

## House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting  
2023-2024 Interim  
November 29, 2023

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative John M. Stefanski, chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 10:07 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 Daryl Andrew Deshotel  
Representative Les Farnum  
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry  
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.  
Representative Michael T. Johnson  
Representative Rodney Lyons, vice chairman  
Representative Tanner D. Magee  
Representative Candace N. Newell  
Representative Polly Thomas

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.  
Representative Barry Ivey  
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe  
Representative Richard James Nelson  
Representative Malinda B. White

#### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst  
Annie Smith, attorney  
Sarah Baker, committee administrative assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms

**III. BUSINESS****To consider and discuss a proposed rule promulgation by the Department of State regarding non-statutory fees (LAC 4:1.401-405)**

Kyle Ardoin, 8585 Archives Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 922-2880, spoke for information only.

Catherine Newsome, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 922-2880, spoke for information only.

Steve Hawkland, 8585 Archives Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 287-7475, spoke for information only.

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

Representative Newell offered a motion to find the proposed rule acceptable. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Beaulieu, Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Jenkins, Lyons, Mike Johnson, Magee, Newell, and Thomas voted yea.

**Adoption of minutes for committee meetings held on: September 15, 2022, of the 2022-2023 Interim; April 20, April 25, May 2, May 10, May 16, May 17, May 23, May 24, May 31, and June 5, 2023, of the 2023 Regular Session**

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to adopt. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Beaulieu, Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Lyons, Mike Johnson, Magee, Newell, and Thomas voted yea.

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

## V. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Thomas offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Beullieu, Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Lyons, Mike Johnson, Magee, Newell, and Thomas voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted:

The committee has acknowledged on November 29, 2023, that these minutes were prepared in accordance with the rules of the House of Representatives.