

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2024 Regular Session
May 13, 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 12:31 p.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 Kellee Hennessy Dickerson
Representative Bryan Fontenot, vice chairman
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver
Representative Joy Walters
Representative Jeffrey Fons "Jeff" Wiley

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Tehmi Jahi Chassion
Representative Steven Jackson
Representative C. Travis Johnson
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Tammy T. Phelps

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms
Cheryl Domino, sergeant at arms
Ralph Palmer, sergeant at arms
Quinn Williams, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Concurrent Resolution No. 101 by Representative Boyer

Representative Boyer presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 101, which urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development to seek a waiver for a gateway sign permit for a "Crawfish Expressway" sign in Breaux Bridge.

Representative Boyer offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 101 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 101 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Fontenot, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 112 by Representative Phelps

On behalf of Representative Phelps, Representative Boyer presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 112, which urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development to form a highly collaborative approach with political subdivisions regarding the status of projects in local areas.

Representative Boyer offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 112 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 112 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Fontenot, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

House Bill No. 738 by Representative Bourriaque

Representative Bourriaque presented House Bill No. 738, which re-creates the Department of Transportation and Development.

Representative Bourriaque offered amendments to:

- (1) Change the "sunset" date for the Dept. of Transportation and Development to July 1, 2025, instead of July 1, 2029, with the beginning of termination on July 1, 2024.

(2) Make technical changes.

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, Braud, Dickerson, Fontenot, 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. 738.

Representative Wiley offered a motion to report House Bill No. 738 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 738 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Fontenot, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

North Oaks Health System of Tangipahoa Parish

Representative Walters offered a motion to approve the use of the Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) method for the construction of an outpatient rehabilitation facility at North Oaks Health System of Tangipahoa Parish, in accordance with R.S. 38:2225.2.4. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Fontenot, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley 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.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Boyer offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Fontenot, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Ryan Bourriaque
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Date adopted: