

## **House Committee on Education**

Minutes of Meeting  
2014 Regular Session  
March 12, 2014

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

Representative Stephen F. Carter, chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 9:23 a.m. in Room 1, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative H. Eugene Reynolds  
Representative Stephen F. Carter, Chairman  
Representative Wesley T. Bishop  
Representative Chris Broadwater  
Representative Henry L. Burns  
Representative Thomas G. Carmody, Jr.  
Representative Simone B. Champagne  
Representative John Bel Edwards  
Representative Cameron Henry  
Representative Paul Hollis  
Representative Barry Ivey  
Representative Patrick O. Jefferson, Vice Chair  
Representative Nancy Landry  
Representative Edward J. Price  
Representative Jerome Richard  
Representative Robert E. Shadoin  
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith  
Representative Jeff R. Thompson  
Representative Alfred C. Williams

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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

Elizabeth L. Borne, Legislative Analyst  
Nancy Y. Jolly, Legislative Analyst  
Jacqueline Snowden, Secretary

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Beverly Vincent, Sergeant at Arms

Before hearing legislation, Representative Carter introduced the newest member of House Education, Representative Gene Reynolds.

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 244 by Representative Broadwater**

Representative Broadwater presented House Bill No. 244, which provides with respect to the lease of property at public postsecondary education institutions to nonprofit corporations or associations to hold fundraisers that include the auctioning and sale of firearms.

Representative Broadwater offered a set of amendments to the bill that would provide as follows:

1. Adds requirement to list of minimum lease conditions that firearms be equipped with a safety lock or other safety feature that renders the firearm nonoperational.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Reynolds, Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Price, Richard, Smith, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

Representative Richard offered a motion to report House Bill No. 244 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 244 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Reynolds, Carter, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Price, Richard, Smith, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

**House Bill No. 433 by Representative Carter**

Representative Carter presented House Bill No. 433, which authorizes the Board of Regents to enter into interstate reciprocity agreements relative to online instruction.

Accompanying Representative Carter and presenting highlights of the bill were Ms. Uma Subramanian, general counsel, state Board of Regents, Claiborne Bldg., Baton Rouge, LA, (225)

3241 and Dr. Larry Tremblay, deputy commissioner of higher education, representing the state Board of Regents, Claiborne Bldg., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-4253.

Representative Broadwater offered a set of amendments to the bill that would provide as follows:

1. The amendments makes technical changes.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Reynolds, Carter, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Champagne, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Price, Richard, Shadoin, Smith, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

Present to provide information if requested were Ms. Mary Ann Coleman, representing the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, 320 Third St., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 389-9888; Mr. Jim Marchand, representing LSU, 3810 W. Lakeshore, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 588-0337; and Ms. Sandy Woodley, president, the University of Louisiana System, Claiborne Bldg., Suite 7, (512) 922-2695.

Opposing the bill but not wishing to speak was Ms. Angela Alef, representing The People, 1500 Prytania, New Orleans, LA 70115, (504) 427-3799.

Representative Smith offered a motion to report House Bill No. 433 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 433 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Reynolds, Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Champagne, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Price, Richard, Shadoin, Smith, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

### **House Bill No. 588 by Representative Carter**

Representative Carter presented House Bill No. 588, (a constitutional amendment), which provides for members of the postsecondary education management boards and the Board of Regents to have qualifications provided by law.

Representative Smith offered a set of amendments that were presented by Ms. Nancy Jolly, committee senior legislative analyst. Ms. Jolly explained that on page 2, line 1, in the current constitutional language that says the board "should" be representative the amendment to change the word "should" to "shall" throughout the bill. Representative Smith offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Reynolds, Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Carmody, Champagne, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, Shadoin, Smith, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

Opposing the bill but not wishing to speak was Ms. Angela Alef, representing The People, 1500 Prytania, New Orleans, LA 70115, (504) 427-3799.

Representative Henry offered a motion to report House Bill No. 588 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 588 was reported with amendments by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Reynolds, Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Henry, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, Shadoin, Smith, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

**To hear a presentation by representatives of NextSTEP of Central Louisiana (Systemic Transition to Empowerment Program) including an overview of A Fight We Can Win - the program's teen dating violence awareness and prevention initiative.**

Representative Dixon made introductory remarks about this initiative and introduced the NextSTEP team to make the presentation. Representative Dixon referred members to asked members to recall R.S 17:81 that provides instruction on dating violence in public schools. He noted that the NextSTEP organization will present information on the work they have done since 2010 in trying to abide by the provisions of legislation passed during the 2010 Regular Session by former Rep. Nita Hutter. Making the presentation were Ms. Carolyn Hoyt, executive director, NextSTEP, 308 E. Shamrock St., Pineville, LA 71360, (318) 487-4673; Mr. Fred Worthington, advisor, NextSTEP, 308 E. Shamrock St., Pineville, LA 71360, (318) 664-0271; and Mr. Leo Deslatte, technical director, NextSTEP, 308 E. Shamrock St., Pineville, LA 71360, (318) 664-0271.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion to adjourn passed by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Reynolds, Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Henry, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, Shadoin, Smith, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen F. Carter, Chairman

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