

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2024 Second Extraordinary Session
February 27, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV, chair of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV, chair
Representative Beth Anne Billings
Representative Delisha Boyd
Representative Josh Carlson
Representative Kim Carver
Representative Jessica Domangue
Representative Les Farnum
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry
Representative Ed Larvadain, III
Representative Rodney Lyons, vice chair
Representative Candace N. Newell
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn
Representative Polly Thomas
Representative Mark Wright
Representative John E. Wyble

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.
Representative C. Denise Marcelle

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst
Annie Smith, attorney
Sarah Baker, committee administrative assistant
Caroline Vanhooose, clerk
Natayveon Howard-Williams, committee assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. OTHER BUSINESS

The staff of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs discussed organizational matters, including jurisdiction and committee rules.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to adopt the committee rules. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Carlson, Carver, Domangue, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

Employees of the Board of Tax Appeals made presentations:

Francis J. Labrano, Louisiana Board of Tax Appeals, 627 North Fourth Street, Suite 301, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, spoke for information only.

Retired Judge Lisa Woodruff-White, Louisiana Board of Tax Appeals, IBV Building, 627 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only.

Vice Chair Lyons in the chair.

Employees of the Department of State Civil Service made presentations:

Byron P. Decoteau, Jr., State Civil Service, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only provided a handout, "Louisiana State Civil Service", labeled Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Chris Deer, State Civil Service, 1201 North Third Street, Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only.

Witnesses who did not speak are as follows: 1 for information only.

Chair Beaulieu in the chair.

Employees of the Department of State discussed legislation for the 2024 Regular Session:

Nancy Landry, office of the secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, spoke for information only.

Catherine Newsome, office of the secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, spoke for information only.

Melanie Montanaro, office of the secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, spoke for information only.

Amanda Baker, office of the secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, spoke for information only.

Thomas Carmody, office of the secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, spoke for information only.

Sherri W. Hadskey, office of the secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, spoke for information only.

Witnesses who did not speak are as follows: 2 for information only.

Jason Hannaman, State Police Commission, 5825 Florida Boulevard, Suite 1180, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only on the State Police Service, and provided a handout detailing the Louisiana State Police Commission organization labeled Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Presentations were made by employees of the office of the state examiner, Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service:

Adrienne Bordelon, office of the state examiner, 7722 Office Park Boulevard, Suite 500, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only and provided a handout detailing the mission of the office labeled Exhibit C, which is included in the committee records.

Kesha Feigley, office of the state examiner, 7722 Office Park Boulevard, Suite 500, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only.

Presentations were made by the employees of the Division of Administrative Law:

Sabra Matheny, Division of Administrative Law, 1020 Florida Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only.

Lindsey Hunter, Division of Administrative Law, 1020 Florida Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only, and provided a letter "Re: Annual Rulemaking Report", labeled Exhibit D, which is included in the committee records.

A presentation was made by Kathleen M. Allen, Ethics Administration Program and Board of Ethics, P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, who spoke for information only and provided a handout, "2024 Proposed Legislative Recommendations by the Louisiana Board of Ethics", labeled Exhibit E, which is included in the committee records.

Kristy Gary, Ethics Administration Program, P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, spoke for information only.

Representative Lyons in the chair.

A presentation was made by Lani Boyd, office of the secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, who spoke for information only and provided a handout, "2024 State Board of Election Supervisors Annual Report", labeled Exhibit F, which is included in the committee records.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Thomas offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Carlson, Carver, Domangue, Gadberry, Lyons, Thomas, and Wyble voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV
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Date adopted: