

SENATE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ROSTER

2013-2014

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SENATE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
RULES
2013-2014

1. The quorum for the committee shall be 4 members.
2. The committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the chairperson. *Recess or adjournment of the committee may also take place upon an affirmative vote by a majority of the members present.*
3. Bills pertaining to local legislation shall be considered by the committee in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 3-2.2 (a), which Rule shall control in the event of a conflict with these Rules.
4. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by its principal sponsor or a legislator designated by the principal sponsor. When a bill or resolution is placed on the committee agenda, the principal sponsor shall be notified of the time and place of the meeting.
5. The chairperson shall establish the meeting agenda and determine the measures to be considered and the order of consideration. *No motion that the committee recommend that a measure do pass or do not pass shall be in order until the chairperson has stated that such a motion will be entertained.*
6. Members who disagree with the majority report of the committee may file a minority report as provided in the Rules of the Senate.
7. The chairperson may appoint subcommittees and officers of subcommittees and in the discretion of the chair refer any matter to a subcommittee; but no measure will be returned to the full Senate except after consideration by the full committee.
8. During committee meetings, committee members and those in the audience shall turn off or place in silent mode all cell phones, pagers, and other similar devices.
9. The chairperson may present to the committee a proposed change in these rules at any time. Any other member proposing a change in these rules shall provide written notice of the proposed change to the chairperson and secretary at least 72 hours before presenting any proposed change to the committee.
10. The Rules of the Senate shall control in any case not provided for in these rules.

Minutes

Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

Wednesday, February 5, 2014; 1:00 PM

Room 310 – CLOB

Chairman Ligon called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, announcing that a quorum was present. The following members were in attendance:

Senator William T. Ligon, Jr., 3rd, Chairman
Senator Chuck Hufstetler, 52nd, Vice-Chairman
Senator Hunter Hill, 6th, Secretary
Senator Gloria S. Butler, 55th
Senator Mike Crane, 28th
Senator Donzella James, 35th
Senator Horacena Tate, 38th

This was the first meeting of the Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee of the 2014 Legislative Session. Chairman Ligon welcomed committee members and guests.

The following legislation was discussed:

SB 270 (Millar, 40th) – Incorporate the City of Lakeside in DeKalb County – presented by Senator Fran Millar and Kevin Levitas. Mr. Levitas explained the cityhood will bring more public safety to the area due to the present lack of police patrol. Chairman Ligon opened the discussion to public comment. Chairman Ligon recognized Deborah Keefe, a citizen of Tucker, to speak in opposition to the bill. Chairman Ligon recognized Matt Towery, a citizen of Tucker, to speak in opposition to the bill. Chairman Ligon recognized Ann Rosenthal with Northlake Community Improvement Development to speak impartially to the bill. Chairman Ligon recognized Michelle Penkava, a citizen of Tucker, to speak in opposition to the bill. Chairman Ligon recognized Caroline Reed to speak in support to the bill. Chairman Ligon recognized Barsha Chasteen to speak in support to the bill. Chairman Ligon recognized Lee May to speak to the bill. Mr. May requested the bill be tabled. ***Motion “table bill”*** was made by Senator Donzella James, seconded by Senator Horacena Tate; ***Motion to table failed. Motion “do pass” by substitute*** was made by Senator Hunter Hill, seconded by Senator Chuck Hufstetler; ***motion passed with 4 yays, Senator Chuck Hufstetler, Senator Hunter Hill, Senator Mike Crane, Senator William T. Ligon, Jr., and 3 nays, Senator Gloria Butler, Senator Donzella James, Senator Horacena Tate.***

There being no further business Chairman Ligon adjourned the meeting at 2:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/Senator Hunter Hill, 6th
Secretary
Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

/s/Marcie Draper
Recording Secretary

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Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

Wednesday, February 19, 2014; 1:00 PM

Room 310 – CLOB

Chairman Ligon called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, announcing that a quorum was present. The following members were in attendance:

Senator William T. Ligon, Jr., 3rd, Chairman
Senator Chuck Hufstetler, 52nd, Vice-Chairman
Senator Hunter Hill, 6th, Secretary
Senator Gloria S. Butler, 55th
Senator Horacena Tate, 38th

Chairman Ligon welcomed committee members and guests to the meeting. The following legislation was discussed:

SB 367 (Hill, 6th) – Relating to composition of membership of metropolitan area planning and development commissions and redistricting of areas removed from jurisdiction of existing commission – presented by Senator Hunter Hill. *Motion “do pass”* was made by Senator Chuck Hufstetler, seconded by Senator Gloria Butler; *motion passed unanimously*.

SB 374 (Cowsert, 46th) – To revise terminology from “slums” to “pockets of blight” – presented by Senator Bill Cowsert. *Motion “do pass”* was made by Senator Hunter Hill, seconded by Senator Gloria Butler; *motion passed unanimously*.

There being no further business, Chairman Ligon adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/Senator Hunter Hill, 6th
Secretary
Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

/s/Marcie Draper
Recording Secretary

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Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

Monday, February 24, 2014; 1:00 PM

Room 310 – CLOB

Chairman Ligon called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM, announcing that a quorum was present. The following members were in attendance:

Senator William T. Ligon, Jr., 3rd, Chairman
Senator Chuck Hufstetler, 52nd, Vice-Chairman
Senator Hunter Hill, 6th, Secretary
Senator Mike Crane, 28th

Chairman Ligon welcomed committee members and guests to the meeting. The following legislation was discussed:

HB 979 (Jacobs, 80th) – Relating to composition and election of county boards of education – presented by Representative Mike Jacobs. *Motion “do pass” by substitute* was made by Senator Chuck Hufstetler, seconded by Senator Mike Crane; *motion passed unanimously*.

There being no further business, Chairman Ligon adjourned the meeting at 1:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/Senator Hunter Hill, 6th
Secretary
Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

/s/Marcie Draper
Recording Secretary

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Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

Wednesday, March 5, 2014; 1:00 PM

Room 310 – CLOB

Chairman Ligon called the meeting to order at 1:20 PM, announcing that a quorum was present. The following members were in attendance:

Senator William T. Ligon, Jr., 3rd, Chairman
Senator Chuck Hufstetler, 52nd, Vice-Chairman
Senator Hunter Hill, 6th, Secretary
Senator Mike Crane, 28th
Senator Donzella James, 35th
Senator Josh McKoon, 29th, Ex-Officio
Senator Brandon Beach, 21st, Ex-Officio

Chairman Ligon welcomed committee members and guests to the meeting. The following legislation was discussed:

HB 539 (Sims, 169th) – Relating to definitions relative to campus police officers – presented by Representative Chuck Sims. Chairman Ligon recognized Cathy Cox, President of Young Harris College, to speak in support to the bill. Chairman Ligon addressed his concerns with the bill and offered suggestions. Chairman Ligon announced that no vote would be taken on the bill until appropriate changes were modified accordingly.

There being no further business, Chairman Ligon adjourned the meeting at 2:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/Senator Hunter Hill, 6th
Secretary
Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

/s/Marcie Draper
Recording Secretary

OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
240 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Casey Cagle
Lieutenant Governor

March 5, 2014

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear David:

In accordance with the Senate Rules, the Committee on Assignments hereby appoints Senator Brandon Beach to serve as Ex-Officio for the Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee meeting on March 5, 2014. This appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the committee meeting.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle
Lt. Governor Casey Cagle
President of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

240 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Casey Cagle
Lieutenant Governor

March 5, 2014

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear David:

In accordance with the Senate Rules, the Committee on Assignments hereby appoints Senator Josh McKoon to serve as Ex-Officio for the Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee meeting on March 5, 2014. This appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the committee meeting.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle
Lt. Governor Casey Cagle
President of the Senate

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Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

Monday, March 10 2014; 4:00 PM

Room 123 – CAPITOL

Chairman Ligon called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM, announcing that a quorum was present. The following members were in attendance:

Senator William T. Ligon, Jr., 3rd, Chairman
Senator Chuck Hufstetler, 52nd, Vice-Chairman
Senator Hunter Hill, 6th, Secretary
Senator Mike Crane, 28th
Senator Donzella James, 35th

Chairman Ligon welcomed committee members and guests to the meeting. The following legislation was discussed:

HB 704 (Bruce, 61st) – Incorporate the City of South Fulton in Fulton County – presented by Senator Donzella James. Chairman Ligon recognized Dan Young to speak in opposition to the bill. Chairman Ligon recognized Bentley Crane to speak in support to the bill. Chairman Ligon recognized Eric Richardson to speak in opposition to the bill. Chairman Ligon recognized Vangie Watkins to speak in support to the bill. Chairman Ligon recognized Debra Bazemore to speak in support to the bill. Chairman Ligon recognized John Davis to speak in opposition to the bill. Chairman Ligon recognized Kevin Grime to speak in support to the bill. Chairman Ligon recognized Gabriel Ware to speak in support to the bill. Chairman Ligon recognized Alvin Reynolds to speak in support to the bill. Chairman Ligon recognized Senator Vincent Fort to speak in opposition to the bill. Chairman Ligon addressed his concerns with the bill and offered suggestions. Chairman Ligon announced that no vote would be taken on the bill until appropriate changes were modified accordingly.

There being no further business, Chairman Ligon adjourned the meeting at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/Senator Hunter Hill, 6th
Secretary
Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

/s/Marcie Draper
Recording Secretary

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Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

Wednesday, March 12 2014; 1:00 PM

Room 310 – CLOB

Chairman Ligon called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM, announcing that a quorum was present. The following members were in attendance:

Senator William T. Ligon, Jr., 3rd, Chairman
Senator Chuck Hufstetler, 52nd, Vice-Chairman
Senator Hunter Hill, 6th, Secretary
Senator Mike Crane, 28th
Senator Donzella James, 35th

Chairman Ligon welcomed committee members and guests to the meeting. The following legislation was discussed:

HB 834 (Clark, 101st) – **Relating to elections for approval of bonded debt** – presented by Representative Valerie Clark. *Motion “do pass”* was made by Senator Mike Crane, seconded by Senator Donzella James; *motion passed unanimously*.

HB 1108 (Gravley, 67th) – **Douglas County Board of Education** – presented by Senator Mike Dugan. *Motion “do pass”* was made by Senator Hunter Hill, seconded by Senator Chuck Hufstetler; *motion passed with 4 yays, Senator Chuck Hufstetler, Senator Hunter Hill, Senator Mike Crane, Senator William T. Ligon, Jr., and 1 nay, Senator Donzella James*.

HB 536 (Sims, 169th) – **Relating to receipt and disbursement of funds for county law libraries** – presented by Representative Chuck Sims. *Motion “do pass”* was made by Senator Chuck Hufstetler, seconded by Senator Mike Crane; *motion passed unanimously*.

HB 537 (Sims, 169th) – **Relating to election of local board of education members** – presented by Representative Chuck Sims. *Motion “do pass”* was made by Senator Chuck Hufstetler, seconded by Senator Mike Crane; *motion passed unanimously*.

HB 539 (Sims, 169th) – **Relating to definitions relative to campus police officers** – presented by Representative Chuck Sims. *Motion “do pass” by substitute* was made by Senator Chuck Hufstetler, seconded by Senator Donzella James; *motion passed unanimously*.

HB 540 (Sims, 169th) – **Relating to the board of the education pension** – presented by Representative Chuck Sims. *Motion “do pass”* was made by Senator Chuck Hufstetler, seconded by Senator Mike Crane; *motion passed unanimously*.

HB 704 (Bruce, 61st) – **Incorporate the City of South Fulton in Fulton County** – presented by Representative Roger Bruce. *Motion “do pass” by substitute* was made by Senator Donzella James, seconded by Senator Mike Crane; *motion passed unanimously*.

There being no further business, Chairman Ligon adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/Senator Hunter Hill, 6th
Secretary
Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

/s/Marcie Draper
Recording Secretary

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Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

Thursday, March 13 2014; 10:00 AM

Room 310 – CLOB

Chairman Ligon called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM, announcing that a quorum was present. The following members were in attendance:

Senator William T. Ligon, Jr., 3rd, Chairman
Senator Chuck Hufstetler, 52nd, Vice-Chairman
Senator Mike Crane, 28th
Senator Hunter Hill, 6th, Secretary

Chairman Ligon welcomed committee members and guests to the meeting. The following legislation was discussed:

HB 833 (Jones, 62nd) – Urban Redevelopment Law, so as to include blighted areas; to modernize terminology – presented by Representative LaDawn Jones. Chairman Ligon recognized Marci Rubensohn with the Georgia Municipal Association to speak in support to the bill. ***Motion “do pass”*** was made by Senator Chuck Hufstetler, seconded by Senator Hunter Hill; ***motion passed unanimously.***

There being no further business, Chairman Ligon adjourned the meeting at 10:15 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/Senator Hunter Hill, 6th
Secretary
Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

/s/Marcie Draper
Recording Secretary



The State Senate
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

March 25, 2014

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Secretary Cook,

I return herewith to the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the following legislation which was not acted upon in the Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee during the 2014 Legislative Session:

SR 273
SB 228
SB 385
SB 410
HB 400
HB 690

Sincerely,

Marcie Draper, Recording Secretary
Senate State and Local Governmental Operations

Received 3/27/14
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