

Equal Justice Task Force (HR 197)
Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, November 30, 2021
10:00 a.m.
House Committee Room 1

Task Force Members

Representative Gaines	Sheriff Champagne (La. Sheriffs' Assn.)
Representative Edmonston	(La. District Attorneys Assn.)
Representative Hughes	Mr. Lee, Jr. (La. Div. Probation & Parole)
Representative Jenkins	Ms. Johnson (Promise of Justice Initiative)
Representative Jordan	Mr. Starns (La. Public Defender Board)
Representative Mack	Mr. Henderson (Voices of the Experienced)
Representative Owen	Ms. Theriot (Voices of Innocent Citizens Empowered, Inc.)

Staff: Claire Stevenson, attorney
Zachary Gonzalez, attorney
Diane Merritt, Administrative Assistant

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Representative Gaines - purpose and objectives of task force
- IV. Comments from appointed members of the House Judiciary Committee
- V. Testimony and recommendations from task force members:

Sheriff Greg Champagne - Louisiana Sheriffs' Association

Mr. Bobby James Lee, Jr.
Division of Probation and Parole of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections

Louisiana District Attorneys Association

Mr. Ramie Starns - Louisiana Public Defender Board

Ms. Jamila Johnson - Promise of Justice Initiative

Ms. Catalene B. Theriot, President - Voices of Innocent Citizens Empowered, Inc.

Mr. Norris Henderson - Executive Dir., Voices of the Experienced

- VI. Discussion
- VII. Other Business
- VIII. Announcements

Persons who do not feel comfortable giving testimony in person at this time may submit a prepared statement in lieu of appearing before the committee.

A. Any interested person or any committee member may file with the committee a prepared statement concerning any matter within the committee's scope of authority, and the committee records shall reflect receipt of such statement and the date and time thereof.

B. Any person who files a prepared statement which contains data or statistical information shall include in such prepared statement sufficient information to identify the source of the data or statistical information. For the purposes of this Paragraph, the term "source" shall mean a publication, website, person, or other source from which the data or statistical information contained in the prepared statement was obtained by the person or persons who prepared the statement.

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All persons desiring to participate in the meeting shall utilize appropriate protective health measures and observe the recommended and appropriate social distancing.

- IX. Adjournment