

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
April 7, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Nancy Landry, chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. in Room 1, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Nancy Landry, chairman
Representative Beryl A. Amedée
Representative Joseph Bouie, Jr.
Representative Chris Broadwater
Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Julie Emerson
Representative Reid Falconer
Representative Jeffrey "Jeff" Hall
Representative Stephanie Hilferty
Representative Walt Leger, III
Representative Edward J. Price, vice chairman
Representative H. Eugene Reynolds
Representative Scott M. Simon
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Stephen F. Carter

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth L. Borne, legislative analyst
Nancy Y. Jolly, legislative analyst
Jacqueline Snowden, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Karli Roussell, clerk

Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 842 by Representative Broadwater**

Representative Broadwater presented House Bill No. 842, which provides for the consolidation of certain boards and commissions into the Board of Regents.

Representative Broadwater offered amendments that would make technical changes to amend and repeal additional statutes in conformity with the proposed abolition of the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission, including addition of provisions relative to governance of the Louisiana Tuition Trust Authority. Representative Broadwater offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Simon, and Smith voted yea.

Dr. Joe Rallo, state commissioner of higher education, Louisiana Board of Regents, no address given, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 842.

Representative Leger offered a motion to report House Bill No. 842 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 842 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Simon, and Smith voted yea.

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

The committee recessed at 9:50 a.m. The committee reconvened at 9:58 a.m.

House Bill No. 906 by Representative Armes

Representative Armes presented House Bill No. 906, which provides relative to postsecondary education services for homeless and foster youth.

Dylan Waguespack, Louisiana Progress, 650 N. 6th St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 906.

Dr. Chaunda Allen Mitchell, office of the governor, 4th Floor, State Capitol, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-7015, spoke in support of House Bill No. 906.

Dr. Roland Mitchell, College of Education, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke in support of House Bill No. 906.

Representative Smith offered a motion to report House Bill No. 906 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 906 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Simon, and Smith voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 14 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 881 by Representative Jay Morris

Representative Jay Morris presented House Bill No. 881, which requires each public postsecondary education management board annually to report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and publish on its website specified information relative to research projects and grants.

Dr. Joe Rallo, state commissioner of higher education, Louisiana Board of Regents, no address given, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 881.

Representative Nancy Landry offered amendments that would:

1. Require the submission and posting of specified information relative to research grants instead of research initiatives.
2. Require that the descriptions submitted and posted with regard to the objectives and progress of the projects and grants be brief and general.
3. Require that instead of submitting and posting information on cost and specific sources of funding, the institutions shall submit information on the amount of state funds spent.
4. Require each institution to provide a total amount of state funds spent on research during the prior fiscal year.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Simon, and Smith voted yea.

Representative Price offered a motion to report House Bill No. 881 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 881 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Price, Simon, and Smith voted yea.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 35 by Representative Schroder

House Concurrent Resolution No. 35, which directs the Board of Regents to submit by April 15, 2016, a report outlining initiatives the board, in consultation with management boards, will take to ensure greater efficiency in postsecondary education for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year and beyond, was on the meeting agenda but did not receive a hearing by the committee.

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

House Bill No. 152 by Representative Edmonds

House Bill No. 152, a constitutional amendment which, relative to management of public postsecondary education, abolishes the Board of Regents and the management boards and transfers their powers, duties, and responsibilities to a newly created Louisiana Postsecondary Education Board of Trustees, was on the meeting agenda but did not receive a hearing by the committee.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, 4 in opposition, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 169 by Representative Carmody

House Bill No. 169, a constitutional amendment which, relative to management of public postsecondary education, abolishes the Board of Regents and the management boards and transfers their powers, duties, and responsibilities to a newly created Louisiana Postsecondary Education Board of Trustees, was on the meeting agenda but did not receive a hearing by the committee.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, 4 in opposition, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Nancy Landry
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: