

Joint Transportation, Highways and Public Works Committee

Minutes of Meeting
2025 Regular Session
June 2, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Ryan Bourriaque, chair of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. in Room 3, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

HOUSE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Ryan Bourriaque, co-chair
Representative Chad Michael Boyer
Representative Jacob Braud
Representative Kellee Hennessy Dickerson
Representative Bryan Fontenot
Representative Steven Jackson
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Tammy T. Phelps
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn
Representative Annie Spell
Representative Joy Walters
Representative Jeffrey Fons "Jeff" Wiley

SENATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Patrick Connick, co-chair
Senator Mark Abraham
Senator Gary Carter
Senator Heather Cloud
Senator Patrick McMath
Senator Edward J. "Ed" Price

HOUSE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Allison Williams, attorney
Jaclyn Champagne, attorney
Darcas Deverteuil, committee administrative assistant

HOUSE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Tehmi Jahi Chassion
Representative Terry Landry, Jr.

SENATE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator William "Bill" Wheat Jr.

SENATE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Archana Cadge, attorney
Christine Peck, attorney
Serena Mohammad, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Cheryl Domino, sergeant at arms
Quinn Williams, House clerk

III. BUSINESS

To receive public testimony and vote on FY 2025 Q1 Recommended Port Priority Applications received through March 1, 2025 for inclusion in the FY 2026-2027 Port Construction and Development Priority Program

Julia Fisher-Cormier, no witness card provided, spoke for information only and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Phelps offered a motion to approve the port priority applications. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Fontenot, Jackson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Spell, Walters, and Wiley voted yeas. Senators Connick, Gary Carter, Cloud, and Price voted yeas.

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

To approve the use of revenues resulting from the Belle Chasse public-private partnership, as directed by Act 73 of the 2024 Regular Session

Joe Donahue, DOTD, 1201 Capitol Access Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only and discussed a portion of Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Secretary Donahue answered a series of questions from the committee in regard to the parameters of the Belle Chasse public-private partnership contract.

Representative Braud and Senator Connick offered a joint motion to defer the approval of the use of the revenues resulting from the Belle Chasse public-private partnership until a later date. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives, Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yeas. Senators Connick, Abraham, Gary Carter, McMath, and Price voted yeas.

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

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Bourriague offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives, Bourriague, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea. Senators Connick, Abraham, Gary Carter, McMath, and Price voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Ryan Bourriague
House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Date adopted: