

## **House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works**

Minutes of Meeting  
2022 Regular Session  
April 26, 2022

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

Representative Mark Wright, chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, called the meeting to order at 9:58 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Mark Wright, chairman  
Representative Kendrick "Ken" Brass, vice chairman  
Representative Mack Marcel Cormier  
Representative Kathy Edmonston  
Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment  
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg  
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry  
Representative Dodie Horton  
Representative Ed Larvadain, III  
Representative Joseph A. Marino, III  
Representative Charles Anthony Owen  
Representative Vincent J. Pierre  
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn  
Representative Larry Selders

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Cedric B. Glover  
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore  
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen

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

LeeAnne Sharlow, attorney  
Carlesia Bibbins, attorney  
Brandy Phillips, committee administrative assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 20 by Representative Kerner**

Representative Kerner presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 20, which memorializes the U.S. Congress to invest future supplemental funding in the communities of Lafitte, Barataria, and Crown Point.

Mr. Chip Klein, CPRA, 1051 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70820, (225) 342-4367, spoke for information only.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 20 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 20 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Charles Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 223 by Senator Lambert**

Senator Lambert presented Senate Bill No. 223, which creates specialty license plates.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 223 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 223 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Charles Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

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

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 69 by Representative Brass**

Representative Brass presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 69, which requests establishment of credentials for commercial driver's license classroom training.

Ms. Renee Amar, Louisiana Motor Transport Association, 4838 Bennington Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 287-0117, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 69.

*Representative Horton in the chair.*

Ms. Tiffany J. Howard, LCTCS, 265 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (318) 613-0383, spoke for information only.

Representative Pierre offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 69 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 69 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Charles Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 901 by Representative Wright**

Representative Wright presented House Bill No. 901, which provides relative to the duties of the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission's Causeway Police Department.

Representative Pierre offered a motion to report House Bill No. 901 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 901 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Charles Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

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

### **Senate Bill No. 84 by Senator Cortez**

On behalf of Senator Cortez, Representative Pierre presented Senate Bill No. 84, which creates the "Maddie's Footprints" special prestige license plate.

Ms. Lauren Debetaz, office of motor vehicles, 7979 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 922-0974, spoke for information only.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 84 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 84 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Charles Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

*Chairman Wright in the chair.*

**House Bill No. 1032 by Representative Zeringue**

Representative Zeringue presented House Bill No. 1032, which provides relative to outdoor advertising.

Representative Wright offered an amendment to make a technical change. Representative Wright offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Charles Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1032 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 1032 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Charles Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 17 by Senator Mizell**

Senator Mizell presented Senate Bill No. 17, which provides for the distribution of fees collected from the "Save the Honeybee" prestige license plate.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 17 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 17 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Charles Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

**House Bill No. 1036 by Representative Charles Owen**

Representative Charles Owen presented House Bill No. 1036, which provides relative to types of payment accepted at airports.

Representative Wright offered amendments to:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Exempt the purchase of airline tickets, luggage fees, purchases through the airline, and rental vehicle fees from the provisions of proposed law.

Representative Wright offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Charles Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1036 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 1036 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Charles Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Ken Ritter, City of Youngsville, 305 Iberia Street, Youngsville, LA 70592, presented the Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) for the approval of a project under \$15 million for the Youngsville Sports Complex Expansion pursuant to R.S. 38:2225.2.4

Representative Pierre offered a motion to approve the use of the Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) for a project under \$15 million for the Youngsville Sports Complex Expansion pursuant to R.S. 38:2225.2.4. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Charles Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders 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.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Cormier offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Charles Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Mark Wright  
House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Date adopted: