

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2025 Regular Session
May 7, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Laurie Schlegel, chair of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 9:32 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 Barbara W. Carpenter
Representative Kim Carver
Representative Kathy Edmonston
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg
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:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth L. Borné, legislative analyst
Lisa Lovello, legislative analyst
Alexandra Cravins, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Riley Dwight, committee clerk
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. BUSINESS

House Concurrent Resolution No. 13 by Representative Illg

Representative Illg presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 13, which requests that the Southeastern Conference schedule LSU football games after 6:00 p.m. in September for health and safety reasons related to the heat during day games.

Representative Brass offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 13 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 13 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Brass, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Young voted yea.

House Bill No. 202 by Representative Boyd

Representative Boyd presented House Bill No. 202, which provides for a privacy waiver relative to certain mental health information of postsecondary education students.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 202 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 202 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Brass, Carlson, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Young voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 344 by Representative Berault

Representative Berault presented House Bill No. 344, which provides for the transfer of school disciplinary records and for school personnel's access to certain juvenile court records.

Representative Carlson offered amendments to House Bill No. 344 that removed proposed law pertaining to school personnel's access to juvenile court records. Representative Carlson offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Brass, Carlson, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Young voted yea.

Dadrius Lanus, Louisiana Democratic Party / East Baton Rouge School Board, no address given, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 344.

Michael Faulk, Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, 2713 Indian Mound Boulevard, Monroe, LA 71201, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 344.

Representative Freiberg offered amendments to House Bill No. 344 that applied present law and proposed law relative to student records to charter schools. Representative Freiberg offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Brass, Carlson, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Young voted yea.

Representative Carlson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 344 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 344 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Brass, Carlson, Carpenter, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Young voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by those who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, 3 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 344.

House Resolution No. 15 by Representative Young

Representative Young presented House Resolution No. 15, which creates a task force to study issues relative to the name, image, and likeness of student athletes in Louisiana.

Representative Freiberg offered amendments to House Resolution No. 15 that:

1. Reduced the number of task force members from 20 to 16.
2. Required that the representative serving House District 11 serve as chairman and call the first meeting by August 1, 2025.
3. Prescribed certain matters related to the name, image, and likeness of student athletes in Louisiana for the task force to study.
4. Moved the written report submission deadline from 60 days prior to the 2026 Regular Session to January 23, 2026.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Brass, Carlson, Carpenter, Edmonston, Freiberg, St. Blanc, Tarver, Taylor, and Young voted yea.

Representative Young offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 15 with amendments. Without objection, House Resolution No. 15 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas

and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Brass, Carlson, Carpenter, Edmonston, Freiberg, St. Blanc, Tarver, Taylor, and Young voted yea.

House Bill No. 384 by Representative Bryant

Representative Bryant presented House Bill No. 384, which provides relative to disciplinary penalties for certain public school students found to be in possession of certain substances on school property.

Representative Schlegel offered amendments to House Bill No. 384 that:

Removed proposed law penalties for possession of marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinol, or any chemical derivative thereof on school property and instead:

- (a) Applied present law that requires expulsion and referral to the district attorney only to the second or subsequent occurrence of the possession.
- (b) Applied present law that allows a student to be recommended for expulsion to the first occurrence of the possession.

Representative Schlegel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Brass, Carlson, Carpenter, Edmonston, Freiberg, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, Taylor, and Young voted yea.

Representative Young offered a motion to report House Bill No. 384 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 384 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Brass, Carlson, Carpenter, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, Taylor, and Young voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by those who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, and 2 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 384.

House Bill No. 237 by Representative Mack

Representative Mack presented House Bill No. 237, which provides relative to the use of seclusion and physical restraint to address the behavior of students with exceptionalities.

Representative Schlegel offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill. Representative Schlegel offered a motion to adopt the substitute bill. Without objection, the motion passed by a

vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Brass, Carlson, Carpenter, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, Taylor, and Young voted yea.

Ashley McReynolds, Arc of Louisiana, 600 Colonial Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke in support of House Bill No. 237.

Ashley Townsend, Louisiana Department of Education, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 237.

Chris Roe, Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates, 5419 Dayna Court, New Orleans, spoke in support of House Bill No. 237.

Tory Rocca, Disability Rights Louisiana, 8325 Oak Street, New Orleans, LA 70118, spoke in support of House Bill No. 237.

Sarah Vandergriff, Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, 4722 Miles Drive, New Orleans, LA 70122, spoke in support of House Bill No. 237.

Samantha Reed, 2851 South Range Avenue, Denham Springs, LA 70726, spoke in support of House Bill No. 237.

Riley Runyon, 2851 South Range Avenue, Denham Springs, LA 70726, spoke in support of House Bill No. 237.

Kaiden Webb, 713 Cecile Place, Shreveport, LA 71106, spoke in support of House Bill No. 237.

Vivienne Webb, 713 Cecile Place, no city or state provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 237.

Sherelle Porter, 112 Duke Drive, Kenner, LA 70065, spoke in support of House Bill No. 237.

Odell Wilmer, Jr., 744 North Eleventh Street, Apartment 168, no city or state provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 237.

Cynthia Posey, Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 9623 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 237.

Dannie Garrett, Louisiana School Boards Association, 635 Main Street, #3, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 237.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 237 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 237 was reported by substitute by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Schlegel, Brass, Carlson, Carpenter, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Taylor voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by those who did not speak are as follows: 10 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 237.

House Bill No. 486 by Representative Fisher

Representative Fisher presented House Bill No. 486, which requires public schools to offer a mental health assessment to certain students.

Representative Schlegel offered amendments to House Bill No. 486 that:

1. Changed the lowest grade of student to which assessment is made available from fourth to third.
2. Required the assessments be done at no cost to local, parish, and other public school boards.
3. Authorized each public school principal to use his discretion in establishing a time and location to conduct the assessments.
4. Required Louisiana Department of Health to provide to each public school a list of licensed behavioral health providers.
5. Defined "licensed behavioral health provider".

Representative Schlegel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Brass, Carlson, Carpenter, Edmonston, Freiberg, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, Taylor, and Young voted yea.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 486 with amendments, with a recommendation to recommit the bill to the House Committee on Appropriations. Without objection, House Bill No. 486 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Brass, Carlson, Carpenter, Edmonston, Freiberg, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, Taylor, and Young voted yea.

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

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Adoption of minutes of the House Committee on Education from the 2024 Regular Session dated March 21, March 26, March 27, April 3, April 4, April 9, April 10, April 16, April 17, April 24, April 30, May 7, May 8, May 14, and May 21, 2024; from the 2024-2025 Interim dated September 3, October 17, and December 12, 2024; and from the 2024 3rd Extraordinary Session dated November 12, 2024

Representative Schlegel offered a motion to adopt. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Young voted yea.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Carlson offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Brass, Carlson, Carpenter, Edmonston, Freiberg, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, Taylor, and Young voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chair Laurie Schlegel
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: March 18, 2026