

## **House Committee on Ways and Means**

Minutes of Meeting  
2024 Second Extraordinary Session  
February 27, 2024

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

Representative Julie Emerson, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Julie Emerson, chairman  
Representative Dennis Bamburg, Jr.  
Representative Michael Robert "Mike" Bayham, Jr.  
Representative Beth Anne Billings  
Representative Kendricks "Ken" Brass, vice chairman  
Representative Marcus Anthony Bryant  
Representative Michael Charles Echols  
Representative Les Farnum  
Representative Jack "Jay" William Gallé, Jr.  
Representative Wayne McMahan  
Representative Joseph A. Orgeron  
Representative Larry Selders  
Representative Roger William Wilder, III  
Representative Matthew Willard  
Representative Rashid Armand Young

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Chance Keith Henry  
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe  
Representative Mandie Landry  
Representative Brach Jerad Myers

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

Jacob Wilkinson, committee administrative assistant  
Alison Pryor, senior attorney  
Drew Murray, legislative analyst

Claire Vermaelen, capital outlay specialist

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

**III. OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Discussion of Organizational Matters**

- Introduction of committee members and staff
- Jurisdiction, rules, and procedures
- Consideration and adoption of committee rules

**2. Presentations**

**Department of Economic Development (LED)**

Secretary Susan Bourgeois, Louisiana Economic Development (LED), 617 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70804, spoke for information only.

Ms. Anne Villa, deputy secretary, LED, 617 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70804, spoke for information only.

**Department of Revenue**

Secretary Richard Nelson, Louisiana Department of Revenue (LDR), 617 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only and provided a presentation, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

**Adoption of Committee Rules**

Representative Emerson presented an update to the Rules of the House Committee on Ways and Means, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records. Representative Brass offered a motion to adoption of committee rules. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Emerson, Bamburg, Bayham, Billings, Brass, Bryant, Echols, Farnum, McMahan, Orgeron, Selders, Wilder, and Young voted yea.

**Committee staff on major state tax types**

Ms. Alison Pryor, senior attorney, House Fiscal Division (HFD), 900 N. Third St., 11th floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, spoke for information only and provided a presentation, Exhibit C, which is included in the committee records.

Mr. Drew Murray, legislative analyst, HFD, 900 N. Third St., 11th floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, spoke for information only.

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Brass offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Selders, Echols, Emerson, Brass, McMahan, Wilder, Billings, Bamburg, and Young voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Julie Emerson  
House Committee on Ways and Means