

Joint Committee on Capitol Security Council

Minutes of Meeting
2024 Third Extraordinary Session
November 20, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Tony Bacala, chair of the Joint Committee on Capitol Security Council, called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Tony Bacala, chair
Representative Chad Michael Boyer
Representative Phillip R. DeVillier
Representative John R. Illg, Jr.
Representative Matthew Willard
Senator Heather Miley Cloud
Senator J. Cameron Henry, Jr.
Senator Blake Miguez, vice chair
Senator Jeremy P. Stine

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Gerald Boudreaux

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Annie Smith, House attorney
Joseph Chuter, House attorney
Sarah Baker, House committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Jarrell Myrtis, House sergeant at arms
Cheryl Domino, House sergeant at arms

III. BUSINESS

Representative Illg offered a motion to go into executive session. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, DeVillier, and Illg voted yea. Senators Henry, Cloud, and Stine voted yea.

Discussion and approval of the following (these items may be discussed in executive session pursuant to R.S. 42:18):

1. Organizational structure and operating budget for Capitol Security
2. Security personnel matters, including pay structure
3. Upgrades to physical security and technology within the State Capitol

Representative Bacala offered a motion to come out of executive session. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, DeVillier, Boyer, Illg, and Willard voted yea. Senators Miguez, Cloud, and Stine voted yea.

Representative Illg offered a motion to approve the organizational structure and operating budget for Capitol Security as presented by the capitol security director and to authorize the speaker of the House and Senate president to work with the Capitol Security director to give final approval of the organizational structure and operating budget for Capitol Security. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, DeVillier, Boyer, Illg, and Willard voted yea. Senators Miguez, Cloud, and Stine voted yea.

Representative Illg offered a motion to approve the plan for security personnel, including pay structure as presented by the Capitol Security director and to authorize the speaker of the House and Senate president to work with the Capitol Security director to give final approval of the plan for security personnel as needed. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, DeVillier, Boyer, Illg, and Willard voted yea. Senators Miguez, Cloud, and Stine voted yea.

Representative Illg offered a motion to approve the plan for upgrades to physical security and technology within the state capitol as presented by the Capitol Security director, subject to final approval by the speaker of the House and Senate president. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, DeVillier, Boyer, Illg, and Willard voted yea. Senators Miguez, Cloud, and Stine voted yea.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no other announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Cloud offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, DeVillier, Boyer, Illg, and Willard voted yea. Senators Miguez, Cloud, and Stine voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Tony Bacala
Joint Committee on Capitol Security Council

Date adopted: