

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2021 Veto Session
October 11, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Mark Wright, vice chairman of the House Committee on Education called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Mark Wright, vice chairman
Representative Beryl A. Amedée
Representative Rick Edmonds
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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Kendricks "Ken" Brass
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver

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
Danny Leming, sergeant at arms

III. BUSINESS

To receive an update from the state Department of Education relative to the development of the social studies state content standards

Dr. Cade Brumley, state superintendent, Louisiana Department of Education, and Dr. Jenna Chaisson, Louisiana Department of Education, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 427-2056, presented a PowerPoint, "Social Studies Standards Review".

Dr. Chaisson said the presentation would cover some of the reasoning behind the process and explain where the department was in the process, and directed members to materials in their packets: the PowerPoint presentation, "Social Studies Standards Review", current draft standards as endorsed by the steering committee last month, and a crosswalk document that aligns the 2011 version of the social studies standards against the current draft proposed standards.

Dr. Brumley added that the Steve Carter literacy bill was one of several pieces of legislation designed to address the literacy crisis. This bill gave parents a \$1,000 voucher to access tutoring for children; however, the Steve Carter literacy bill couldn't be implemented due to a lack of funding. Instead, the department would use \$40 million of its federal stimulus funding to offer parents vouchers with which to access literacy or math tutors.

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to adopt a three-minute rule for public comment. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Amedée, Edmonds, Freeman, Freiberg, Hilferty, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Phelps, Schlegel, St. Blanc, and Wright voted yea.

Laura Huber, Concerned Women for America, 416 Choctaw Drive, Abita Springs, LA 70420, (504) 236-8546, spoke for information only.

Diane Moore, 114 Chimaera Lane, Slidell, LA 70458, (985) 265-5007, spoke for information only.

Jennifer Carignan, Louisiana Save Our Schools, 719 South Taylor, Covington, LA 70434, (240) 893-9501, spoke for information only.

Katie Alexander, 1380 Steele Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 408-9498, spoke for information only.

Christie Haik, 1377 Steele Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 803 4746, spoke for information only.

Amber Brown, 4078 Union Drive, Addis, LA 70710, spoke for information only.

Jillian Pichon, 633 University Drive, Lake Charles, LA 70605, (337) 658-5047, spoke for information only.

David Eaton, no witness card submitted, spoke for information only.

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Amedée, Edmonds, Freeman, Freiberg, Hilferty, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Phelps, Schlegel, St. Blanc, and Wright voted yea.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Lance Harris
House Committee on Education

Date adopted:

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