

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

Minutes of Meeting  
2024-2025 Interim  
December 12, 2024

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

Representative Ryan Bourriaque, chair of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m. in Room 2, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Ryan Bourriaque, chair  
Representative Chad Michael Boyer  
Representative Tehmi Jahi Chassion  
Representative Kellee Hennessy Dickerson  
Representative Steven Jackson  
Representative Tammy T. Phelps  
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn  
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver  
Representative Joy Walters  
Representative Jeffrey Fons "Jeff" Wiley

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Jacob Braud  
Representative Bryan Fontenot, vice chair  
Representative C. Travis Johnson  
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore

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

Allison Williams, attorney  
Darcas Deverteuil, committee administrative assistant

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

Johnae Conner, sergeant at arms

### III. BUSINESS

#### **To consider the use of the Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) method for a Community Center/Emergency Shelter in the City of Bogalusa**

Wendell Armant and Gerald Billes, City of Bogalusa, 603 St. Joseph St., New Orleans, LA 70130, spoke for information only on the CMAR for a Community/Center/Emergency Shelter in the city of Bogalusa.

Mr. Armant and Mr. Billes responded in depth to questions from Representative Jackson regarding the CMAR project.

Representative Phelps offered a motion to approve the use of the CMAR method for a Community Center/Emergency Shelter in the City of Bogalusa. Without objection, the motion was approved by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Chassion, Jackson, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yeas.

#### **To consider the use of the Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) method for Dutchtown High School renovations and additions in Ascension Parish**

Louis Saab, Ascension Parish School Board, 9690 Airline Hwy., Sorrento, LA, spoke for information only on the CMAR for Dutchtown High School renovations and additions.

Representative Wiley informed the committee about the positive impact that approving the project would have on the Dutchtown/Ascension Parish area.

Louis Saab answered a question from Representative Jackson regarding the identified funds for the projects.

Representative Wiley offered a motion to approve the use of the CMAR method for Dutchtown High School renovations and additions. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Chassion, Jackson, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yeas.

#### **To consider the use of the Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) method for Gonzales Middle School renovations and upgrades in Ascension Parish**

Representative Wiley offered a motion to approve the CMAR method for the Gonzales Middle School renovations and upgrades. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Chassion, Jackson, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yeas.

**To consider the use of the Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) method for Leblanc Special Services Center Remodel in Ascension Parish**

Representative Wiley apprised the committee of the history of the Leblanc Special Services Center.

Representative Wiley offered a motion to approve the use of the CMAR method for the Leblanc Special Services Center remodel. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Chassion, Jackson, Phelps, Schamerhorn, 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.

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Schamerhorn offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Chassion, Jackson, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: