

## **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

#### **HOUSE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Tehmi Jahi Chassion  
Representative Terry Landry, Jr.

#### **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

#### **SENATE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator William "Bill" Wheat Jr.

#### **HOUSE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**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 yea. Senators Connick, Gary Carter, Cloud, and Price voted yea.

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 yea. Senators Connick, Abraham, Gary Carter, McMath, and Price voted yea.

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 Bourriaque offered a motion to adjourn. 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 yea. Senators Connick, Abraham, Gary Carter, McMath, and Price voted yea.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: