

Judicial Structure Task Force
(HR 30 2022 R.S.)
Minutes of Meeting
November 10, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Thomas Pressly, acting chairman of the Judicial Structure Task Force, called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Thomas Pressly, IV, Acting Chair
Representative Jason M. Hughes
Representative Debbie Villio

LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue
Senator James "Jimmy" Harris
Representative Mandie Landry
Representative Tanner D. Magee
Representative Nicholas Muscarello, Jr.

NON-LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Judge Marilyn Castle
Judge Lee Faulkner
Judge Douglas J. Saloom
Judge Mitchell R. Theriot
Chief Justice John Weimer

INVITED STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT:

Judge Tiffany Chase
Judge Guy Holdridge

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amanda Trapp, legislative analyst
Kerry Lentini, judicial council
Diane Merritt, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Michael McCain, clerk
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION

Kerry K. Lentini, contractor, representing the Louisiana Supreme Court, 300 Southern Rd., River Ridge, LA 70123, (504) 400-4499, provided an update from the judicial administrator's office of the Louisiana Supreme Court on the workload assessment for circuit and district court judicial officers and support staff and addressed questions from the task force members.

Lauren Hadden, judicial director and legal counsel, Louisiana Association of Business and Industry (LABI), 500 Main St., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 962-5274, testified for information only and provided information on behalf of LABI, Exhibit A, which is included in the Judicial Structure Task Force records. Ms. Hadden addressed questions from the task force members.

Judge Kern A. Reese, National Bar Association/Louisiana Judicial Council, 421 Loyola Ave., Suite 308, New Orleans, LA 70112, (504) 407-0310, testified for information only and provided a position paper to the Judicial Structure Task Force on behalf of the National Bar Association/Louisiana Judicial Council, Exhibit B, which is included in the Judicial Structure Task Force records. Judge Reese addressed questions from the task force members.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Jerome "Zee" Zeringue
Judicial Structure Task Force

Date adopted: _____