House Resolution No. 119, which requests the state Department of Education to re-create a commission to study and make recommendations relative to improving reading proficiency for certain students.

Representative Freeman offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 119 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 119 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brass, Gary Carter, Freeman, Freiberg, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Phelps, Schlegel, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Wright voted yea.

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

### **Senate Bill No. 128 by Senator Jackson**

Senator Jackson presented Senate Bill No. 128, which provides relative to teacher planning time and lunch periods.

Michael Faulk, Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, 2713 Indian Mound Boulevard, Monroe, LA 70120, (225) 229-6021, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 128.

Representative Freeman offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 128 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 128 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Amedee, Brass, Gary Carter, Freeman, Freiberg, Hilferty, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Phelps, Schlegel, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 in support and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Amedee, Brass, Gary Carter, Freeman, Freiberg, Hilferty, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Phelps, Schlegel, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Wright voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman  
House Committee on Education

The committee has acknowledged on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, that these minutes were prepared in accordance with the rules of the House of Representatives.