

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2025 First Extraordinary Session
October 24, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV, chair of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. in Room 6, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV, chair
Representative Michael Robert "Mike" Bayham, Jr.
Representative Beth Anne Billings
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry
Representative Michael T. Johnson
Representative Ed Larvadain, III
Representative Rodney Lyons, vice chair
Representative C. Denise Marcelle
Representative Dixon Wallace McMakin
Representative Candace N. Newell
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn
Representative Polly Thomas
Representative Mark Wright
Representative John E. Wyble

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Delisha Boyd
Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.
Representative Les Farnum

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Annie Smith, attorney
Joseph Chuter, attorney
Sarah Baker, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Alexandra Cravins, committee assistant
Rebecca Marshall, sergeant at arms
Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms

III. BUSINESS**House Bill No. 1 by Representative Beaulieu**

Representative Mike Johnson in the chair.

Representative Beaulieu presented House Bill No. 1, which provides for election dates for certain elections in 2026.

Representative Beaulieu offered amendments to provide for the validity of actions undertaken in an effort to place a bond, debt, tax, or proposition election or other question to be presented to the voters on either the April 18, 2026, or May 30, 2026, ballot and the validity of any notice, resolution, proclamation, or certification that states either the April 18, 2026, or May 30, 2026, election date. Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bayham, Billings, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, McMakin, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, and Wyble voted yea.

Catherine Newsome, office of the secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 1.

Taryn C. Branson, Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana, 4640 South Carrollton Avenue, Suite 280, New Orleans, LA 70119, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1.

Cree Matlock, Power Coalition for Equity and Justice, 4930 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, LA, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1.

Sarah Whittington, American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana, P.O. Box 56157, New Orleans, LA 70156, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1 with amendments, to which Representative Newell objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 1 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bayham, Billings, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, McMakin, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea. Representatives Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, and Newell voted nay.

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

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 1.

House Bill No. 2 by Representative Beaulieu

Representative Beaulieu presented House Bill No. 2, which changes the election date for the spring 2026 statewide election for the submission of proposed constitutional amendments.

Dadrius Lanus, Louisiana Democratic Party, no address provided, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 2.

Amy Matthews, Louisiana Department of the Treasury, 15738 Chickamauga Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 2.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report House Bill No. 2 favorably, to which Representative Marcelle objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 2 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bayham, Billings, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, McMakin, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea. Representatives Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, and Newell voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, and 4 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 2.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to adopt 2025 Regular Session minutes. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bayham, Billings, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, McMakin, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, and Wyble voted yea.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to adopt 2024-2025 Interim minutes of meetings of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs on April 16, 23, and 29; May 7, 8, 14, 20, and 28; and June 3, and 11, 2025. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bayham, Billings, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, McMakin, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, and Wyble voted yea.

Approval of forms submitted by the Board of Ethics

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to adopt forms submitted by the Board to the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bayham, Billings, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, McMakin, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, and Wyble voted yea.

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

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative McMakin offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bayham, Billings, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, McMakin, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV
House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Date adopted: March 18, 2026