

Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay

Minutes of Meeting
2020 Interim Session
July 7, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Bishop called the meeting to order in House Committee Room 6, of the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 10:00 a.m. The secretary called the roll, and a quorum was established.

II. ROLL CALL

HOUSE MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Stuart J. Bishop, chairman
Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV
Representative Ryan Bourriaque
Representative Marcus Anthony Bryant
Representative Rhonda Butler
Representative Les Farnum
Representative Jason Hughes
Representative Wayne McMahan
Representative Buddy Mincey, Jr.
Representative Clay Schexnayder
Representative John M. Stefanski
Representative Christopher Turner
Representative Matthew Willard
Representative Mark Wright

SENATORS PRESENT

Senator R. L. Bret Allain, II, vice-chairman
Senator Louie Bernard
Senator Joseph Bouie, Jr.
Senator Stewart Cathey, Jr.
Senator Eddie J. Lambert
Senator W. Jay Luneau
Senator Patrick McMath
Senator Barry S. Milligan
Senator J. Rogers Pope

HOUSE MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Jean-Paul Coussan
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Jeremy LaCombe
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative Tammy T. Phelps
Representative Vincent J. Pierre
Representative Neil Riser
Representative Malinda White
Representative Jerome Zeringue

SENATORS ABSENT

Senator Patrick Page Cortez
Senator Troy Carter
Senator Beth Mizell
Senator John C. "Jay" Morris, III
Senator Karen Carter Peterson

Senator Mike Reese
Senator Gary L. Smith, Jr.
Senator Rick Ward, III
Senator Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr.

III. STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brittany Lea, House administrative assistant
Linda Hopkins, House executive assistant
Alison Pryor, House senior attorney
Catherine Zeringue, House attorney
Claire Vermaelen, House capital outlay specialist
Faye Talbot, House sergeant at arms
Daniel Leming, House sergeant at arms
Anita Carr, Senate administrative assistant
Martha S. Hess, Senate counsel
Bobbie Hunter, Senate senior budget analyst
Deborah Vivien, Senate senior budget analyst

IV. DISCUSSION

Representative Bishop stated the purpose of today's meeting was to consider and discuss capital outlay project lines of credit recommendations by the Division of Administration (DOA) to be submitted to the State Bond Commission.

Mr. Mark Moses, facility planning and control, DOA, P.O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 342-9654, commended both chairmen of the House Ways and Means committee and the Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs committee for working to balance the capacity of the cash lines of credit in HB No. 2 for 2020. Mr. Moses informed the committee that the State Bond Commission meeting was scheduled for July 16, 2020; prior to that, the items were sent to the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay. Mr. Moses described that DOA has added six projects, with existing obligations, to the list of re-authorizations of cash lines of credit.

Representative Stefanski and Mr. Moses discussed the priorities recommended to be re-authorized at the State Bond Commission meeting to be held July 16, 2020.

Senator Allain and Mr. Moses discussed the process of approving funding for different priority projects.

Senator White and Mr. Moses discussed the process of bond sales and cash lines of credits.

Representative Beaulieu and Mr. Moses discussed whether any of the projects listed that are not being fully funded have received federal funding. Representative Beaulieu requested that this concern be

revisited before the State Bond Commission meeting to be held July 16, 2020.

Senator Allain and Mr. Moses discussed the process of project eligibility.

Mr. Jay Dardenne, commissioner, DOA, 1201 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7000, and Representative Bishop discussed the list of unapproved project requests and the procedure to evaluate each late request.

Senator Bernard and Mr. Moses discussed the routine of projects that do not move forward or have been delayed.

Senator Allain and Mr. Moses discussed the timeline of priority 1 and priority 2 projects to be addressed during the same State Bond Commission meeting. Senator Allain and Mr. Moses discussed where the funds that were rewarded to projects go after a project is considered to be null.

Senator White and Mr. Moses discussed the process of approving late capital outlay projects

Representative Stefanski and Mr. Moses discussed the timeline and process for the re-authorization of priority 5, as well as authorization for new priority 5 projects.

Senator Allain mentioned a project that could not be authorized due to the veto language. Parks' water system has compromised the health and welfare of residents of Parks, LA. Commissioner Dardenne discussed the process of deeming a project to be an emergency.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Allain offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 27 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Beaulieu, Bourriaque, Bryant, Butler, Farnum, Hughes, McMahan, Mincey, Schexnayder, Stefanski, Turner, Willard, and Wright voted yea; Senators Allain, Bernard, Bouie, Cathey, Lambert, Luneau, McMath, Milligan, Pope, Reese, Smith, Ward, and White voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Stuart J. Bishop, chairman