

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting

2025-2026 Interim

October 8, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Laurie Schlegel, chair of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in 2020 Gravier St, Room 130, New Orleans, 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 Kathy Edmonston
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg
Representative Charles Anthony Owen
Representative Vincent "Vinney" J. St. Blanc, III
Representative Sylvia Elaine Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Barbara W. Carpenter
Representative Terry Landry, Jr.
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver
Representative Rashid Armand Young

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Daniel Leming, sergeant at arms

III. BUSINESS

To discuss education-to-workforce pathways in healthcare, including presentations from representatives of the Louisiana Workforce Commission, the state Department of Education, the St. Charles Parish School System, the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, the Board of Regents, the Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Public Policy Center, and Louisiana State University

Susana Schowen, LA Works, 1001 North 23rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only.

Stephen Barnes, Blanco Center / University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 400 East St. Mary Boulevard, Lafayette, LA 70503, spoke for information only and presented a PowerPoint, "Louisiana First Overview", which was not provided to the committee.

Ken Bradford, Louisiana Department of Education, 3375 Tupelo Lane, Paulina, LA 70763, spoke for information only and presented a PowerPoint, "Education to Workforce Pathways in Healthcare", Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Dr. Ken Oertling, St. Charles Parish Public Schools, 13855 River Road, Luling, LA 70070, spoke for information only and presented a PowerPoint, "Health Sciences Pathway Initiatives", Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Dr. Chandler LeBoeuf, vice president of Education, Louisiana Community and Technical College System, 265 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only and presented a PowerPoint, "Education-to-Workforce Pathways in Healthcare: LCTCS Impact & Innovation", Exhibit C, which is included in the committee records.

John Walters, Louisiana State University, 3810 West Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only.

Dr. Steve Nelson, Louisiana State University Health Science Center New Orleans, 433 Bolivar Street, New Orleans, LA 70112, spoke for information only and presented a PowerPoint, "LSU Health New Orleans", Exhibit D, which is included in the committee records.

Dr. Jonathan Schoen, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center New Orleans, 433 Bolivar Street, New Orleans, LA 70112, spoke for information only and presented a PowerPoint, "Injury Care, Education, and Research", which was not provided to the committee.

Joseph A. Giaime, Louisiana State University and Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory, 19100 Ligo Road, Livingston, LA 70754, spoke for information only and presented a PowerPoint, "Generational Waves in Louisiana" which was not provided to the committee.

Gregory Trahan, Louisiana State University, 3126 Veranda Lakes Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, spoke for information only and presented a PowerPoint, "Digital Twins", which was not provided to the committee.

Jason Jamerson, no witness card provided, spoke for information only.

Dr. Derek Ostrenko, no witness card provided, spoke for information only.

Matt Lee, Louisiana State University, 3810 West Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke for information only.

Dr. Susannah Craig, Board of Regents, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 6-200, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only and presented a PowerPoint, "Board of Regents Louisiana Healthcare Workforce Packet", Exhibit E, which is included in the committee records.

Misti Cordell, Board of Regents, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 6-200, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only.

Dr. Kim Hunter Reed, Board of Regents, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 6-200, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only.

David Shepherd, Youthforce NOLA, 400 Poydras Street, Suite 1405, New Orleans, LA 70119, spoke for information and presented a handout, "YouthForce NOLA, Celebrating One Decade", Exhibit F, which is included in the committee records.

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

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Laurie Schlegel
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Date adopted: