

## **House Committee on Commerce**

Minutes of Meeting  
2025 Regular Session  
April 22, 2025

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

Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel, chair of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel, chair  
Representative Delisha Boyd  
Representative Kim Carver  
Representative Vincent E. Cox, III  
Representative Paula P. Davis  
Representative Jessica Domangue  
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.  
Representative Troy Jude Hebert  
Representative Stephanie Hilferty  
Representative Edmond Jordan  
Representative Alonzo L. Knox  
Representative Jacob Jules Landry  
Representative Danny McCormick  
Representative Dixon Wallace McMakin  
Representative Shaun Raphael Mena  
Representative Candace N. Newell  
Representative Neil Riser  
Representative Vincent "Vinney" J. St. Blanc, III  
Representative Polly Thomas, vice chair

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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

Kathryn Vigrass, legislative analyst  
Benjamin McArthur, attorney  
Sharell Steven, committee administrative assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Rebecca Marshall, sergeant at arms  
Nevonda Reed, division director  
Randall Ike, committee clerk  
Faith Lillie, committee administrative assistant

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 139 by Representative Mack**

Representative Mack presented House Bill No. 139, which provides relative to real estate.

Representative Green offered an amendment to change broker to agent and make applicable when an offer to purchase is made. Representative Green offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Green, Hebert, Hilferty, Knox, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

*Representative Thomas in the chair.*

Carla DeYoung, 31185 Walker Rd. N., Walker, LA 70785, spoke in support of House Bill No. 139.

Tammy Jo Williams, 30792 Walker Rd. N., Walker, LA 70785, spoke in support of House Bill No. 139.

Carlos Alvarez, 2476 Hwy 16, Denham Springs, LA 70726, spoke in support of House Bill No. 139.

*Representative Deshotel in the chair.*

Representative Boyd offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 139. After further discussion, Representative Boyd withdrew her motion. No vote was taken.

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 139. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 139 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hilferty, Knox, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 11 in support and 5 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 254 by Representative Crews**

Representative Crews presented House Bill No. 254, which provides for creating a list of energy utility providers that provide annual consumption reporting mechanisms.

Representative Deshotel offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Deshotel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Green, Hilferty, Knox, McMakin, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Brandon Frey, Louisiana Public Service Commission (LPSC), P.O. Box 91154, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 254.

DaVante Lewis, LPSC, 301 Main St., #1110, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 254.

Representative Hilferty offered a motion to report House Bill No. 254 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 254 was reported with amendments by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Green, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 318 by Representative Gadberry**

***This is a continuation of the discussion on House Bill No. 318 from a previous meeting on April 15, 2025. Please check for the prior action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 318.***

Representative Gadberry presented House Bill No. 318, which provides relative to manufactured and modular housing in flood-prone areas.

Representative Thomas offered amendments to:

- (1) Add that nothing in proposed law shall be construed to prohibit state or local jurisdictions from adopting more stringent elevation or freeboard requirements than those contained in FEMA.
- (2) Delete proposed law and instead provide for measures to regulate installations that include additional freeboard requirements beyond the minimum standards adopted by the National Flood Insurance Program for all manufactured and modular home installations in this state.

- (3) Remove language regarding ambiguous suggestions or guidelines.
- (4) Provide that freeboard requirements shall be uniformly applied based on the Base Flood Elevation established in the currently adopted Flood Insurance Rate Map for the jurisdiction, and shall not vary based on alternative or superseded mapping sources.
- (5) Clarify what information shall be included on all permits issued relative to proposed law.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Green, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Green offered a motion to report House Bill No. 318 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 318 was reported with amendments by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Green, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 for information only and 5 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 326 by Representative Butler**

Representative Butler presented House Bill No. 326, which provides relative to the Louisiana Cosmetology Act.

Representative Deshotel offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Deshotel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Green, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Freddie Phillips Jr., 8055 Hanks Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70812, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 326.

Sheri Morris, Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology, 8900 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 326.

Steve Young, Cosmetology Board, 11622 Sunbelt Ct., Baton Rouge, LA 70816, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 326.

