

## **House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs**

Minutes of Meeting  
2024 Regular Session  
April 25, 2024

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

Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry, chair of the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs, called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m. in Room 6, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry, chair  
Representative Michael Robert "Mike" Bayham, Jr.  
Representative Beth Anne Billings  
Representative Kim Carver  
Representative Vincent E. Cox, III  
Representative Jessica Domangue  
Representative Bryan Fontenot  
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg, vice chair  
Representative Steven Jackson  
Representative Alonzo L. Knox  
Representative Rodney Lyons  
Representative C. Denise Marcelle  
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore  
Representative Candace N. Newell  
Representative Charles Anthony Owen  
Representative Joseph A. Stagni  
Representative Matthew Willard  
Representative Rashid Armand Young

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Les Farnum

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

Tina Righteous, attorney  
Blake Byrom, legislative analyst  
Natayveon Howard-Williams, committee administrative assistant  
Alexandra Cravins, committee assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Janet Anthony, sergeant at arms  
Angela Mcknight, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**

Representative Gadberry announced that action on House Bill No. 907 by Representative Bagley, which provides for the governance of state museums and the transfer of museums from the Department of State to the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, was voluntarily deferred.

Representative Owen offered a motion to limit presenters and witness testimony to three minutes. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Domangue, Fontenot, Freiberg, Jackson, Knox, Lyons, Marcelle, Moore, Newell, Owen, and Stagni voted yea.

**House Bill No. 688 by Representative Larvadain**

Representative Larvadain presented House Bill No. 688, which provides relative to training requirements for local government officials.

Representative Newell offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 688. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 688 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Fontenot, Freiberg, Jackson, Knox, Lyons, Marcelle, Moore, Newell, Owen, Stagni, and Young voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 215 by Representative St. Blanc**

Representative St. Blanc presented House Bill No. 215, which provides relative to the classified police service in Morgan City.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 215 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 215 was reported favorably by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Bayham, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Fontenot, Freiberg, Jackson, Knox, Lyons, Moore, Newell, Owen, Stagni, and Young voted yea.

**House Resolution No. 9 by Representative Travis Johnson**

Representative Travis Johnson presented House Resolution No. 9, which requests the governing authority of Concordia Parish to do a feasibility study regarding the establishment of a new form of parish government.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 9 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 9 was reported favorably by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Bayham, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Fontenot, Freiberg, Jackson, Knox, Lyons, Marcelle, Moore, Newell, Owen, Stagni, and Young voted yea.

**House Bill No. 761 by Representative LaCombe**

Representative LaCombe presented House Bill No. 761, which authorizes certain municipalities to create tax increment financing districts.

Representative Stagni offered amendments to remove overnight camping facilities from the definition of hotel. Representative Stagni withdrew the amendment.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to report House Bill No. 761 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 761 was reported favorably by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Bayham, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Fontenot, Freiberg, Jackson, Knox, Lyons, Marcelle, Moore, Newell, Owen, Stagni, and Young voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 955 by Representative Marcelle**

Representative Marcelle presented House Bill No. 955, which provides that housing authorities are exempt from certain fees and requirements for surety.

J. Daniels, East Baton Rouge Housing Authority, 4731 North Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke in support of House Bill No. 955.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 955 favorably, to which Representative Gadberry objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 955 was reported favorably by a vote of 17 yeas and 1 nays. Representatives Bayham, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Fontenot, Freiberg, Jackson, Knox, Lyons, Marcelle, Moore, Newell, Owen, Stagni, Willard, and Young voted yea. Representative Gadberry voted nay.

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

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 by Representative Kerner**

Representative Kerner presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 54, which requests the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to confer with the Jefferson Parish Community Development Department to consider modifications to required property insurance coverage.

Representative Lyons offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 was reported favorably by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Bayham, Billings, Cox, Domangue, Fontenot, Freiberg, Jackson, Knox, Lyons, Marcelle, Moore, Newell, Stagni, Willard, and Young voted yea.

**House Bill No. 848 by Representative Jackson**

Representative Jackson presented House Bill No. 848, which provides relative to budgets adopted by library boards of control in certain parishes.

Representative Gadberry offered amendments to remove provisions that limit the applicability of proposed law to certain parishes, thereby making proposed law applicable to all parishes.

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Bayham, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Fontenot, Freiberg, Jackson, Knox, Lyons, Marcelle, Moore, Newell, Stagni, Willard, and Young voted yea.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report House Bill No. 848 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 848 was reported with amendments by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Bayham, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Fontenot, Freiberg, Jackson, Knox, Lyons, Moore, Newell, Owen, Stagni, Willard, and Young voted yea.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no other announcements.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Newell offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Bayham, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Fontenot, Freiberg, Jackson, Knox, Lyons, Moore, Newell, Owen, Stagni, Willard, and Young voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Foy Bryan Gadberry  
House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs

Date adopted: