

## **House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works**

Minutes of Meeting  
2024 Regular Session  
April 8, 2024

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

Representative Ryan Bourriaque, chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Ryan Bourriaque, chairman  
Representative Chad Michael Boyer  
Representative Jacob Braud  
Representative Tehmi Jahi Chassion  
Representative Kellee Hennessy Dickerson  
Representative Bryan Fontenot, vice chairman  
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore  
Representative Tammy T. Phelps  
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn  
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver  
Representative Joy Walters  
Representative Jeffrey Fons "Jeff" Wiley

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Steven Jackson  
Representative C. Travis Johnson

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

Allison Williams, legislative analyst  
Jennifer Winkler, legislative analyst  
Darcas Deverteuil, committee administrative assistant

#### **ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms

Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms  
Quinn Williams, clerk

### III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

#### **House Bill No. 793 by Representative Coates**

Representative Bourriaque announced that action on House Bill No. 793, which provides relative to a contract limit for hospital service districts, was voluntarily deferred.

#### **House Bill No. 794 by Representative Gadberry**

Representative Gadberry presented House Bill No. 794, which requires a political subdivision or agency negotiate a fair and reasonable contract with the most highly qualified firm for architectural and engineering professional services.

Representative Tarver offered a motion to report House Bill No. 794 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 794 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Schamerhorn, Tarver, and Walters voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 887 by Representative Bayham**

Representative Bayham presented House Bill No. 887, which designates the Bayou Bienvenue bridge on Louisiana Highway 47 in Chalmette, Louisiana, as the "Senator Samuel B. Nunez Crossing".

Representative Boyer offered a motion to report House Bill No. 887 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 887 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Moore, Schamerhorn, Tarver, and Walters voted yea.

#### **House Bill No. 942 by Representative Bayham**

Representative Bayham presented House Bill No. 942, which designates the portion of the Intracoastal Waterway Gulf Outlet Bridge on Highway 47, in Orleans Parish, as the "Governor David C. Treen Green Bridge".

Representative Moore offered a motion to report House Bill No. 942 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 942 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Moore, Schamerhorn, Tarver, and Walters voted yea.

### **House Bill No. 798 by Representative Domangue**

Representative Domangue presented House Bill No. 798, which renames the Robinson Canal Bridge to the Lapeyrouse Bridge.

Representative Moore offered a motion to report House Bill No. 798 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 798 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

### **House Bill No. 922 by Representative Owen**

On behalf of Representative Owen, Representative Schamerhorn presented House Bill No. 922, which designates a portion of Louisiana Highway 171 as the "Claude 'Buddy' Leach Memorial Highway".

Representative Schamerhorn offered a motion to report House Bill No. 922 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 922 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Moore, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

### **House Bill No. 685 by Representative Wright**

Representative Wright presented House Bill No. 685, which provides relative to the creation of Louisiana Port Multimodal Council, and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Bourriaque offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill. Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to adopt the substitute bill. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Fontenot, Moore, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Joe Donahue, DOTD, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 685.

Julia Fisher-Cormier, commissioner, office of multimodal commerce, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 685.

Mary "Molly" Bourgoyne, DOTD-OMC, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 685.

Craig Romero, Port of Iberia, no address provided, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 685.

Chett Chiasson, Port Fourchon, 16829, E. Main Street, Cut Off, LA 70345, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 685.

Norby Chabert, Port of Terrebonne, 6513 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 685.

Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 685. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 685 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Phelps, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

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

### **House Bill No. 885 by Representative Illg**

On behalf of Representative Illg, Representative Fontenot presented House Bill No. 885, which creates the "Jefferson Parish Bicentennial" specialty license plate.

Representative Fontenot offered amendments to add a delayed implementation provision that indicates that the "Jefferson Parish Bicentennial" speciality license plate will be produced after statutory provisions are met and the office of motor vehicle's system is updated to allow for the creation of new plates. Representative Fontenot offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Braud, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Representative Fontenot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 885 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 885 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Braud, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

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**House Resolution No. 63 by Representative Mack**

Representative Mack presented House Resolution No. 63, which urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development to study the extension of Louisiana Highway 449 to I-12.

Representative Dickerson offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 63 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 63 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

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**House Bill No. 797 by Representative Coates**

Representative Coates presented House Bill No. 797, which prohibits a hospital service district from using "construction management at risk" for projects estimated to cost less than two million dollars.

Representative Bourriaque offered amendments to remove the requirement in present law for House and Senate Transportation, Highways and Public Works committee review and approval for CMAR projects costing between 5,000,000 and 15,000,000.

Derrell Cohoon, Associated General Contractors, 714 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, spoke in support of House Bill No. 797.

Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Koe Naquin, 666 N. Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 797.

Representative Boyer offered a motion to report House Bill No. 797 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 797 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards presented by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 938 by Representative Adams**

Representative Adams presented House Bill No. 938, which establishes special prestige license plates for certain Louisiana schools.

Representative Wiley offered a motion to report House Bill No. 938 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 938 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

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**House Bill No. 943 by Representative Wiley**

Representative Wiley presented House Bill No. 943, which creates a specialty license plate for the St. Edmund Catholic School Bluejays.

Representative Wiley offered a motion to report House Bill No. 943 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 943 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

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**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Walters offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Ryan Bourriaque  
House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Date adopted: