

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2022 Regular Session
May 26, 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 9:15 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 Barry Ivey
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.
Representative Michael T. Johnson
Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative Candace N. Newell
Representative Polly Thomas
Representative Malinda B. White

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.
Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

John Harrington, clerk
Clarence Russ, sergeant at arms
Danny Leming, sergeant at arms
Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms
Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Resolution No. 128 by Representative Magee**

Representative Magee presented House Resolution No. 128, which provides relative to contempt of the Special Committee to Inquire into the Circumstances and Investigation of the Death of Ronald Greene.

Representative Debbie Villio, House District No. 79, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 128.

Representative Magee provided handouts, which are included in the committee records and labeled as follows:

- Exhibit A, Special committee creation and appointment letter, addressed to The Honorable Tanner D. Magee, dated February 9, 2022;
- Exhibit B, letter to Lewis Unglesby requesting written journals and similar documents of retired colonel Kevin Reeves, dated March 29, 2022;
- Exhibit C, Subpoena Duces Tecum, dated April 19, 2022; and
- Exhibit D, Notice of Hearing, dated May 12, 2022.

Lewis Unglesby, representing Kevin Reeves, 246 Napoleon Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 387-0120, spoke in opposition to House Resolution No. 128 and submitted the following documents to the committee on May 23, 2022, which are labeled Exhibit E in the committee records:

- Tape-recorded statement of Mr. Reeves from an interview by Speaker of the House, Clay Schexnayder, dated March 4, 2022;
- Mr. Reeves' statement given to the Special Committee to Inquire into the Circumstances and Investigation of the Death of Ronald Greene at its meeting on March 15, 2022; and

- Pages from journals regarding Ronald Greene, dated from May 13, 2019, to October 14, 2020.

The committee stood at ease at 11:07 a.m. The committee reconvened at 11:19 a.m.

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Resolution No. 128. Without objection, action on House Resolution No. 128 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Lyons, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea.

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

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman John M. Stefanski
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Date adopted: September 15, 2022