Representative Deshotel offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Increase the fee for a booth permit, special permit, or temporary permit from \$25 to \$50.

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Green, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Davis offered a motion to report House Bill No. 326 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 326 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Green, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 288 by Representative Boyd**

Representative Boyd presented House Bill No. 288, which provides relative to real estate appraisers.

Summer Mire, Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Board, 9071 Interline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 288.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 288 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 288 was reported favorably by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Green, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 370 by Representative Bayham**

Representative Bayham presented House Bill No. 370, which provides for a special permit within the Louisiana Cosmetology Act.

Representative Deshotel offered amendments to increase the exam questions for a hair braiding permit from 15 questions to 20 questions. Representative Deshotel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, Newell, and Thomas voted yea.

Megan Forbes, Institute for Justice, 901 N. Glebe Rd., Ste. 900, Arlington, VA 22203, spoke in support of House Bill No. 370.

Sheri Morris, Louisiana Board of Cosmetology, 8900 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 370.

*Representative Thomas in the chair.*

Representative Hilferty offered a motion to report House Bill No. 370 with amendments. After further discussion the motion was withdrawn. No vote was taken.

Brittany Baptiste, 1245 Sumner St., New Orleans, LA 70114, spoke in support of House Bill No. 370.

Ariel Glover, Attorney Working Alongside Institute of Justice, 998 Lakeshore Blvd., Slidell, LA 70461, spoke in support of House Bill No. 370 and provided handouts, Exhibits A-E, which are included in the committee records.

Ashley Ndakpri, 5177 Pauline Dr., New Orleans, LA 70126, spoke in support of House Bill No. 370.

*Representative Deshotel in the chair.*

Tia Fields, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), 12163 Strauss Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70811, spoke in support of House Bill No. 370.

Freddie Phillips, 8055 Hanks Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70812, spoke in support of House Bill No. 370.

Sarah Harbison, Pelican Institute, 400 Poydras St., Ste. 900, New Orleans, LA 70130, spoke in support of House Bill No. 370.

Tatum Neill, Neill Corporation/Aveda Arts, 303 S. Pine St., Hammond, LA 70403, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 370.

Representative Jordan offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 370, to which Representative Deshotel objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 6 yeas and 12 nays. Representatives Boyd, Green, Jordan, Knox, Mena, and Newell voted yea. Representatives Deshotel, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted nay.

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to report House Bill No. 370 with amendments, to which Representative Newell objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 370 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea. Representatives Boyd, Green, Jordan, Knox, Mena, and Newell voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support, 5 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 4 by Representative Billings**

Representative Billings presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 4, which amends and repeals administrative licensing requirements relative to alternative hair and alternative hair design.

Representative Deshotel offered amendments to remove language that references Oklahoma's hair braiding program. Representative Deshotel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Green, Hebert, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 4 with amendments, to which Representative Newell objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Concurrent Resolution No. 4 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Carver, Cox, Davis, Domangue, Hebert, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, and St. Blanc voted yea. Representatives Boyd, Green, Knox, Mena, and Newell voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support, 4 in opposition, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 509 by Representative Moore**

Representative Moore presented House Bill No. 509, which provides relative to alternative hair design and natural hair braiding.

Courtney Fontaine, Institute for Justice, 901 N. Glebe Rd., Ste. 900, Arlington, VA 22203, spoke in support of House Bill No. 509.

Mike Bayham, Louisiana House of Representatives, District No. 103, 100 Port Blvd., Ste. 40, Chalmette, LA 70043, spoke in support of House Bill No. 509.

Tatum Neill, Neill Corporation/Aveda Arts, 303 S. Pine St., Hammond, LA 70403, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 509.

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to report House Bill No. 509 favorably, to which Representative Newell objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 509 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, McCormick, McMakin, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea. Representatives Boyd, Green, Knox, Mena, and Newell voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support, 4 in opposition, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

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

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Thomas offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Green, Hebert, Hilferty, Knox, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Daryl Andrew Deshotel  
House Committee on Commerce

Date adopted: