

House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2025 Regular Session
May 29, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry, chair of the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m. in Room 6, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry, chair
Representative Michael Robert "Mike" Bayham, Jr.
Representative Beth Anne Billings
Representative Kim Carver
Representative Vincent E. Cox, III
Representative Jessica Domangue
Representative Les Farnum
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg, vice chair
Representative Alonzo L. Knox
Representative C. Denise Marcelle
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Joseph A. Stagni
Representative Matthew Willard

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Bryan Fontenot
Representative Steven Jackson
Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative Candace N. Newell
Representative Charles Anthony Owen
Representative Rashid Armand Young

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tina Righteous, attorney
Blake Byrom, legislative analyst
Natayveon Howard-Williams, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Frank Meyer IV, clerk
Janet Anthony, sergeant at arms
Ralph Palmer, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 139 by Senator Price

Senator Price presented Senate Bill No. 139, which provides for the leasing of the Lamar-Dixon Expo Center in Ascension Parish.

Kyle Rogers, Lamar-Dixon, no address provided, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 139.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 139 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 139 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Knox, Marcelle, Moore, and Stagni voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 88 by Senator Fesi

Senator Fesi presented Senate Bill No. 88, which establishes a state park in Terrebonne Parish.

Representative Domangue offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 88 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 88 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Knox, Marcelle, Moore, and Stagni 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.

Senate Bill No. 64 by Senator Edmonds

Senator Edmonds presented Senate Bill No. 64, which provides for membership of the Shenandoah Estates Crime Prevention and Improvement District.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 64 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 64 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Knox, Marcelle, Moore, and Stagni voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 3 by Senator Boudreaux

Senator Boudreaux presented Senate Bill No. 3, which authorizes the Hospital Service District No. 2 of St. Martin Parish to name a medical building in honor of a living person.

Guy Cormier, 707 North 7th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 3.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 3 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 3 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Knox, Marcelle, Moore, and Stagni voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 18 by Senator Boudreaux

Senator Boudreaux presented Senate Bill No. 18, which provides for naming City Park in Lafayette in honor of a deceased person.

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 18 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 18 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Knox, Marcelle, Moore, and Stagni voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 76 by Senator Boudreaux

Senator Boudreaux presented Senate Bill No. 76, which provides for naming the soccer complex at Moore Park in Lafayette in honor of a deceased person.

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 76 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 76 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Knox, Marcelle, Moore, and Stagni voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 77 by Senator Boudreaux

Senator Boudreaux presented Senate Bill No. 77, which provides for naming the recreational complex at Graham Brown Memorial Park in Lafayette in honor of a living person.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 77 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 77 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Knox, Marcelle, Moore, and Stagni voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 107 by Senator Boudreaux

Senator Boudreaux presented Senate Bill No. 107, which provides for the powers and functions of the Lafayette Economic Development Authority.

Mandi Mitchell, Lafayette Economic Development Authority, 211 East Devalcourt Street, no city provided, 70506, spoke in support of House Bill No. 107.

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 107 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 107 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Farnum, Freiberg, Knox, Marcelle, Moore, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 140 by Senator Boudreaux

Senator Boudreaux presented Senate Bill No. 140, which provides for naming the Heymann Park Complex in honor of a living person.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 140 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 140 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Farnum, Freiberg, Knox, Marcelle, Moore, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 187 by Senator Boudreaux

Senator Boudreaux presented Senate Bill No. 187, which provides for the creation of the St. Martin Parish Economic and Industrial Development District.

Jennifer Stelly, Saint Martin Economic Development, 1216 Bushville Highway, no city or state provided spoke in support of House Bill No. 187.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 187 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 187 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Farnum, Freiberg, Knox, Marcelle, Moore, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 237 by Senator Boudreaux

Senator Boudreaux presented Senate Bill No. 237, which provides for the authority of the city of Lafayette and Lafayette Parish to adopt ordinances, rules, and regulations related to dilapidated and dangerous structures.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 237 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 237 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Farnum, Freiberg, Knox, Marcelle, Moore, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 142 by Senator Myers

On behalf of Senator Myers, Senator Boudreaux presented Senate Bill No. 142, which provides relative to the classified police service in the city of Lafayette.

Paul Trouard, Lafayette Police, 900 East University Avenue, Lafayette, LA, spoke in support of Senate Bill 142.

Adrienne Bordelon, Office of State Examiner, and Municipal Fire Police, 7722 Office Park Boulevard, Suite 500, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 142 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 142 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Bayham, Billings, Carver, Cox, Farnum, Freiberg, Knox, Marcelle, Moore, Stagni, and Willard 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.

Senate Bill No. 60 by Senator Seabaugh

On behalf of Senator Seabaugh, Representative Bamburg presented Senate Bill No. 60, which provides for the abolition of the office of police chief for the village of Hall Summit.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 60 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 60 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Bayham, Billings, Carver, Cox, Farnum, Freiberg, Knox, Marcelle, Moore, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 103 by Senator Seabaugh

On behalf of Senator Seabaugh, Representative Schamerhorn presented Senate Bill No. 103, which provides for term limits and qualifications for members of the Sabine Parish Police Jury.

Guy Cormier, Police Jury Association of Louisiana, 707 North 7th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 103.

Ricky L. Sepulvado, Sabine Parish Policy Jury, 400 South Capitol Street, Many, LA 71449, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 103 and provided handouts, "Sabine Parish Police Jury opposition letter", which is included as Exhibit A in the committee records, "Chief Daniel Thompson opposition letter", which is included as Exhibit B in the committee records, and "Citizens of Sabine Parish signed opposition letters", which is included as Exhibit C in the committee records.

William E. Weatherford, Sabine Policy Jury, 400 South Capitol Street, Room 101, Many, LA 71449, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 103.

Representative Farnum offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 103 favorably, to which Representative Stagni objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 1 yeas and 10 nays. Representative Farnum voted yea. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Freiberg, Knox, Marcelle, Moore, Stagni, and Willard voted nay.

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

Prepared statements were received via email for Senate Bill No. 103.

Senate Bill No. 141 by Senator Connick

On behalf of Senator Connick, Representative Stagni presented Senate Bill No. 141, which provides for nonprofit corporations in Plaquemines Parish.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 141 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 141 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Farnum, Freiberg, Knox, Marcelle, Moore, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

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

The committee recessed at 10:43 a.m. The committee reconvened at 10:44 a.m. The committee administrative assistant called the roll.

Senate Bill No. 113 by Senator Seabaugh

On behalf of Senator Seabaugh, Representative Bagley presented Senate Bill No. 113, which provides for term limits and qualifications for the DeSoto Parish Police Jury.

Guy Cormier, Police Jury Association of Louisiana, 707 North 7th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 113.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on Senate Bill No. 113. Without objection, action on Senate Bill No. 113 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Farnum, Freiberg, Knox, Marcelle, Moore, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

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

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Knox offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Farnum, Freiberg, Knox, Marcelle, Moore, Stagni, and Willard voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Foy Bryan Gadberry
House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs

Date adopted: