

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2025 Regular Session
May 20, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Laurie Schlegel, chair of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 9:30 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 Josh Carlson
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:

Representative Kendricks "Ken" Brass
Representative Barbara W. Carpenter

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Frank Meyer, IV, committee clerk
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms
Johnae' Conner, sergeant at arms

III. BUSINESS

Senate Bill No. 81 by Senator Edmonds

Senator Edmonds presented Senate Bill No. 81, which provides for academic transparency and parental access to digital instructional materials and other educational materials in a manner that is free-of-charge.

Dr. Sabrah Kingham, 304 Laurel, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, spoke as the designee of Governor Jeff Landry in support of Senate Bill No. 81.

Representative Amedée offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 81 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 81 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Carlson, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, Taylor, and Young voted yea.

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

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.

Mayor Dustin Yates, City of St. George, 8738 Sharlane Drive, St. George, LA 70809, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 25.

Dadrius Lanus, East Baton Rouge School Board, no address provided, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 25.

Shashonnie Steward, East Baton Rouge Parish School System, 1050 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 25.

Maria Harmon, Step Up Louisiana, 16333 Columns Way, Baton Rouge, LA 70817, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 25.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 25 favorably, to which Representative Taylor objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 25 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 2 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Carlson, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea. Representatives Taylor and Young voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by those who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support, 17 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

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

House Concurrent Resolution No. 31 by Representative Deshotel

Representative Deshotel presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 31, which requests the Louisiana High School Athletic Association to refrain from hosting games during Easter weekend.

Representative Amedée offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 31 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 31 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Carlson, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea.

House Bill No. 391 by Representative Stagni

Representative Stagni presented House Bill No. 391, which amends the student growth component in the evaluation of teachers and administrators.

Cynthia Posey, Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 9623 Brookline, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke in support of House Bill No. 391.

Ashley Townsend, Louisiana Department of Education, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 391.

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report House Bill No. 391 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 391 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Carlson, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Owen, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by those who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Resolution No. 98 by Representative Owen

Representative Owen presented House Resolution No. 98, which requests that the state Department of Education study and report relative to the impact of the law banning student possession of telecommunications devices during the instructional day.

Representative Owen offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 98 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 98 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Carlson, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Owen, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Amedée offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Carlson, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Owen, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Schlegel', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chair Laurie Schlegel
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: March 18, 2026