

## **House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment**

Minutes of Meeting  
2025 Regular Session  
May 21, 2025

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Brett F. Geymann, chair of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Brett F. Geymann, chair  
Representative Jacob Braud  
Representative R. Dewith Carrier  
Representative Kimberly Landry Coates  
Representative Jason Brian DeWitt  
Representative Jessica Domangue  
Representative C. Travis Johnson  
Representative Timothy P. Kerner  
Representative Jacob Jules Landry  
Representative Shane Mack  
Representative Danny McCormick  
Representative Joseph A. Orgeron, vice chair  
Representative Neil Riser  
Representative Jerome Zeringue

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Marcus Anthony Bryant  
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe  
Representative Lauren Ventrella

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

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

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****Senate Bill No. 127 by Senator Bass**

Senator Bass presented Senate Bill No. 127, which provides relative to permitting for advanced nuclear power generation.

Courtney Burdette, DEQ, 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 127.

Representative Orgeron offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 127 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 127 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Geymann, Braud, Carrier, Coates, Dewitt, Domangue, Kerner, Jacob Landry, Mack, McCormick, Orgeron, Riser, and Zeringue voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 12 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**Senate Bill No. 145 by Senator McMath**

Senator McMath presented Senate Bill No. 145, which provides relative to construction of bulkheads on certain water bodies in St. Tammany Parish.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 145 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 145 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Geymann, Braud, Carrier, Coates, Domangue, C. Travis Johnson, Kerner, Jacob Landry, Mack, McCormick, Orgeron, Riser, and Zeringue voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 69 by Senator Myers**

Senator Myers presented Senate Bill No. 69, which provides for hunting and fishing licenses.

Cole Garrett, LDWF, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 69.

Bryan McClinton, LDWF, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 69.

Representative Mack offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 69 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 69 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Geymann, Braud, Carrier, Coates, Dewitt, Domangue, C. Travis Johnson, Kerner, Mack, McCormick, Orgeron, Riser, and Zeringue voted yea.

#### **Senate Bill No. 185 by Senator Cathey**

On behalf of Senator Cathey, Representative Riser presented Senate Bill No. 185, which names the boat launch at Bussey Brake the William Kinnison "Kinny" Haddox Boat Launch.

Bryan McClinton, LDWF, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 185.

Representative Orgeron offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 185 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 185 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Geymann, Braud, Carrier, Coates, Dewitt, Domangue, C. Travis Johnson, Kerner, Mack, McCormick, Orgeron, Riser, and Zeringue voted yea.

#### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 40 by Representative Zeringue**

Representative Zeringue presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 40, which creates the Louisiana Grid Efficiency Task Force.

A handout was provided, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Zeringue offered amendments to:

- (1) Add additional members to the task force.
- (2) Add requirements for the submission of a status report and a final report.

Monika Gerhart, Gulf States Renewable Energy Industries Association, no address provided, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 40.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Geymann, Braud, Carrier, Coates, Dewitt, Domangue, C. Travis Johnson, Kerner, Jacob Landry, Mack, McCormick, Orgeron, Riser, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Orgeron offered amendments to add advanced steel core conductors to the types of Advanced Transmission Technologies. Representative Orgeron offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and

0 nays. Representatives Geymann, Braud, Carrier, Coates, Dewitt, Domangue, C. Travis Johnson, Kerner, Mack, McCormick, Orgeron, Riser, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Geymann offered amendments to:

- (1) Add additional members to the task force.
- (2) Add a prohibition against the task force members endorsing or opposing legislation.
- (3) Sunset the task force in August 2027.

Representative Geymann offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Geymann, Braud, Carrier, Coates, Dewitt, Domangue, C. Travis Johnson, Kerner, Mack, McCormick, Orgeron, Riser, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Coates offered an amendment that originated in committee to House Concurrent Resolution No. 40 that adds an additional member to the task force from GOHSEP. Representative Coates offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Geymann, Braud, Carrier, Coates, Dewitt, Domangue, C. Travis Johnson, Kerner, Mack, McCormick, Orgeron, Riser, and Zeringue voted yea.

Brandon Frey, Louisiana Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 91154, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 40.

Dustin Davidson, LDENR, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 40.

Jody Montelaro, Entergy, 446 North Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, spoke in opposition to House Concurrent Resolution No. 40.

Matt Coday, Oil & Gas Workers Association, P.O. Box 14353, Odessa, TX 79768, spoke in opposition to House Concurrent Resolution No. 40.

Representative Zeringue offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 40 with amendments, to which Representative McCormick objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 2 yeas, 11 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Orgeron and Zeringue voted yea. Representatives Braud, Carrier, Coates, Dewitt, Domangue, C. Travis Johnson, Kerner, Jacob Landry, Mack, McCormick, and Riser voted nay. Representative Geymann abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 9 in support and 3 in opposition. 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 Jacob Landry offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Geymann, Braud, Carrier, Coates, Dewitt, Domangue, C. Travis Johnson, Kerner, Jacob Landry, Mack, McCormick, Orgeron, Riser, and Zeringue voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: