

House Committee on Retirement

Minutes of Meeting
2025 Regular Session
May 15, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Tony Bacala, chair of the House Committee on Retirement, called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Tony Bacala, chair
Representative Stephanie H. Berault
Representative Josh Carlson
Representative Peter F. Egan, Sr.
Representative John R. Illg, Jr., vice chair
Representative Timothy P. Kerner
Representative Dixon Wallace McMakin
Representative Annie Spell
Representative Sylvia Elaine Taylor
Representative Polly Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Roy Daryl Adams
Representative Delisha Boyd
Representative Kendricks "Ken" Brass
Representative R. Dewith Carrier
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joey David, legislative analyst
Jennifer Watson, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

H. Bryce McGlothin, sergeant at arms
Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 1 by Senator Price

Senator Price presented Senate Bill No. 1, which allows for credit for out-of-state full-time law enforcement service.

Margaret Corley Michel, Louisiana State Police Retirement System, 9224 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 1.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 1 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 1 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, Berault, Carlson, Egan, Illg, Kerner, McMakin, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 6 by Senator Abraham

On behalf of Senator Abraham, Senator Price presented Senate Bill No. 6, which establishes an exception to suspension of retirement benefits for court reporters who are reemployed by judicial districts or parishes where a critical shortage exists.

Representative Kerner offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 6 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 6 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, Berault, Carlson, Egan, Illg, Kerner, McMakin, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas 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.

Vice Chair Illg in the chair.

House Resolution No. 143 by Representative Bacala

Representative Bacala presented House Resolution No. 143, which creates a task force to study the feasibility of a phased retirement program for public postsecondary education systems.

Representative Bacala offered amendments to:

- (1) Add a requirement that the task force study the potential for providing an additional lifetime income.
- (2) Add the chief executive officer of the Office of Group Benefits to the task force.

Representative Bacala offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, Berault, Carlson, Egan, Illg, Kerner, McMakin, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 143 with amendments. Without objection, House Resolution No. 143 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, Berault, Carlson, Egan, Illg, Kerner, McMakin, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas voted yea.

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

House Resolution No. 163 by Representative Hilmerty

On behalf of Representative Hilmerty, Representative Bacala presented House Resolution No. 163, which requests the Firefighters' Retirement System to study the feasibility of merging members of the New Orleans Firefighters' Pension and Relief Fund hired after a certain date into the system.

Greg Curran, actuary, 10555 North Glenstone Place, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, spoke for information only on House Resolution No. 163.

Kenny Herbold, director of actuarial services, Louisiana Legislative Auditor, no address provided, spoke for information only on House Resolution No. 163.

Representative Bacala offered amendments to remove the system's actuary from the study committee. Representative Bacala offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, Berault, Carlson, Egan, Illg, Kerner, McMakin, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Kerner offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 163 with amendments. Without objection, House Resolution No. 163 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, Berault, Carlson, Egan, Illg, Kerner, McMakin, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas voted yea.

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IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Adoption of minutes for 2023 Regular Session meetings held on May 3 and May 18, 2023; 2023 - 2024 Interim meetings held on February 14 and February 28; and 2024 Regular Session meetings held on March 28, April 4, April 11, April 18, and May 1, 2024

Representative Illg offered a motion to adopt the minutes for the 2023 Regular Session meetings held on May 3 and May 18, 2023; 2023 - 2024 Interim meetings held on February 14 and February 28; and 2024 Regular Session meetings held on March 28, April 4, April 11, April 18, and May 1, 2024. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, Berault, Carlson, Egan, Illg, Kerner, McMakin, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas voted yea.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Carlson offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, Berault, Carlson, Egan, Illg, Kerner, McMakin, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Tony Bacala
House Committee on Retirement

Date adopted: