

# Commission on Streamlining Government

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

November 23-24, 2009

9:00 a.m.

Room A-B

## AGENDA

### I. CALL TO ORDER

### II. ROLL CALL

### III. SPECIAL ORDER #1- Contract Review

*Division of Administration, Contractual Review*  
*Department of State Civil Service*  
*Department of Social Services*  
*Department of Health and Hospitals*  
*Department of Education*  
*Legislative Auditor*

**AGEB #34A** All departments and agencies in Louisiana state government be required to obtain the approval of the Joint Committee on the Budget of the Louisiana Legislature in order to retain a management consultant in a contract equal to or greater than \$50,000 per year. The application for approval of the Joint Committee shall explain the following: (1) Why the department or agency needs to hire an outside consultant. (2) How the service provided by the outside consultant conforms to the mission of the department or agency. (3) Why the service of the outside consultant cannot be performed by a regular employee or employees of the department or agency. (4) How the outside consultant was selected. (5) What action the department or agency will take to satisfy the need that the outside consultant is being hired to address if the Joint Budget Committee does not approve the contract.

### IV. SPECIAL ORDER #2 - Field Audit Program

*Department of Natural Resources*  
*Department of Revenue*

**AGEB #28** The Department of Natural Resources field audit program for royalties be transferred to the Department of Revenue and that no more than 75% of the monies spent by the Department of Natural Resources to perform this service by appropriated annually to the Department of Revenue to perform the service.

**V. RECEIVE ADVISORY GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS**

**VI. RECEIVE COMMISSION MEMBER RECOMMENDATIONS**

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**VIII. CONSIDERATION OF ADVISORY GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS**

**IT Integration:**

**AGIT #10** Research outsourcing print and mail infrastructure across all agencies and departments.

**AGIT #11** Research outsourcing imaging and content management services for ERP integration.

**AGIT #12A** Explore cost-benefits of utilizing managed print services.

**AGIT #13** Enable contracting methodology for value added services that transform the way employees work and improve constituent services.

**IX. CONSIDERATION OF MEMBER RECOMMENDATIONS**

**DAVIS #02** Request the Division of Administration develop a web based system for management and reporting by agencies of space utilization of state leased space as well as space utilization and maintenance efforts in state owned facilities operated and maintained by agencies outside th DOA.

**DONAHUE #03** Require that Mineral Revenue received by the state in excess of the amount allocated to the Rainy Day Fund shall be designated as nonrecurring and subject to the same restrictions on expenditures as other nonrecurring revenue.

**DONAHUE #05** Governor and legislature consider converting state-owned enterprises and assets from dormant physical capital to financial capital which can be used for pressing needs.

**ERWIN #01** Require that local per pupil share of the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) dollars follow students to any public school or program they attend, including such programs and schools as those administered by the Louisiana National Guard (LANG), the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts

(NOCCA), the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts (LSMSA), the Louisiana State University Laboratory School, the Southern University Laboratory School and certain Type-2 charter schools.

**ERWIN #02A** Merge and assign the administration of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education's (BESE's) block grant program focused on pre-kindergarten programs for at-risk four-year-old children into the Department of Education's (DOE's) Cecil J. Picard LA 4 Early Childhood Program (LA 4 Program).

**ERWIN #03A** Primary responsibility for adult education resides with the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) and the responsibility and funding of the Department of Education's (DOE's) Division of Adult and Community Education should be transferred to LCTCS.

**ERWIN #04A** Allow local school districts to fund, at their discretion, stipends for nationally board certified school counselors, psychologists, speech pathologists, audiologists and social workers using Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) or other dollars.

**ERWIN #05A** Any increase in the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) allocated to a school district and eventually allocated to a school within that district with a School Performance Score (SPS) of 75 or below shall be spent on effective dropout prevention and remediation programs for students attending such school. This shall not apply to that portion of an increase in MFP dollars that are statutorily obligated to be spent otherwise, such as for teacher salary. Annual growth in the MFP is 2.75%, approximately \$62 million.

**ERWIN #06** Require all school districts to replace lower performing dropout prevention programs with strategies modeled after Jobs for America's Graduate (JAG) and fund such programs through existing revenue including the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) funding. Tie any state funding of dropout prevention programs to performance.

**ERWIN #07A** Increase the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) instructional spending requirement from 70% to 80% and provide that the requirement applies at the school level.

## **X. ADVISORY GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS HELD OVER**

### *Efficiency and Benchmarking*

**AGEB #10** To direct state government to reduce the number of state government positions by at least 5,000 positions for each year of the next three years pro-rata by department through vacancies and attrition and without reducing the quality of products or

services. Department heads are directed in their reorganization efforts to study and take into account layers of management, spans of control, clerical staffing levels, unit consolidation, process re-engineering restructuring, retraining for enhanced skills and headquarters staffing reductions. Department heads should increase productivity by providing training opportunities for employees who wish to learn new skills or improve old skills. To use twenty percent of the savings to increase compensation for employees taking on additional responsibilities.

**AGEB #21** To provide, by statute, for a Louisiana spending limit identical to the Oregon spending limit, known as the Oregon kicker law, with the exception that, under the Louisiana spending limit, excess revenues would first be deposited into the Louisiana Budget Stabilization Fund (the Rainy Day Fund) until that fund reaches its cap before any rebates are returned to individual or corporate taxpayers. The spending limit shall be cancelled or overridden in a particular year only by a two-thirds vote of the Louisiana Legislature, which shall be subject to veto by the governor.

**AGEB #40** The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals be directed to bid out Louisiana's Medicaid Program to a private health insurance company with the amount to be paid by the state capped at \$4,000 per insured. If a private insurer agreed to insure all 1.23 Louisiana Medicaid recipients for an annual premium of \$4,000 per insured, Louisiana taxpayers would save \$539 million in health care costs and \$252 million in administrative costs. The Commission further urges Louisiana's Congressional Delegation to encourage the United States Department of Health and Human Services to give its consent to Louisiana to take this action within six months.

**Duplicative and Non-Essential Services:**

**AGDNES #11** Reduce or eliminate supervisory level positions in all state departments with a goal of an average span of control of 8 employees to one supervisor.

**AGDNES #30** Department of Health and Hospitals to continue implementation plan to sell and/or lease the John J. Hainkel Home and Rehabilitation Center.

**Civil Service and Employee Benefits:**

**AGCS #2** The Department of Natural Resources should integrate audit functions with the Department of Revenue where possible.

**AGCS #7** Increase the employee share of Group Benefits premium from the current level of 25% to 40% for the 2011 and 2012 fiscal years; reduce premium share to 35% for FY 2013, to 30% for FY 2014, and back to 25% for FY 2015 and thereafter.

**AGCS #23** The Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration should provide programs for carbon and water credits and apply the revenue raised to the cost of project development and implementation within the agency.

**XI. MEMBER RECOMMENDATIONS HELD OVER**

**Donahue #2** That certain government services and processes be identified as activities to be funded in whole or in part through "full cost recovery" of expenses by the user or customer; that the criteria for setting the amount of cost recovery be established in consultation with the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants; and that the data and information used, as well as the process employed to calculate the specific charge, and any audits thereof, be displayed on the department's or agency's website.

**XII. OTHER BUSINESS**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**THIS NOTICE CONTAINS A TENTATIVE AGENDA AND MAY BE REVISED PRIOR TO THE MEETING.**

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Senator Jack Donahue, *Commission Chairman*