

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2024 Third Extraordinary Session
November 13, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV, chair of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 11:59 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV, chair
Representative Beth Anne Billings
Representative Delisha Boyd
Representative Les Farnum
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry
Representative Ed Larvadain, III
Representative Rodney Lyons, vice chair
Representative C. Denise Marcelle
Representative Dixon Wallace McMakin
Representative Candace N. Newell
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn
Representative Polly Thomas
Representative John E. Wyble

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Michael Robert "Mike" Bayham, Jr.
Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.
Representative Mark Wright

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Annie Smith, attorney
Joseph Chuter, attorney
Sarah Baker, committee administrative assistant
Natayveon Howard-Williams, committee assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Jarrell Myrtis, sergeant at arms
Johnae' Conner, sergeant at arms

III. BUSINESS**Adoption of minutes for meetings of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs held on September 23, 2024, and October 8, 2024, of the 2024-2025 interim**

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to adopt. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, McMakin, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, and Wyble voted yea.

House Bill No. 6 by Representative Beaulieu

Vice chair Lyons in the chair.

Representative Beaulieu presented House Bill No. 6, which calls a special statewide election on March 29, 2025, for submitting proposed constitutional amendments to the state's electors.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report House Bill No. 6 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 6 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, McMakin, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, and Wyble voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Beaulieu in the chair.

General oversight of the Board of Ethics

Chair Beaulieu distributed a letter regarding the Board of Ethics, which is included in the committee records as Exhibit A.

Chair Beaulieu distributed a letter from President Henry regarding "New Board Members and Ethics Administrator Position Posting and Hiring", which is included in the committee records as Exhibit B.

Kathleen M. Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics, P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, spoke for information only.

Byron Decoteau, Jr., State Civil Service, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Newell offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Lyons, Marcelle, McMakin, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, and Wyble voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV
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Date adopted: