

## **House Committee on Commerce**

Minutes of Meeting  
2021 Regular Session  
April 13, 2021

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

Representative Paula P. Davis, chairwoman of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 9:29 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Paula P. Davis, chairwoman  
Representative Kenny R. Cox  
Representative Royce Duplessis  
Representative Bryan Fontenot  
Representative Brett F. Geymann  
Representative Jonathan Goudeau, I  
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.  
Representative Stephanie Hilferty, vice chairwoman  
Representative Edmond Jordan  
Representative Danny McCormick  
Representative Markham Scott McKnight  
Representative Candace N. Newell  
Representative Vincent "Vinney" J. St. Blanc, III  
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver  
Representative Polly Thomas  
Representative Debbie Villio

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Paul Hollis

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

Halie Guidry, legislative analyst  
Charlotte Cravins, attorney  
Allie King, committee administrative assistant  
Nevonda S. Reed, director  
Felicie Jackson, executive assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms  
Danny Leming, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 258 by Representative Edmonston**

Representative Davis offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 258, which provides relative to renewal of real estate licenses and timeshare registrations. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 258 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

**House Bill No. 482 by Representative Wright**

Representative Wright presented House Bill No. 482, which creates a regulatory sandbox program within the office of financial institutions.

Representative Davis offered technical amendments to House Bill No. 482. Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fontenot, Goudeau, Green, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Mr. Eric Peterson, Pelican Institute, 400 Poydras St., New Orleans, LA 70130, no phone number provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 482 and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Mr. John Schroder, Vellum Capital, 4 Plantation Ln., Covington, LA 70433, (985) 237-9621, spoke in support of House Bill No. 482.

Representative Tarver offered a motion to report House Bill No. 482 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 482 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Green, Hilferty, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 217 by Representative Hilferty**

Representative Hilferty presented House Bill No. 217, which provides relative to banks and banking.

Representative Davis offered a technical amendment to House Bill No. 217. Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Green, Hilferty, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Mr. David Boneno, Louisiana Bankers Association, 5555 Bankers Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 214-4836, spoke in support of House Bill No. 217.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 217 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 217 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Green, Hilferty, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

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

**House Bill No. 298 by Representative Thomas**

Representative Thomas presented House Bill No. 298, which provides relative to stockholders' meetings and use of remote communication.

Representative Green offered a motion to report House Bill No. 298 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 298 was reported favorably by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Green, Hilferty, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Mr. David Boneno, Louisiana Bankers Association, 5555 Bankers Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 214-4836, spoke in support of House Bill No. 217.

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

**House Bill No. 359 by Representative Hollis**

On behalf of Representative Hollis, Mr. Joe Gendron, Louisiana Bankers Association, 5555 Bankers Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 214-4837, presented House Bill No. 359, which provides relative to solicitors.

Representative Davis offered amendments to:

- (1) Allow the commissioner to enjoin unlawful use of certain information without being required to prove actual damages, and provides that irreparable harm is to be presumed.
- (2) Allow the commissioner to recover costs and reasonable attorney fees if he prevails in an action against a solicitor who violates proposed law.
- (3) Require in an action arising out of proposed law to be brought in the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court.

Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Green, Hilferty, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report House Bill No. 359 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 359 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Green, Hilferty, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

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

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

Jonathan D. Finley, Office of Financial Institutions, 8660 United Plaza Blvd., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 922-0637, introduced himself to the committee.

Stan Dameron, Office of Financial Institutions, 8660 United Plaza Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 925-4660, introduced himself to the committee.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Thomas offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Green, Hilferty, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairwoman Paula P. Davis  
House Committee on Commerce

Date adopted: