

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2025 First Extraordinary Session
October 28, 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 9:01 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 Delisha Boyd
Representative Les Farnum
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry
Representative Michael T. Johnson
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 Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.
Representative Ed Larvadain, III

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Caroline Vanhooose, clerk
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms
Cheryl Domino, sergeant at arms

III. BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 1 by Senator Kleinpeter**

Senator Kleinpeter presented Senate Bill No. 1, which provides for adjustments regarding certain elections held in calendar year 2026.

Sarah Whittington, American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana, P.O. Box 56125, New Orleans, LA 70156, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1.

Scott Harris, 16439 Greenwell Springs Port Hudson Road, Pride, LA, 70770, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1.

Mary Anne Mushatt, League of Women Voters of New Orleans, 6030 South Robertson Street, New Orleans, LA 70118, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1.

Sallie E. Davis, 1528 Lowerline Street, New Orleans, LA 70118, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1.

Representative Edmond Jordan, House District No. 29, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 1 favorably, to which Representative Marcelle objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 1 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bayham, Billings, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, McMakin, Schamerhorn, Thomas, and Wyble voted yea. Representatives Boyd, 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 Senate Bill No. 1.

Senate Bill No. 2 by Senator Kleinpeter

Senator Kleinpeter presented Senate Bill No. 2, which changes election dates for the spring 2026 statewide election for submission of proposed constitutional amendments.

Sallie Davis, 1528 Lowerline Street, New Orleans, LA 70118, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 2.

Mary Anne Mushatt, no address provided, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 2.

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

The committee stood at ease at 11:02 a.m. The committee reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

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 Senate Bill No. 2.

House Bill No. 3 by Representative Bayham

Representative Bayham presented House Bill No. 3, which provides for qualifying fees for certain elections in 2026.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 3. The motion was withdrawn.

Representative Bayham offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 3. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 3 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bayham, Billings, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Lyons, Marcelle, McMakin, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, and Wyble voted yea.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 3.

House Bill No. 4 by Representative Bayham

Representative Bayham presented House Bill No. 4, which provides for the conduct of fall elections for party primary offices in 2026.

J.C. Harmon, 426 Sena Drive, Metairie, LA, spoke in support of House Bill No. 4.

Representative Bayham offered a motion to report House Bill No. 4 favorably, to which Representative Beaulieu objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 4 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Bayham, Billings, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Lyons, Marcelle, Newell, and Schamerhorn voted yea. Representatives Beaulieu, McMakin, Thomas, and Wyble voted nay.

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

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 4.

House Bill No. 5 by Representative Jordan

Representative Jordan presented House Bill No. 5, which provides for the legislative redistricting website during the 2026 election cycle.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Bill No. 5 favorably, to which Representative Mike Johnson objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 4 yeas and 10 nays. Representatives Boyd, Lyons, Marcelle, and Newell voted yea. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, McMakin, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted nay.

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

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 5.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 1 by Representative Jordan

Representative Jordan presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 1, which provides relative to redistricting criteria.

Max Martin, Power Coalition for Equity and Justice, 5527 North Afton Parkway, no city or state provided, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

Alicia Washington, 13013 Parkview Point Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70816, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

Edgar Cage, Together Louisiana, 1520 Thomas Delpit Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 1 favorably, to which Representative Schamerhorn objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 4 yeas and 10 nays. Representatives Boyd, Lyons, Marcelle, and Newell voted yea. Representatives Beaulieu, Bayham, Billings, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, McMakin, Schamerhorn, Thomas, and Wyble voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: