

## **House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs**

Minutes of Meeting  
2017 Regular Session  
April 19, 2017

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

Representative Michael E. Danahay, chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. in Room 2, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Michael E. Danahay, chairman  
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.  
Representative Jimmy Harris  
Representative Lance Harris  
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill  
Representative Barry Ivey  
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.  
Representative Gregory A. Miller  
Representative Stephen E. Pugh, vice chairman  
Representative John M. Schroder, Sr.  
Representative Robert E. Shadoin

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative John C. "Jay" Morris, III

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

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst  
Mark Mahaffey, attorney  
Shawn O'Brien, secretary

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

Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms  
Clementine Johnson, sergeant at arms  
Hannah Gale, clerk

### III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

#### House Bill No. 308 by Representative McFarland

Representative McFarland presented House Bill No. 308, which allows the continued employment of a cadet or graduate of the state police training academy in the classified state police service under certain circumstances.

Representative Shadoin offered a motion to report House Bill No. 308 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 308 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Lance Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Pugh, Schroder, Shadoin, and Danahay voted yea.

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

#### House Bill No. 142 by Representative Pugh

Representative Pugh presented House Bill No. 142, which calls a special election on October 14, 2017, for submitting proposed constitutional amendments to the state's electors.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 142 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 142 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Danahay voted yea.

#### House Bill No. 207 by Representative Gary Carter

Representative Gary Carter presented House Bill No. 207, which allows a health care provider on the faculty or staff of a public higher education institution to also hold elective office in the government of the United States.

Representative Danahay offered technical amendments to the bill. Representative Danahay offered a motion to adopt the proposed technical amendments. Without objection, the technical amendments were adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Lance Harris, Hill, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Danahay voted yea.

Edwin R. Murray, LSUHSCNO, 433 Bolivar St., New Orleans, LA 70113, 504-568-4810, provided information to the committee on House Bill No. 207.

Wendell Lindsay, Louisiana Common Cause, 5874 Chandler Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, 225-769-0446, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 207.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 207. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 207 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Danahay voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 90 by Representative Danahay**

Representative Danahay presented House Bill No. 90, which provides relative to donations received by public servants for the purposes of disaster aid or relief to provide aid or to offset losses resulting from a gubernatorially-declared disaster or emergency.

Representative Pugh offered technical amendments to clarify that the objective criteria and reporting requirements in the proposed law ethics exception apply to not-for-profit organizations disbursing contributions and donations that would have otherwise been prohibited by the ethics code; to apply the requirement for the utilization of objective criteria on disbursements to all contributions and donations, not just funds; and to make technical changes. Representative Pugh offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Danahay, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Pugh, and Schroder voted yea.

Michael Ranatza, executive director, Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, 1175 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, 225-343-8402, spoke in support of House Bill No. 90.

Representative Danahay offered a motion to report House Bill No. 90 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 90 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Danahay, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Gregory Miller, Pugh, and Schroder voted yea.

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

#### IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Interviews and discussion of nominees submitted by the nominating committee for the vacancies on the Board of Ethics to be filled by the House of Representatives and recommendations of the committee with regard to the same

The committee interviewed the following nominees for consideration by the House of Representatives for election to the Board of Ethics:

Bettsie Baker Miller	List B
KarenSue Zoeller	List A
Jane H. Smith	List A
Paul M. Lafleur	List A
Larry Lawrence Brandon, Jr.	List B
William J. Larzelere, Jr.	List B
La Koshia Reconda Roberts	List A

Representative Schroder nominated Jane Smith to stand for election from List A.

Without objection, Representatives Gary Carter, Danahay, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Shadoin voted 10 yeas and 0 nays in favor of Ms. Smith's nomination from List A.

Representative Danahay nominated Paul M. Lafleur to stand for election from List A.

Without objection, Representatives Gary Carter, Danahay, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Shadoin voted 10 yeas and 0 nays in favor of Mr. Lafleur's nomination from List A.

Representative Ivy nominated Larry Lawrence Brandon, Jr. to stand for election from List B.

Without objection, Representatives Gary Carter, Danahay, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Shadoin voted 10 yeas and 0 nays in favor of Brandon's nomination from List B.

Representative Miller nominated William J. Larzelere, Jr. to stand for election from List B.

Without objection, Representatives Gary Carter, Danahay, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Ivey, Jenkins, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Shadoin voted 10 yeas and 0 nays in favor of Mr. Larzelere's nomination from List B.

#### V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

#### VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Royce Duplessis", written over a large, faint oval shape.

Vice Chairman Royce Duplessis  
House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Date adopted: October 7, 2020

The committee has acknowledged on October 7, 2020, that these minutes were prepared in accordance with the rules of the House of Representatives.