

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2024 - 2025 Interim
February 12, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Laurie Schlegel, chair of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Laurie Schlegel, chair
Representative Beryl A. Amedée, vice chair
Representative Kendricks "Ken" Brass
Representative Josh Carlson
Representative Kim Carver
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg
Representative Michael Melerine
Representative Charles Anthony Owen
Representative Vincent "Vinney" J. St. Blanc, III
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver
Representative Sylvia Elaine Taylor
Representative Rashid Armand Young

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Barbara W. Carpenter
Representative Kathy Edmonston

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth L. Borné, legislative analyst
Alexandra Cravins, committee administrative assistant
Sarah Baker, committee assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. BUSINESS

Receive an update on the Teacher Recruitment, Recovery, and Retention Task Force created by House Concurrent Resolution No. 39 of the 2021 Regular Session and continued by House Concurrent Resolution No. 17 of the 2023 Regular Session.

A handout pertaining to the Teacher Recruitment, Recovery, and Retention Task Force that was provided to the members before the meeting is included in the committee records.

Kim Hunter Reed, Louisiana Board of Regents, 1201 North Third Street, 6-00D, no city or state provided, spoke for information only and provided a handout, "2024 Teacher Recruitment, Recovery, and Retention Task Force", Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Dr. Arthur Joffreon, Louisiana Department of Education, 6201 North Third Street, no city or state provided, spoke for information only.

Receive an update on the K-12 education study group created by House Resolution No. 281 of the 2024 Regular Session.

A handout pertaining to the K-12 education study group created by House Resolution No. 281 of the 2024 Regular Session that was provided to the members before the meeting is included in the committee records.

Representative Dennis Bamburg, 210 Eagle Ridge Drive, Haughton, LA 71037, spoke for information only.

Representative Roger Wilder, III, no address provided, spoke for information only.

Dr. Sabrah Kingham, Education Policy Advisor, governor's office, no address provided, spoke for information only.

Brad Norris, K-12 Task Force, no address provided, spoke in support.

Dr. Janet Pope, Louisiana School Boards Association, 620 Florida Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, spoke in support.

Michael Faulk, Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, 2713 Indian Mound Boulevard, Monroe, LA 71201, spoke in support.

Receive an update on Louisiana State University from President William F. Tate IV relative to strategic planning, short-term and long-term objectives, Title IX, and the recruitment and retention of high-performing Louisiana students.

William F. Tate, IV, Louisiana State University, 3810 West Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only and provided a handout, "Scholarship First: The Strategic Framework", Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Daniel Barrow, Louisiana State University, no address provided, spoke for information only.

Todd S. Manuel, Louisiana State University, 146 B1 Thomas Boyd Hall, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only.

Dr. Sean Courtney, Louisiana State University, 6523 Feather Ridge Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70817, spoke for information only.

Robert R. Twilley, Louisiana State University Office of Research, no address provided, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only.

Corhonda Corley, Louisiana Families of Children with Disabilities, 8815 Wilmore Drive, Zachary, LA 70791, spoke for information only.

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

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Carver offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Carlson, Carver, Freiberg, Melerine, Owen, and St. Blanc voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Laurie Schlegel
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Date adopted: