

## **House Select Committee on Homeland Security**

Minutes of Meeting  
2024 Regular Session  
May 28, 2024

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

Representative Jack "Jay" William Gallé, Jr., chair of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. in Room 6, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Jack "Jay" William Gallé, Jr., chair  
Representative Beryl A. Amedée  
Representative Raymond J. Crews  
Representative Peter F. Egan, Sr.  
Representative Adrian Fisher  
Representative Brett F. Geymann  
Representative Timothy P. Kerner  
Representative Alonzo L. Knox  
Representative Charles Anthony Owen, vice chair  
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver  
Representative Jeffrey Fons "Jeff" Wiley

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel  
Representative Danny McCormick  
Representative Neil Riser  
Representative Larry Selders

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

Drew Murray, legislative analyst  
Natayveon Howard-Williams, committee administrative assistant  
Alexandra Cravins, committee assistant  
Frank Meyer IV, clerk

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Janet Anthony, sergeant at arms  
Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms

**III. BUSINESS**

**Consideration and adoption of the minutes of 2021 Interim committee 2022 Extraordinary Session and meetings held on November 17, 2021, February 3, 2022, and February 9, 2022.**

Representative Tarver offered a motion to adopt the 2022 Extraordinary Session and 2021 Interim minutes of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security, from meetings held on November 17, 2021, February 3, 2022, and February 9, 2022. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Galle, Egan, Fisher, Kerner, Knox, Owen, Tarver, and Wiley voted yea.

1. Updates from the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOSHEP):
  - a. New and ongoing homeland security initiatives.
  - b. Reforms in the process of reimbursing local governments for disaster response and recovery costs.
  - c. 2024 Atlantic hurricane season readiness assessment.

Jacques Thibodeaux, GOHSEP, 7667 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only and provided a handout labeled "Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP)" and included as Exhibit A in the committee records.

Robert Neal Fudge, GOHSEP, 7667 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only.

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

2. Initial planning for committee review of state government actions during the COVID-19 pandemic called for in House Resolution No. 133 of the 2024 Regular Session

Chair Gallé summarized the provisions of the resolution.

**IV. ANNOUCEMENTS**

There were no other business.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Wiley offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Galle, Amedee, Crews, Egan, Knox, Tarver, and Wiley voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Jack "Jay" William Gallé, Jr.  
House Select Committee on Homeland Security

Date adopted:

