

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

Minutes of Meeting  
2022 Regular Session  
March 17, 2022

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

Representative John M. Stefanski, chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative John M. Stefanski, chairman  
Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV  
Representative Royce Duplessis, vice chairman  
Representative Les Farnum  
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry  
Representative Dodie Horton  
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.  
Representative Michael T. Johnson  
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe  
Representative Rodney Lyons  
Representative Polly Thomas  
Representative Malinda B. White  
Representative Clay Schexnayder, ex officio

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.  
Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel  
Representative Valarie Hodges  
Representative Barry Ivey  
Representative Tanner D. Magee  
Representative Candace N. Newell

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Kalan Jenkins, clerk  
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms  
Rebecca Marshall, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 420 by Representative Gregory Miller**

Representative Gregory Miller presented House Bill No. 420, which provides for continuing technical corrections and revision of provisions of Title 36 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

Representative Stefanski offered amendments to:

- (1) Remove obsolete provisions, which are provided for or superseded by other provisions of law, relative to management of state-owned aircraft, responsibilities for the Atchafalaya Basin Program, and responsibilities of the state treasurer with respect to the state retirement systems.
- (2) Add provisions specifying the statutory effects of other legislation accounting for the rearrangement of statutory provisions by proposed law.

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Thomas, and Schexnayder voted yea.

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to report House Bill No. 420 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 420 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Thomas, White, and Schexnayder voted yea.

**House Bill No. 44 by Representative Gregory Miller**

Representative Gregory Miller presented House Bill No. 44, relative to the information required to be provided to a committee reviewing the re-creation of a statutory entity.

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to report House Bill No. 44 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 44 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Thomas, and White voted yea.

**House Bill No. 46 by Representative Stefanski**

Representative Stefanski presented House Bill No. 46, which re-creates the Department of State Civil Service and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law.

Byron Decoteau, Jr., State Civil Service, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-8273, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 46.

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to report House Bill No. 46 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 46 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Beaulieu, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Thomas, and White voted yea.

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

**House Bill No. 528 by Representative Davis**

On behalf of Representative Davis, Representative Stefanski presented House Bill No. 528, which re-creates entities transferred to or placed within the office of the governor.

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to report House Bill No. 528 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 528 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Beaulieu, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Thomas, and White voted yea.

Stan Dameron, Louisiana Office of Financial Institutions, provided a handout, Exhibit A, which was an overview of the office and its functions and is in the committee records.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Resolution No. 1 by Representative Schexnayder**

On behalf of Representative Schexnayder, Representative Stefanski presented House Resolution No. 1, which provides relative to select committees.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 1 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 1 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Beaulieu, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Thomas, and White voted yea.

**House Bill No. 45 by Representative Stefanski**

Representative Stefanski presented House Bill No. 45, which re-creates the Department of State and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law.

Kyle Ardoin, Louisiana secretary of state, 8585 Archives Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 922-2880, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 45.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to report House Bill No. 45 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 45 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Beaulieu, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Thomas, and White voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS****Discussion of the 2022 Annual Report of the State Board of Election Supervisors and other proposed changes to the Election Code**

Kyle Ardoin, Louisiana secretary of state, 8585 Archives Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 922-2880, spoke for information only on the 2022 Annual Report of the State Board of Election Supervisors and other proposed changes to the Election Code and provided a handout dated February 15, 2022, "Annual Report of the State Board of Election Supervisors", which is in the committee records and labeled Exhibit B.

Jennifer Bollinger, office of Louisiana secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 922-2880, spoke for information only on Exhibit B.

Sherri Hadskey, office of Louisiana secretary of state, 8585 Archives Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 916-6486, spoke for information only on Exhibit B.

**Adoption of minutes for interim committee meetings held on August 19, 2020; April 8, 2021; 2021 Regular Session meetings held on April 22, April 27, April 28, May 4, May 5, May 12, May 18, May 19, and May 26, 2021; and 2022 First Extraordinary Session meetings held on February 4, February 7, February 8, February 9, February 10, February 11, February 14, February 15, and February 16, 2022**

Representative LaCombe offered a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Thomas, and White voted yea.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

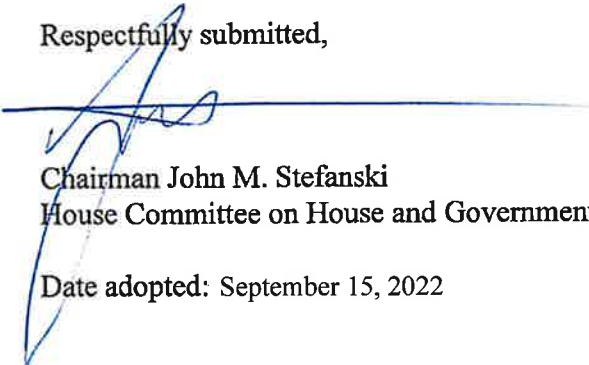
There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Date adopted: September 15, 2022