

House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment

Minutes of Meeting

2024-2025 Interim

March 17, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Joseph Orgeron, vice chair of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Brett F. Geymann, chair
Representative R. Dewith Carrier
Representative Tehmi Jahi Chassion
Representative Kimberly Landry Coates
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe
Representative Jacob Jules Landry
Representative Shane Mack
Representative Joseph A. Orgeron, vice chair
Representative Neil Riser
Representative Lauren Ventrella

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Marcus Anthony Bryant
Representative Jason Brian DeWitt
Representative Jessica Domangue
Representative C. Travis Johnson
Representative Timothy P. Kerner
Representative Danny McCormick
Representative Jerome Zeringue

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robin Stalder, attorney
Jennifer Winkler, legislative analyst
Brandy Ladmirault, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Rebecca Marshall, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION**To receive information on wind energy development in Louisiana pursuant to House Study Request No. 2 of the 2024 Regular Session**

Representative Orgeron in the chair.

Representative Geymann gave opening statements and explained the purpose of the meeting which was wind energy development in Louisiana pursuant to House Study Request No. 2 of the 2024 Regular Session.

Blake Canfield, DENR, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only and discussed the role that DENR plays regarding wind energy.

Jennifer Netherton, Southeastern Wind Coalition, 1434 Constance Street, no state or zip code provided, presented a PowerPoint titled "Wind Energy In Louisiana" and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Cameron Poole, GNO, Inc., 1100 Poydras Street #3475, New Orleans, LA 70163, spoke for information only.

Stacy Ortego, National Wildlife Federation, 11100 Wildlife Center Drive, Suite 100, Reston, VA 20190, spoke for information only, giving an overview of the NWF and its responsibilities as well as the importance of environmental risk reduction during wind energy development.

Monika Gerhart, Gulf States Renewable Energy Industries, 400 Poydras Street, Suite 900, New Orleans, LA 70130, spoke for information only and provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Scott Eustis, Healthy Gulf, 935 Gravier Street, New Orleans, LA 70122, spoke for information only and discussed that they would be reviewing the coastal use permits.

Dan Claitor, Claitor Chabert, SREA & ACP, 6513 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke for information only and provided a handout, Exhibit C, which is included in the committee records.

Additional handouts, Exhibit D and Exhibit E were provided by individuals who did not speak. Exhibit D is from The Pew Charitable Trusts (Pew) and Exhibit E is from Nunez Community

College. Both handouts are for information purposes only and are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Jacob Landry offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Geymann, Carrier, Chassion, Coates, LaCombe, Jacob Landry, Mack, Orgeron, Riser, and Ventrella voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Brett F. Geymann
House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment

Date adopted: