

Joint Committee on Capitol Security Council

Minutes of Meeting
2024 Regular Session
May 30, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Tony Bacala, chair of the Joint Committee on Capitol Security Council, called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Tony Bacala, chair
Senator Blake Miguez, vice chair
Representative Chad Michael Boyer
Senator Heather Miley Cloud
Representative Phillip R. DeVillier
Representative John R. Illg, Jr.
Senator Jeremy P. Stine

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Gerald Boudreaux
Senator J. Cameron Henry, Jr.
Representative Matthew Willard

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Jaubert Ambeau, III, House sergeant at arms
Louis W. Carral Jr., Senate sergeant at arms

III. BUSINESS

Representative Bacala offered a motion to go into executive session. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, Boyer, DeVillier, and Illg voted yea. Senators Miguez and Cloud 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. Plans for the purchase and acquisition of equipment and technology
2. Employees of the office of the director of capitol security and related salaries

Discussion of the following (these items may be discussed in executive session pursuant to R.S. 42:18):

1. Initial organization and structure of the office of the director of capitol security
2. Security plans and assessments

Representative Bacala offered a motion to come out of executive session. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, Boyer, DeVillier, and Illg voted yea. Senators Miguez, Cloud, and Stine voted yea.

Representative DeVillier offered a motion to authorize the capitol security director to work with the presiding officers to employ appropriate staff, screening devices, and necessary safety equipment for the office of the director. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, Boyer, DeVillier, and Illg voted yea. Senators Cloud, Miguez, and Stine voted yea.

Representative Bacala offered a motion to direct the capitol security director to develop a comprehensive security plan and submit the plan to the capitol security council by August 1, 2024. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, Boyer, DeVillier, and Illg voted yea. Senators Cloud, Miguez, and Stine voted yea.

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

There were no other matters.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Bacala offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, Boyer, and Illg voted yea. Senators Cloud, Miguez, and Stine voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Tony Bacala
Joint Committee on Capitol Security Council

Date adopted: