

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2022 Regular Session
May 31, 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 9:04 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 Kathy Edmonston
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Ed Larvadain, III
Representative Charles Anthony Owen
Representative Vincent J. Pierre
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Mack Marcel Cormier
Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment
Representative Cedric B. Glover
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen
Representative Larry Selders

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 Resolution No. 181 by Representative Mincey**

Representative Mincey presented House Resolution No. 181, which urges and requests the office of community development to work with the Louisiana Watershed Initiative to create an independent watershed region for the Amite River Basin.

Representative Charles Owen offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 181 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 181 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Charles Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 498 by Senator Stine

Senator Stine presented Senate Bill No. 498, which provides relative to DOTD and types of buildings processes.

Representative Wright offered amendments to:

1. Change proposed law from requiring the authority to accept unsolicited proposals for design build projects in excess of \$100,000,000.00 to authorizing the authority to accept unsolicited proposals for design build projects in excess of \$100,000,000.00.
2. Change the authorized number of days for interested bidders to submit an unsolicited proposal from no more than 60 days to no more than 120 days.
3. Require the review cost for all proposals for a design build project pursuant to proposed law be nonrefundable should the project not move forward.

Representative Wright offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Charles Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

Mr. Joshua McNemar, DOTD, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 379-1201, spoke for information only.

Mr. Geoffrey Rodriguez, DOTD, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 242-4668, spoke for information only.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 498 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 498 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Charles Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

House Resolution No. 183 by Representative Goudeau

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Resolution No. 183, which creates the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge Task Force. Without objection, action on House Resolution No. 183 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Charles Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

The committee stood at ease. The committee reconvened.

Approval of the use of Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) for a project under \$15 million for the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board for the renovations and improvements at the currently closed Broadmoor Middle School pursuant to R.S. 38:2225.2.4.

Representative Freiberg presented the Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) for a project under \$15 million for the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board for the renovations and improvements at the currently closed Broadmoor Middle School pursuant to R.S. 38:2225.2.4.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to approve the CMAR project for the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board for the renovations and improvements at the currently closed Broadmoor Middle School pursuant to R.S. 38:2225.2.4. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Charles Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Charles Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: