

Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay

Minutes of Meeting
2024 Regular Session
April 19, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Julie Emerson, chair of the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. in Room 6, in the state capital in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Julie Emerson
Representative Dennis Bamburg, Jr.
Representative Ryan Bourriaque
Representative Kendricks "Ken" Brass
Representative Phillip R. DeVillier, speaker
Representative Les Farnum
Representative Jack "Jay" William Gallé, Jr.
Representative Chance Keith Henry
Representative Jack G. McFarland
Representative Wayne McMahan
Representative Joseph A. Orgeron
Representative Larry Selders
Representative Roger William Wilder, III

Senator Franklin J. Foil
Senator Robert Allain
Senator J. Adam Bass
Senator Beth Mizell
Senator William "Bill" Wheat, Jr.
Senator Glen Womack

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Michael Robert "Mike" Bayham, Jr.
Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV
Representative Beth Anne Billings
Representative Marcus Anthony Bryant
Representative Michael Charles Echols

Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe
Representative Michael T. Johnson, speaker pro tempore
Representative Mandie Landry
Representative Brach Jerad Myers
Representative Matthew Willard
Representative Rashid Armand Young

Senator Regina Ashford Barrow, president pro tempore
Senator Joseph Bouie Jr.
Senator Gary M. Carter Jr.
Senator Stewart Cathey Jr.
Senator Patrick Connick
Senator J. Cameron Henry Jr., president
Senator Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.
Senator Eddie J. Lambert
Senator W. Jay Luneau
Senator John C. "Jay" Morris III
Senator Mike Reese
Senator Jeremy P. Stine

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jacob Wilkinson, House committee administrative assistant
Brittany Lea, House executive assistant
Alison Pryor, House senior attorney
Drew Murray, House legislative analyst
Claire Vermaelen, House capital outlay specialist
Lily Dugas, Senate secretary
Curry J. Lann, Senate counsel
Bobbie Hunter, Senate senior budget analyst

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Mrytis Jarrell, House sergeant at arms
Elizabeth Douglas, House sergeant at arms
Anthony Lombard, Senate sergeant at arms

III. BUSINESS

Public testimony on House Bill No. 2

Mr. Roger Husser, Department of Administration (DOA), Office of Facility Planning and Control (FP&C), 1201 N. 3rd St., 7th floor Claiborne Bldg., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Barry Keely, Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), 1201 Capitol Access Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Dr. Kim Hunter Reed, Board of Regents, 1201 N. 3rd St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Chris Herring, Board of Regents, P.O. Box 3677, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Ken Dawson, Southern University, P.O. Box 32, St. Francisville, LA 70775, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Dr. Daryl Burckel, McNeese State University, P.O. Box 93300, Lake Charles, LA 70609, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Terry Braud, Nicholls State University, 906 E. 1st St., Thibodaux, LA 70301, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Tom Dark, City of Shreveport, 505 Travis St., Suite 200, Shreveport, LA 71101, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Justyn Dixon, North Louisiana Economic Partnership, 333 Texas St., Shreveport, LA 71106, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Chance McNeely, DeSoto Parish Police Jury, 6252 Morgan Bend Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70820, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Randy S. LaCaze, City of Natchitoches, P.O. Box 37, Natchitoches, LA 71457, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Nick Verret, City of Natchitoches, P.O. Box 37, Natchitoches, LA 71457, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. John D. Wynn Jr., City of Natchitoches, P.O. Box 37, Natchitoches, LA 71457, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Ms. Caroline Mladenka, City of Minden, 333 Grand Lakes Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Ms. Caroline Mladenka, City of Benton, 333 Grand Lakes Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Ms. Caroline Mladenka, City of Haughton, 333 Grand Lakes Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Senator Adam Bass, Senate District 36, City of Minden, 2123 Shed Rd., Suite 5, Bossier City, LA 71111, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Senator Adam Bass, Senate District 36, City of Benton, 2123 Shed Rd., Suite 5, Bossier City, LA 71111, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Senator Adam Bass, Senate District 36, City of Haughton, 2123 Shed Rd., Suite 5, Bossier City, LA 71111, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Senator Adam Bass, Senate District 36, City of Bossier, 2123 Shed Rd., Suite 5, Bossier City, LA 71111, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Senator Adam Bass, Senate District 36, Bossier Parish Police Jury, 2123 Shed Rd., Suite 5, Bossier City, LA 71111, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Nicholas Hunter, mayor, City of Lake Charles, 320 Pujo St., Lake Charles, LA 70601, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Representative Kim Carver, District 89, Mandeville and Madisonville, 1200 W. Causeway Approach, Suite 20, Mandeville, LA 70471, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Jean Pelloat, Madisonville, 301 St. John St., Madisonville, LA 70447, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Clay Madden, mayor, Mandeville, 3101 E. Causeway Approach, Mandeville, LA 70448, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Dwight Landreneau, Town of Washington, P.O. Box 218, Washington, LA 70589, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Ms. Halli Polotzola, Town of Washington, P.O. Box 218, Washington, LA 70589, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Ms. Jaime Speyrer, St. Landry Parish Government, 118 S. Court St., Opelousas, LA 70570, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Stephen Woods, St. Landry Parish Government, 118 S. Court St., Opelousas, LA 70570, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Ms. Precious Melancon, St. Landry Parish Government, 118 S. Court St., Opelousas, LA 70570, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Nick Degueyter, mayor, Town of Leonville, P.O. Box 442, Leonville, LA 70551, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Lance Lee, Town of Leonville, P.O. Box 276, Leonville, LA 70551, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Jeremy Hidalgo, Town of Maurice, 401 Lastie Ave., Maurice, LA 70555, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Neil Arsement, mayor, Town of Maurice, 401 Lastie Ave., Maurice, LA 70555, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Larry Richard, Iberia parish president, Iberia Parish Government, 300 Iberia St., New Iberia, LA 70560, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Prescott L. Marshall, Iberia Parish Government Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness (OHSEP), 1111 Ember Dr., New Iberia, LA 70560, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Representative Vincent Cox, District 85, 82 Mason St., Gretna, LA 70055, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Ms. Tamara Crane, Bossier City Council on Aging, 706 Bearkat Dr., Bossier City, LA 71111, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Cliff Vanicor, Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, 1015 Pithon St., Lake Charles, LA 70601, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Alberto Galan, Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, 1015 Pithon St., Lake Charles, LA 70602, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Ms. Jeanne Marino, St. Tammany Parish Government, 2140 Koop Dr., Mandeville, LA 70471, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Ms. Carol Bourgeois Jr., City of Jeanerette, 1010 Main St., Jeanerette, LA 70544, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Maurice Songy, Iberia Parish Airport Authority, 1404 Hangar Rd, New Iberia, LA 70560, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Representative Jeff Wiley, District 81, 12481 Homeport Dr., Suite J, Maurepas, LA 70449, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Ms. Delia Taylor, Livingston Parish Airport District, 8082 Evergreen Dr., Denham Springs, LA 70726, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. William 'Troy' Hair, Abbeville General Hospital, 118 N. Hospital Dr., Abbeville, LA 70510, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Jason Bergeron, Terrebonne Parish, 8026 Main St., Houma, LA 70361, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Kevin Ghirardi, Terrebonne Hospital Service District, 8166 Main St., Houma, LA 70360, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Danny Hoychick, Terrebonne General, 8166 Main St., Houma, LA 70360, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Leroy J. Sullivan Sr., City of Donaldsonville, 609 Railroad Ave., Donaldsonville, LA 70346, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Ms. René Lapeyrolerie, Sewage and Water Board of New Orleans, 625 St. Joseph St., New Orleans, LA 70130, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Ms. Kaitlin Tymrale, Sewage and Water Board of New Orleans, 625 St. Joseph St., New Orleans, LA 70130, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Representative Joseph Orgeron, District 54, 15063 E. Main St., Cut Off, LA 70345, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Barry Plaisance, Town of Lockport, 121 Catherine St., Lockport, LA 70374, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Roy Quezaire, Port of South Louisiana, P.O. Box AE, Reserve, LA 70084, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Micah Cormier, Port of South Louisiana, P.O. Box AE, Reserve, LA 70084, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Chambrel Williams, Port of South Louisiana, P.O. Box AE, Reserve, LA 70084, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Jeff Keever, Avondale Global Gateway, 5100 River Rd., Avondale, LA 70094, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Jackson Smith, Bastion Community of Resilience, 1901 Mirabeau Ave., New Orleans, LA 70122, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Lonnie Granier, Odyssey House, 1125 N. Tonti St., New Orleans, LA 70115, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2. and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Mr. Devin Dewitt, Krewe of Red Beans, 3300 Royal St., New Orleans, LA 70117, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Ms. Lotte Delaney, New Orleans Center for Creative Arts, 2800 Chartres St., New Orleans, LA 7047, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. R. Omar Casimire, Katrina National Memorial Foundation, 5400 Douglas St., New Orleans, LA 70117, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Ms. Kalli Padgett, Katrina National Memorial Foundation, 5400 Douglas St., New Orleans, LA 70117, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Ms. Donna Pilot, Katrina National Memorial Foundation, 5400 Douglas St., New Orleans, LA 70117, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Dr. Homer Charles, The H2O Experience, 3940 Prescott Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70805, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Ms. Tamaya Rivet, The H2O Experience, 3940 Prescott Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70805, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Mr. Jaden Rivet, Dr. Homer Charles, The H2O Experience, 3940 Prescott Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70805, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Dr. Debra Spruel Charles, The H2O Experience, 3940 Prescott Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70805, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

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

Additional prepared statements were submitted to the committee, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Brass offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Emerson, Bamburg, Brass, Farnum, Gallé, and Wilder; Senators Foil voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Julie Emerson, chair