

Capitol Security Council

Minutes of Meeting
2024 Second Extraordinary Session
February 28, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Tony Bacala, chair of the Capitol Security Council, called the meeting to order at 11:48 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Tony Bacala, chair
Representative Chad Michael Boyer
Representative Phillip R. DeVillier
Representative John R. Illg, Jr.
Representative Matthew Willard
Senator Blake Miguez, vice chair
Senator Gerald Boudreaux
Senator Heather Miley Cloud
Senator J. Cameron Henry Jr.
Senator Jeremy P. Stine

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst
Annie Smith, attorney
Sarah Baker, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Myrtis Jurrell, sergeant at arms

IV. BUSINESS

Representative DeVillier offered a motion to go into executive session. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives DeVillier, Bacala, Boyer, Illg, and Willard voted yea. Senators Henry, Miguez, and Stine voted yea.

Discussion and recommendation of the following to submit to the president of the Senate and speaker of the House of Representatives for approval (these items may be discussed in executive session pursuant to R.S. 42:18):

1. Salary of the capitol security director.
2. Other expenses and salaries of the office of the capitol security director.
3. Plans for the purchase and acquisition of equipment and technology.

Senator Henry offered a motion to come out of executive session. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives DeVillier, Bacala, Boyer, Illg, and Willard voted yea. Senators Henry, Miguez, and Stine voted yea.

Senator Henry offered a motion to recommend to the speaker and the president the salary of \$135,000 with benefits for the capitol security director. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives DeVillier, Bacala, Boyer, and Illg voted yea. Senators Henry, Miguez, and Stine voted yea.

Representative Illg offered a motion to recommend to the speaker and the president that they authorize the acquisition of security equipment through a specific vendor. Representative Willard offered a substitute motion to recommend to the speaker and the president that they work with the capitol security director regarding the acquisition of the security equipment and technology as they deem appropriate. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, Boyer, DeVillier, Illg, and Willard voted yea. Senators Miguez, Henry, and Stine voted yea.

Representative Bacala offered a motion to recommend to the speaker and the president that they authorize hiring an assistant for the capitol security director as they deem appropriate. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives DeVillier, Bacala, Boyer, Illg, and Willard voted yea. Senators Henry, Miguez, and Stine voted yea.

Cary Koch, Zero Eyes, 504 Lakeland Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke for information only and provided a handout, labeled Exhibit A, which is included in committee records.

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

V. CONSIDERATION OF ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

There were no other matters.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Illg offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives DeVillier, Bacala, Boyer, Illg, and Willard voted yea. Senators Henry, Miguez, and Stine voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Tony Bacala
Capitol Security Council

Date adopted: