

## **House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs**

Minutes of Meeting  
2022 Regular Session  
May 12, 2022

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

Representative Rick Edmonds, chairman of the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. in Room 6, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Rick Edmonds, chairman  
Representative Mary DuBuisson  
Representative Les Farnum  
Representative Bryan Fontenot  
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg  
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry  
Representative Cedric B. Glover  
Representative Rodney Lyons  
Representative C. Denise Marcelle  
Representative Candace N. Newell  
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn  
Representative Joseph A. Stagni, vice chairman  
Representative Matthew Willard

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.  
Representative Timothy P. Kerner  
Representative Scott McKnight

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

Tina Righteous, attorney  
David Gauthier, analyst  
Alexandra Cravins, committee administrative assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Janet Anthony, sergeant at arms  
Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms  
Hailey Austin, clerk

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**

**Senate Bill No. 493 by Senator Hewitt**

Senator Hewitt presented Senate Bill No. 493, which provides relative to certain drainage districts.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 493 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 493 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Edmonds, DuBuisson, Farnum, Fontenot, Freiberg, Gadberry, Newell, Schamerhorn, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 111 by Senator Luneau**

Senator Luneau presented Senate Bill No. 111, which repeals provisions creating the establishment, location, purpose, and use of the Tioga Heritage Park and Museum.

Representative Willard offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 111 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 111 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Edmonds, DuBuisson, Farnum, Fontenot, Freiberg, Gadberry, Newell, Schamerhorn, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

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

**Senate Bill No. 215 by Senator Luneau**

Senator Luneau presented Senate Bill No. 215, which provides for assessment of attorney fees when certain municipal fire and police civil service boards reverse a decision of an appointing authority.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 215 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 215 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Edmonds, DuBuisson, Farnum, Fontenot, Freiberg, Gadberry, Newell, Schamerhorn, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 96 by Representative Magee**

Representative Magee presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 96, which provides relative to an America 250 state commission.

Robert Freeland, Order of Granderos Y Damas De Galvez, no address given, (504) 861-7876, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 96.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 96 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 96 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Edmonds, DuBuisson, Farnum, Fontenot, Freiberg, Gadberry, Newell, Schamerhorn, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by those who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 4 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

**House Resolution No. 103 by Representative Duplessis**

Representative Duplessis presented House Resolution No. 103, which urges and requests the Louisiana Housing Corporation to consider emergency preparedness and disaster resiliency characteristics when implementing design criteria for housing developments competing for funding in programs administered by the corporation and to explore sources of federal funds to retrofit existing buildings with these same design criteria.

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 103 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 103 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Edmonds, DuBuisson, Farnum, Fontenot, Freiberg, Gadberry, Newell, Schamerhorn, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

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

**Senate Bill No. 401 by Senator McMath**

Senator McMath presented Senate Bill No. 401, which authorizes governing authorities to adopt ordinances to increase certain fees in the parishes of St. Tammany and Washington.

Representative DuBuisson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 401 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 401 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Edmonds, DuBuisson, Farnum, Fontenot, Freiberg, Gadberry, Marcelle, Newell, Schamerhorn, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by those who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**Senate Bill No. 485 by Senator Bouie**

On behalf of Senator Bouie, Representative Willard presented Senate Bill No. 485, which provides relative to the Delachaise Security and Improvement District.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 485 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 485 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Edmonds, DuBuisson, Farnum, Fontenot, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Marcelle, Newell, Schamerhorn, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

**House Resolution No. 107 by Representative Echols**

Representative Echols presented House Resolution No. 107, which requests the Louisiana Housing Corporation to study issues related to the availability of affordable housing.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 107 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 107 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Edmonds, DuBuisson, Farnum, Fontenot, Freiberg, Gadberry, Glover, Marcelle, Newell, Schamerhorn, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

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**House Bill No. 393 by Representative Landry**

Representative Landry presented House Bill No. 393, which provides relative to maximum penalties imposed for the violation of parish and municipal ordinances.

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 393. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 393 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Edmonds, DuBuisson, Farnum, Fontenot, Freiberg, Gadberry, Lyons, Marcelle, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 201 by Senator Jackson**

On behalf of Senator Jackson, Representative Marcelle presented Senate Bill No. 201, which adds contract attorneys of district public defender offices to group health insurance coverage offered by parish governments.

Tiffany Simpson, Louisiana Public Defender Board, 301 Main Street, Suite 700, Baton Rouge, LA 70825, (225) 219-9305, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 201.

Michael Bayham, St. Bernard Parish Government, 8201 West Judge Perez Drive, Chalmette, LA, (504) 278-4200, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 201.

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 201 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 201 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Edmonds, DuBuisson, Farnum, Fontenot, Freiberg, Gadberry, Lyons, Marcelle, Newell, Schamerhorn, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 313 by Senator Cloud**

Senator Cloud presented Senate Bill No. 313, which requires mayors who are authorized to conduct mayor's court or municipal court to undergo certain training.

Karen White, Louisiana Municipal Association, 700 North 10th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 344-5001, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 313.

Mayor David Butler, Town of Woodworth, 9363 Highway US 165 South, Woodworth, LA 71485, (318) 442-1284, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 313.

Mayor David Toups, Town of Addis, 7818 Highway 1, Addis, LA 70710, (225) 687-4844, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 313.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 313 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 313 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Edmonds, DuBuisson, Farnum, Fontenot, Freiberg, Gadberry, Lyons, Marcelle, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by those who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**Senate Bill No. 480 by Senator Boudreaux**

Senator Boudreaux presented Senate Bill No. 480, which provides relative to the Lafayette Economic Development Authority.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 480 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 480 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Edmonds, DuBuisson, Farnum, Fontenot, Freiberg, Gadberry, Lyons, Marcelle, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by those who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**Senate Bill No. 275 by Senator Abraham**

Senator Abraham presented Senate Bill No. 275, which provides relative to affiliates and subsidiaries of local housing authority members.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 275 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 275 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Edmonds, DuBuisson, Farnum, Fontenot, Freiberg, Gadberry, Lyons, Marcelle, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

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**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Willard offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Edmonds, DuBuisson, Farnum, Fontenot, Freiberg, Gadberry, Lyons, Marcelle, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Rick Edmonds  
House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs

Date adopted: