

## **House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure**

Minutes of Meeting  
2024 Second Extraordinary Session  
February 20, 2024

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

Representative Nicholas Muscarello, Jr., chairman of the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure, called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Nicholas Muscarello, Jr., chairman  
Representative Chad Brown  
Representative Josh Carlson  
Representative Emily Chenevert  
Representative Kathy Edmonston  
Representative Brian Leonard Glorioso  
Representative Peter F. Egan, Sr.  
Representative Michael T. Johnson  
Representative Ed Larvadain, III  
Representative Michael Melerine  
Representative Sylvia Elaine Taylor  
Representative Christopher Turner, vice chairman  
Representative Lauren Ventrella  
Representative John E. Wyble

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.

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

Allison Alonzo, attorney  
Jennifer Nguyen, attorney  
Megan Sanders, committee administrative assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms  
Cheryl Domino, sergeant at arms  
Michael McCain, clerk

Representative Muscarello offered a motion to adopt committee rules of procedure. Without objection, the motion was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Brown, Carlson, Chenevert, Glorioso, Egan, Larvadain, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, Ventrella, and Wyble voted yea.

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 2 by Representative Bacala**

Representative Bacala and Senator Seabaugh presented House Bill No. 2, which provides for immunity from civil liability under certain circumstances for peace officers and public entities that employ or appoint peace officers.

Craig Frosch, general counsel, Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, 1615 Poydras St., Ste. 1250, New Orleans, LA 70112, spoke in support of House Bill No. 2.

Shannon Dirmann, general counsel, Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, 1175 Nicholson Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 2.

Representative Glorioso offered an amendment to expand the definition of a peace officer. Representative Glorioso offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Brown, Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Egan, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, and Wyble voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

Paul Jones, 153 N. 17th St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 2.

Stephanie Willis, ACLU, P.O. Box 51473, New Orleans, LA, no zip code provided, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 2.

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report House Bill No. 2 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 2 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Brown, Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Egan, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, and Wyble voted yea. Representative Muscarello abstained.

Witness cards submitted for individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 2 pursuant to House Rule 14.33.

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

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Nicholas Muscarello, Jr.  
House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure