

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2024 Third Extraordinary Session
November 12, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Laurie Schlegel, chair of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Laurie Schlegel, chair
Representative Beryl A. Amedée, vice chair
Representative Kendrick "Ken" Brass
Representative Josh Carlson
Representative Kim Carver
Representative Kathy Edmonston
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg
Representative Michael Melerine
Representative Charles Anthony Owen
Representative Vincent "Vinney" J. St. Blanc, III
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver
Representative Sylvia Elaine Taylor
Representative Rashid Armand Young

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Barbara W. Carpenter

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth L. Borné, legislative analyst
Lisa Lovello, legislative analyst
Alexandra Cravins, committee administrative assistant
Natayveon Howard-Williams, committee assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Johnae' Conner, sergeant at arms
Cheryl Domino, sergeant at arms
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. BUSINESS**House Bill No. 5 by Representative Bacala**

Representative Bacala presented House Bill No. 5, which requires school systems to provide a salary increase for teachers and other school employees using savings attributable to the state's payment of certain unfunded accrued liability of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.

Representative Schlegel offered amendments to House Bill No. 5 that specified with respect to positions to which the law applies. Representative Schlegel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Brass, Carlson, Edmonston, Freiberg, Melerine, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, Taylor, and Young voted yea.

Representative Brass offered amendments to House Bill No. 5 to provide, relative to school systems not realizing sufficient savings to fully fund salary increases and benefits, that remaining funding shall be provided for in the MFP formula. Representative Brass offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Brass, Carlson, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Melerine, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, Taylor, and Young voted yea.

Senator Rick Edmonds, District 6, no witness card provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 5.

Dr. Keith Courville, Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana, 7907 Wrenwood Boulevard, Suite B, no city or state provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 5.

Larry Carter, Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 9623 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 5.

Representative Carlson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 5 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 5 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Brass, Carlson, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Melerine, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Young voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by those who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, and 1 designee of Governor Jeff Landry who did not wish to speak in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Melerine offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Brass, Carlson, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Melerine, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Young voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Laurie Schlegel
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: