

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

Minutes of Meeting  
2020 Second Extraordinary Session  
September 30, 2020

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

Representative Stephen C. Dwight, chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Stephen C. Dwight, chairman  
Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV  
Representative Royce Duplessis, vice chairman  
Representative Les Farnum  
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry  
Representative Charles Alexander Henry  
Representative Dodie Horton  
Representative Barry Ivey  
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.  
Representative Michael T. Johnson  
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe  
Representative Tanner D. Magee  
Representative Candace N. Newell  
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn  
Representative Malinda B. White

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.  
Representative Valarie Hodges

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

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst  
Lorrienne Lucas, attorney  
Rosalie Ammersbach, committee administrative assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms  
Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms  
Nicolas Garon, clerk

**III. CHAIRMAN REMARKS**

**The committee will discuss and take testimony regarding the listed legislative instruments with the intention that any action occur at the committee's meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2020.**

*(The video and audio recordings from 1:11 to 2:41 of the House and Governmental Affairs meeting is not available due to technical difficulties in House Committee Room 1.)*

**IV. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**

**House Bill No. 3 by Representative McFarland**

Representative McFarland presented House Bill No. 3, which provides relative to public health emergency declarations.

**House Bill No. 23 by Representative McFarland**

Representative McFarland presented House Bill No. 23, which provides relative to public health emergencies.

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

**House Bill No. 4 by Representative Wright**

Representative Wright presented House Bill No. 4, which provides relative to emergency declarations.

Sarah Harbison, Pelican Institute, 400 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 952-8016, spoke in support of House Bill No. 4.

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

**House Bill No. 15 by Representative Frieman**

Representative Frieman presented House Bill No. 15, which provides relative to emergency declarations.

*Representative Magee in the chair.*

*Chairman Dwight in the chair.*

**House Bill No. 32 by Representative Zeringue**

Representative Zeringue presented House Bill No. 32, which provides for the operation of restaurants and bars during a declared emergency or disaster.

**House Bill No. 11 by Representative Pressly**

Representative Pressly presented House Bill No. 11, which provides relative to the termination of emergency declarations.

Sarah Harbison, Pelican Institute, 400 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 952-8016, spoke in support of House Bill No. 11.

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

**House Bill No. 17 by Representative Horton**

Representative Horton presented House Bill No. 17, which limits duration of certain, specified public health emergencies unless extension is authorized by the legislature.

*Representative Duplessis in the chair.*

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

**House Bill No. 19 by Representative Mike Johnson**

Representative Mike Johnson presented House Bill No. 19, which provides relative to emergency declarations.

Sarah Harbison, Pelican Institute, 400 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 952-8016, spoke in support of House Bill No. 19.

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

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

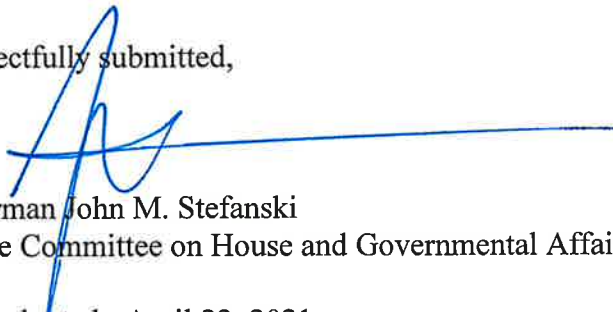
There were no announcements.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Henry, Horton, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Newell, Schamerhorn, and White voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman John M. Stefanski  
House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Date adopted: April 22, 2021

The committee has acknowledged on April 22, 2021, that these minutes were prepared in accordance with the rules of the House of Representatives.