

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2019 Regular Session
May 21, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Nancy Landry, chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 10:49 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Nancy Landry, chairman
Representative Beryl A. Amedée
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr., vice chairman
Representative Stephen F. Carter
Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Julie Emerson
Representative Reid Falconer
Representative Stephanie Hilferty
Representative Walt Leger, III
Representative Scott M. Simon
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith
Representative Polly Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Joseph Bouie, Jr.
Representative Kendrick "Ken" Brass

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 42 by Senator Appel

On behalf of Senator Appel, Matt Adams, Louisiana Board of Regents, presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 42, which requests the Board of Regents to create the Work-Based Learning Task Force and submitted "Work-Based Learning", labeled Exhibit A and included in the committee records. Senator Appel requested amendments.

Representative Nancy Landry offered amendments to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 42 that:

1. Request the Board of Regents to solicit input from and collaborate with various stakeholders on work-based learning programs instead of requesting creation of the Work-Based Learning Task Force.
2. Change the deadline for submission of policy recommendations from February 1, 2020, to February 1, 2021.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments, to which Representative Smith objected. The secretary called the roll, and the amendments were adopted by a vote of 7 yeas and 1 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, and Thomas voted yea. Representative Smith voted nay.

Chris Broadwater, vice president for workforce policy, Louisiana Community and Technical College System, 265 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, (985) 634-3283, spoke for information only on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 42.

Mandi Mitchell, Louisiana Economic Development, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 42.

Robert J. Roux, executive counsel, Louisiana Workforce Commission, 1001 North 23rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-1690, spoke for information only on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 42.

Joseph Hollis, state director of registered apprenticeship, Louisiana Workforce Commission, no address given, spoke for information only on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 42.

Kellie Taylor-White, director, Workforce Investment Council, 1001 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 319-0679, spoke for information only on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 42.

Representative Nancy Landry offered an amendment to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 42 that would, relative to the board's submission of policy recommendations, add the governor as a recipient.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedée, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 42 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 42 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedée, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 9 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 337 by Representative Smith

Representative Smith presented House Bill No. 337, which provides relative to teacher and administrator evaluations and related grievance procedures.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adopt the five-minute rule for discussion on House Bill No. 337. Without objection, the motion to adopt the five-minute rule for discussion on House Bill No. 337 passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedée, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Brian Blackwell, Louisiana Association of Educators, 8322 One Calais Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 769-2462, spoke in support of House Bill No. 337.

Erin Pizarro, 145 Patton Avenue, (318) 218-0611, spoke in support of House Bill No. 337.

Deborah Meaux, Louisiana Association of Educators, 8322 One Calais Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (337) 849-3414, spoke in support of House Bill No. 337 and submitted a copy of an email labeled Exhibit B and included in the committee records.

Cynthia Posey, Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 9623 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 603-1969, spoke in support of House Bill No. 337.

Dr. Erin Bendily, State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, 1201 North 3rd Street, Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 337.

Brigitte Nieland, Stand for Children, 601 Laurel, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 603-5668, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 337.

Kelli Bottger, 37397 Cypress Alley Avenue, Gonzales, LA 70737, (225) 936-9800, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 337.

Representative Smith offered a motion to report House Bill No. 337 favorably, to which Representative Nancy Landry objected. The secretary called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 2 yeas and 8 nays. Representatives Gary Carter and Smith voted yea. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedée, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Simon, and Thomas voted nay.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 337, to which Representative Smith objected. The secretary called the roll, and action on House Bill No. 337 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 8 yeas and 2 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedée, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Simon, and Thomas voted yea. Representatives Gary Carter and Smith voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support, and 2 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 253 by Representative Landry

Representative Nancy Landry announced that House Bill No. 253 by Representative Nancy Landry, which requires certain disclosures by vendors and public school governing authorities relative to the giving and receiving of things of economic value prior to the adoption of textbooks and other instructional materials, had been voluntarily deferred by the author.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Nancy Landry
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: