

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2022-2023 Interim
March 9, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

(Audio and video loss due to technical difficulties from 0:11 - 1:38.)

Representative John M. Stefanski, chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative John M. Stefanski, chairman
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.
Representative Michael T. Johnson
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe
Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative Candace N. Newell
Representative Polly Thomas
Representative Malinda B. White

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV
Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.
Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel
Representative Les Farnum
Representative Tanner D. Magee

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. BUSINESS**2023 Proposed Legislative Recommendations by the Louisiana Board of Ethics**

Kathleen M. Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics, P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 219-5600, discussed the recommendations from the Board of Ethics, Exhibit A, "2023 Proposed Legislative Recommendations by the Louisiana Board of Ethics", which is in the committee records.

Proposed changes to the political action committee statement of organization (Form 200 for the Louisiana Board of Ethics) and instructions

Kathleen M. Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics, P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 219-5600, discussed the proposed changes to the political action committee statement of organization (Form 200 for the Louisiana Board of Ethics). The following handouts are included in the committee records and labeled as follows:

- Exhibit B, "Political Action Committee Statement of Organization (Form 200 for the Louisiana Board of Ethics)"
- Exhibit C, "Statement of Organization (Form 200 for the Louisiana Board of Ethics)", revised version received on March 8, 2023

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to approve proposed changes to the political action committee statement of organization (Form 200 for the Louisiana Board of Ethics). Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Gadberry, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, LaCombe, Lyons, Newell, and Thomas voted yea.

Cryptocurrency Report submitted by the Louisiana Board of Ethics pursuant to House Resolution No. 180 of the 2022 Regular Session by Representative Wright

Kathleen M. Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics, P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 219-5600, discussed the Cryptocurrency Report submitted by the Louisiana Board of Ethics pursuant to House Resolution No. 180, Exhibit D, "Cryptocurrency Report", which is in the committee records.

David Bordelon, Louisiana Board of Ethics, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219-5600, spoke for information only on Exhibit D.

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

2023 Annual Report of the State Board of Election Supervisors and other proposed changes to the Election Code

Charlton J. Meginley, office of the Louisiana secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 922-2880, discussed the 2023 Annual Report of the State Board of Election Supervisors and other proposed changes to the Election Code submitted by the Department of State, Exhibit E, "Annual Report of the State Board of Election Supervisors", which is in the committee records.

Sherri Wharton Hadskey, office of the Louisiana secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 922-2880, spoke for information only on Exhibit E.

Nancy Landry, office of the Louisiana secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 922-2880, spoke for information only on Exhibit E.

Representative LaCombe in the chair.

Chairman Stefanski in the chair.

Connor Junkin, office of the Louisiana secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 922-2880, spoke for information only on Exhibit E.

Disability Voting Task Force Report submitted by the Department of State pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 14 of the 2022 Regular Session by Representative Willard

Nancy Landry, office of the Louisiana secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 922-2880, discussed the Disability Voting Task Force Report submitted by the Department of State pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 14, Exhibit F, "Adopted Recommendations of the HCR 14 Disability Voting Task Force", which is in the committee records.

Task Force on Early Voting Report submitted by the Department of State pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 151 of the 2022 Regular Session by Senator Carter

Nancy Landry, office of the Louisiana secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 922-2880, discussed the Task Force on Early Voting Report submitted by the Department of State pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 151, Exhibit G, "Task Force Recommendations", which is in the committee records.

Sherri Wharton Hadskey, office of the Louisiana secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 922-2880, spoke for information only on Exhibit G.

2023 Early Voting Additional Locations Report by the Department of State

Sherri Wharton Hadskey, office of the Louisiana secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 922-2880, discussed the 2023 Early Voting Additional Locations Report submitted by the Department of State, Exhibit H, "2023 Early Voting Additional Locations Report", which is in the committee records.

Nancy Landry, office of the Louisiana secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 922-2880, spoke for information only on Exhibit H.

2022 Voter Education Report submitted by the Department of State

Sherri Wharton Hadskey, office of the Louisiana secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 922-2880, discussed the 2022 Voter Education Report submitted by the Department of State, Exhibit I, "Effective Nonpartisan Voter Education Report for 2022", which is in the committee records.

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Consideration of any other matters that may come before the committee

Chairman Stefanski asked the staff of the Louisiana secretary of state's office to explain the recall process and the role of the secretary of state in the process.

Sherri Wharton Hadskey, Nancy Landry, and Charlton J. Meginley, office of the Louisiana secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 922-2880, responded to Chairman Stefanski and answered questions from the committee members.

Special Study Committee of the House on Legislative Sessions Report to the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana pursuant to House Resolution No. 232 by Representative Green

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst for the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, provided and discussed the report from the Special Study Committee of the House on Legislative Sessions pursuant to House Resolution No. 232, Exhibit J, "Special Study Committee of the House on Legislative Sessions Report to the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana", which is in the committee records.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

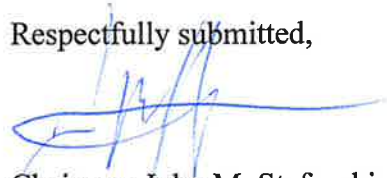
There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Thomas offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Gadberry, Horton, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Lyons, Thomas, and White voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Date adopted: April 25, 2023