

## **House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure**

Minutes of Meeting  
2025 Regular Session  
June 2, 2025

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Nicholas Muscarello, Jr., chair of the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Nicholas Muscarello, Jr., chair  
Representative Josh Carlson  
Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.  
Representative Emily Chenevert  
Representative Kathy Edmonston  
Representative Peter F. Egan, Sr.  
Representative Brian Leonard Glorioso  
Representative Michael T. Johnson  
Representative Ed Larvadain, III  
Representative Michael Melerine  
Representative Sylvia Elaine Taylor  
Representative Christopher Turner, vice chair  
Representative Lauren Ventrella  
Representative Mark Wright  
Representative John E. Wyble

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Chad Brown

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Allison Alonzo, attorney  
Jennifer Nguyen, attorney  
Andrea Jerezano, committee administrative assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Janet Anthony, sergeant at arms  
Amelia Carman, clerk  
Don-Trae' Davis, clerk  
Harry Mulcahy, clerk

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 197 by Representative Mike Johnson**

Representative Mike Johnson offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 197, which expands application of medical malpractice to include physical therapist assistants and occupational therapist assistants. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 197 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Edmonston, Egan, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Melerine, Turner, and Wyble voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 25 by Senator Edmonds**

Senator Edmonds presented Senate Bill No. 25, a constitutional amendment to grant the St. George community school system in East Baton Rouge Parish the same authority granted to parishes to operate a school system.

Representative Muscarello offered a motion to adopt the House Rule 6.8(A) Report to Senate Bill No. 25, which stated that the measure could not be accomplished statutorily and would, therefore, require a constitutional amendment. Without objection, the House Rule 6.8(A) Report to Senate Bill No. 25 was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Edmonston, Egan, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Melerine, Turner, and Wyble voted yea.

Representative Muscarello offered an amendment to make the election date of April 18, 2026, contingent upon the passage of House Bill No. 625. Representative Muscarello offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Edmonston, Egan, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Melerine, Turner, and Wyble voted yea.

Representative Chenevert offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 25 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 25 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Edmonston, Egan, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Melerine, Turner, and Wyble voted yea.

Representative Muscarello allowed witnesses in opposition to speak, after which he reconsidered the final motion on Senate Bill No. 25.

Danielle Altazin, 8935 Gail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 25.

Malika Wyche, 10328 Montrachet Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70817, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 25.

Venaiyetta Johnson, 13801 Bellacosa Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70817, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 25.

Cliff Lewis, East Baton Rouge Parish School District, 1050 S. Foster Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 25.

Kaitlyn Joshua, Clarks Ferry Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70817, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 25.

Representative Muscarello offered a motion to reconsider the vote on the motion to report Senate Bill No. 25 with amendments. Without objection, the motion to report Senate Bill No. 25 with amendments was reconsidered by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Edmonston, Egan, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Melerine, Turner, Ventrella, and Wyble voted yea.

Representative Chenevert offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 25 with amendments, to which Representative Wilford Carter objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 25 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 2 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Egan, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Melerine, Turner, Ventrella, and Wyble voted yea. Representatives Wilford Carter and Larvadain voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follow: 4 in support and 2 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for Senate Bill No. 25.

**House Resolution No. 252 by Representative Bamburg**

Representative Bamburg presented House Resolution No. 252, which directs the Louisiana State Law Institute to study reversionary trusts.

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 252 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 252 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Edmonston, Egan, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Melerine, Turner, Ventrella, and Wyble voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follow: 7 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

The committee stood at ease at 10:39 a.m. The committee reconvened at 10:41 a.m.

**Senate Bill No. 225 by Senator Duplessis**

Senator Duplessis presented Senate Bill No. 225, which provides for a cause of action for operation of short-term rentals.

Rodney Braxton, Airbnb, 543 Spanish Town, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 225.

Gregory Pendarvis, 17473 Joe Sevario Rd., Prairieville, LA 70769, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 225.

Amy Morett, 372 Rodney Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 225.

Representative Glorioso offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 225 favorably, to which Representative Carlson objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 7 yeas and 8 nays. Representatives Wilford Carter, Edmonston, Glorioso, Larvadain, Taylor, Ventrella, and Wyble voted yea. Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Chenevert, Egan, Mike Johnson, Melerine, Turner, and Wright voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follow: 12 in support and 3 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**Senate Bill No. 231 by Senator Reese**

Senator Reese presented Senate Bill No. 231, which provides for recoverable medical expenses.

James Ordeneaux, Farm Bureau, 701 Poydras St., Suite 3800, New Orleans, LA 70139, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 231.

Representative Glorioso offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 231 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 231 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Edmonston, Egan, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, Ventrella, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follow: 14 in support and 1 designee of an elected official. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for Senate Bill No. 231.

*Representative Turner in the chair.*

**Senate Bill No. 8 by Senator Morris**

On behalf of Senator Morris, Representative Muscarello presented Senate Bill No. 8, a constitutional amendment to provide for persons in the unclassified service and for appointment of persons on the State Civil Service Commission.

Representative Wyble offered an amendment to change the ballot language. Representative Wyble offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Edmonston, Egan, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, Ventrella, and Wyble voted yea.

Representative Glorioso offered a motion to adopt the House Rule 6.8(A) Report to Senate Bill No. 8, which stated that the measure could not be accomplished statutorily and would, therefore, require a constitutional amendment. Without objection, the House Rule 6.8(A) Report to Senate Bill No. 8 was adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Edmonston, Egan, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, Ventrella, and Wyble voted yea.

Andrew Monteverde, New Orleans Civil Service, 4431 Loyola Ave. #A, New Orleans, LA 70115, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 8 and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Aaron Mischler, New Orleans Firefighters, 5710 General Haig St., New Orleans, LA 70124, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 8 and provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

The committee stood at ease at 12:23 p.m. The committee reconvened at 12:33 p.m.

Senator Morris appeared as author of the bill to provide information.

*Chairman Muscarello in the chair.*

Representative Muscarello offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 8 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 8 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Edmonston, Egan, Glorioso, Larvadain, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, and Wyble voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follow: 7 in opposition, 1 for information only, and 1 designee of an elected official. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for Senate Bill No. 8.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Nicholas Muscarello, Jr.  
House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure