

**Special Study Committee of the House on Legislative Sessions  
and  
Special Study Committee of the Senate on Legislative Sessions**

Minutes of Meeting  
2022-2023 Interim  
November 10, 2022

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr., co-chairman of the joint Special Study Committees of the House and Senate on Legislative Sessions, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in Room 2, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**HOUSE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr., co-chairman  
Representative Tony Bacala  
Representative Laurie Schlegel  
Representative Francis C. Thompson

**HOUSE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Les Farnum  
Representative Malinda B. White

**SENATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Patrick McMath, co-chairman  
Senator Michael Fesi  
Senator Franklin J. Foil  
Senator Glen Womack

**SENATE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Patrick Page Cortez, president  
Senator J. Cameron Henry, Jr.

**HOUSE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst  
Annie Smith, attorney  
Rosalie Ammersbach, committee administrative assistant

**SENATE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Matthew R. DeVille, attorney  
Laur'en M. Cimino, secretary  
Laura Gail Sullivan, division director

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Danny Leming, House sergeant at arms  
Louis Carral, Senate sergeant at arms  
Theresa Charles, Senate sergeant at arms

**III. BUSINESS****To consider and discuss the timing, duration, subject matter limitations, and limitations on legislative instruments for legislative sessions and related matters**

Representative Green introduced and discussed the following handouts. They are included in the committee records and labeled as follows:

- Exhibit A, Memorandum RE: Legislative Session Proposal by Representative Green, dated November 4, 2022
- Exhibit B, "Managing Legislative Time", published by *State Legislatures*, December 2005
- Exhibit C, PowerPoint presentation by Michelle Fontenot, clerk of the House of Representatives, and Yolanda J. Dixon, secretary of the Senate, "Legislative Sessions"

Michelle Fontenot, clerk of the House of Representatives, discussed the frequency of legislative sessions, convening of regular sessions, annual regular sessions in Louisiana, duration of sessions, subject matter restrictions, tools for managing session workload, and bill limitations from Exhibit C.

Yolanda J. Dixon, secretary of the Senate, discussed request and introduction deadlines, scheduling calendar, floor amendments, interim hearings on prefiled bills and tools for managing the process, and considerations in changing the dates of session from Exhibit C.

**IV. CONSIDERATION OF ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

There were no other matters.

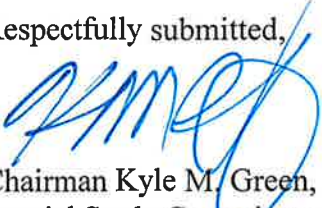
**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "KMG", is written over the text "Respectfully submitted,".

Chairman Kyle M. Green, Jr.  
Special Study Committee of the House on Legislative Sessions

Date adopted: January 10, 2023