

House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2022 Regular Session
May 19, 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 9:33 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 Timothy P. Kerner
Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative Scott McKnight
Representative Candace N. Newell
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn
Representative Matthew Willard

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Cedric B. Glover
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.
Representative C. Denise Marcelle
Representative Joseph A. Stagni, vice chairman

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Rebecca Marshall, sergeant at arms
Janet Anthony, sergeant at arms
Hailey Austin, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 960 by Representative Wilford Carter

Representative Wilford Carter presented House Bill No. 960, which creates the North Lake Charles Economic Development District.

Representative Newell offered amendments that:

1. Made changes to the district's boundaries and board appointments.
2. Authorized the district to levy a sales tax but removed the district's authority to levy a hotel occupancy tax or implement hotel tax increment financing.

Representative Newell offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments, to which Representative Farnum objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 4 yeas and 8 nays. Representatives Freiberg, Lyons, Newell, and Willard voted yea. Representatives Edmonds, DuBuisson, Farnum, Fontenot, Gadberry, Kerner, McKnight, and Schamerhorn voted nay.

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 960. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 960 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Edmonds, DuBuisson, Farnum, Fontenot, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, Lyons, McKnight, Newell, Schamerhorn, 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.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 3 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 397 by Senator Connick

Senator Connick presented Senate Bill No. 397, which provides for the classification of the assistant police chief in the city of Westwego.

Representative Kerner offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 397 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 397 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Edmonds, DuBuisson, Farnum, Fontenot, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, Lyons, McKnight, Newell, Schamerhorn, 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. 475 by Senator Barrow

On behalf of Senator Barrow, Paulette Bailey Wilson, The Mirror Group, LLC, 10191 Patriot Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70816, (225) 925-2040, presented Senate Bill No. 475, which creates the Baker Main Street Economic Development District as a special taxing district.

Representative Lyons offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 475 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 475 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Edmonds, DuBuisson, Farnum, Fontenot, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, Lyons, McKnight, Newell, and Schamerhorn 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. 461 by Senator Reese

On behalf of Senator Reese, Representative Farnum presented Senate Bill No. 461, which provides for powers of the Vinton police chief.

Representative Willard offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 461 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 461 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Edmonds, DuBuisson, Farnum, Fontenot, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, Lyons, McKnight, Newell, Schamerhorn, and Willard voted yea.

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Senate Bill No. 368 by Senator Harris

On behalf of Senator Harris, Representative Willard presented Senate Bill No. 368, which provides relative to building and zoning regulations in parishes and municipalities.

Representative Willard offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 368 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 368 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Edmonds, DuBuisson, Farnum, Fontenot, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, Lyons, Newell, Schamerhorn, 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. 459 by Senator Harris

On behalf of Senator Harris, Representative Willard presented Senate Bill No. 459, which provides relative to the Lake Oaks Subdivision Improvement District.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 459 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 459 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Edmonds, DuBuisson, Farnum, Fontenot, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, Lyons, McKnight, Newell, Schamerhorn, and Willard voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Edmonds, DuBuisson, Farnum, Fontenot, Freiberg, Gadberry, Kerner, Lyons, McKnight, Newell, Schamerhorn, and Willard voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Rick Edmonds
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Date adopted: