

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2025 Regular Session
May 6, 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 9:31 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Ryan Bourriaque, chair
Representative Chad Michael Boyer
Representative Jacob Braud
Representative Tehmi Jahi Chassion
Representative Kellee Hennessy Dickerson
Representative Bryan Fontenot, vice chair
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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Phillip Eric Tarver

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Cheryl Domino, sergeant at arms

Quinn Williams, clerk

Cesilee Oliver, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 660 by Representative Boyd

Representative Bourriaque announced that action on House Bill No. 660, which provides relative to the annual registration tax applicable to trucks and trailers statewide, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 580 by Representative Illg

Representative Illg presented House Bill No. 580, which increase the penalties for operating a vehicle with fictitious plates and provides for specifications for temporary registration plates issued by dealers and the display of temporary registrations plates issued by dealers.

Keith Conley, Kenner Police Dept., 500 Veterans Blvd., Kenner, LA, spoke in support of House Bill No. 580.

Representative Wiley offered a motion to report House Bill No. 580 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 580 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Spell, Walters, and Wiley 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.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 580.

House Bill No. 504 by Representative Coates

Representative Coates presented House Bill No. 504, which increases the tanker truck registration fee applicable to certain trucks transporting liquefied petroleum gas.

Representative Bourriaque offered a technical amendment. Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Spell, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Chad Ledet, LPGas Commission, 165 West 100 St., Cutoff, LA 70345, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 504.

Don Robin, LPG, 7919 Independent Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 504.

Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to report House Bill No. 504 with amendments, to which Representative Schamerhorn objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 504 was reported with amendments by a vote of 6 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Spell, and Walters voted yea. Representatives Phelps, Schamerhorn, and Wiley voted nay.

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

House Bill No. 94 by Representative LaCombe

Representative LaCombe presented House Bill No. 94, which abolishes the West Feliciana Parish Port Commission.

Representative Boyer offered a motion to report House Bill No. 94 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 94 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Spell, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 651 by Representative Young

Representative Young presented House Bill No. 651, which creates Claiborne Parish Airport District No. 31.

Representative Walters offered a motion to report House Bill No. 651 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 651 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Fontenot, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Spell, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

House Bill No. 474 by Representative Braud

Representative Braud presented House Bill No. 474, which provides relative to emergency vehicles for coroners.

Representative Braud offered a motion to report House Bill No. 474 favorably, to which Representative Schamerhorn objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 474 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas, 1 nay, and 1 abstention. Representatives Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Fontenot, Phelps, Spell, Walters, and Wiley voted yea. Representative Schamerhorn voted nay. Representative Bourriaque abstained.

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

House Bill No. 633 by Representative Braud

Representative Braud presented House Bill No. 633, which provides relative to the boards of commissioners for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East and the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West Bank.

Representative Braud offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill. Representative Braud offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Fontenot, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Spell, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Representative Braud offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 633. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 633 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Fontenot, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Spell, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

House Bill No. 510 by Representative Orgeron

Representative Orgeron presented House Bill No. 510, which authorizes the town of Golden Meadow in Lafourche Parish to designate certain alternative pathways along state highways for golf carts and low-speed vehicles.

Representative Boyer offered an amendment to provide an exception to the application of proposed law authorizing the operation of golf carts and low-speed vehicles for Louisiana Highway 3235. Representative Boyer offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Fontenot, Jackson, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Spell, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Representative Boyer offered a motion to report House Bill No. 510 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 510 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Dickerson, Fontenot, Jackson, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Spell, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 297 by Representative Thompson

Representative Thompson presented House Bill No. 297, which provides for a "contract limit" for public works projects by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Brandon Burris, Lt. Governor's Office/State Parks, 1050 N. 3rd St., Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 297.

Derrell Cohoon, AGC, 712 North 5th St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 297.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 297 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 297 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Jackson, Schamerhorn, Spell, Walters, and Wiley 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.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 3 by Representative Muscarello

Representative Muscarello presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 3, which amends the Department of Transportation and Development administrative rules relative to outdoor advertising and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Wayne Hickson, Headrick Outdoor Media, 14122 S. Lakeshore Dr., Covington, LA 70435, spoke in opposition to House Concurrent Resolution No. 3.

Wayne Martin, Martin Advertising, 112 W. 20th St., Larose, LA 70373, spoke in opposition to House Concurrent Resolution No. 3.

Scott Jones, Jones Signs, 8399 Florida Blvd., Denham Springs, LA 70726, spoke in opposition to House Concurrent Resolution No. 3.

Jacques Berry, DOTD, no address provided, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 3.

Travis Puls, LA DOTD, 7686 Tom Dr., Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 3.

Representative Schamerhorn offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 3 favorably, to which Representative Fontenot objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 5 yeas, 6 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Boyer, Braud, Phelps, Schamerhorn, and Wiley voted yea. Representatives Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Jackson, Spell, and Walters voted nay. Representative Bourriaque abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Concurrent Resolution No. 3.

House Bill No. 480 by Representative McCormick

Representative McCormick presented House Bill No. 480, which provides relative to the authority of the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission to use the payment in lieu of taxes program.

Representative Bourriaque offered amendments to remove the requirement that the office of economic development review the payment in lieu of tax proposals, and submit the approval or denial of each to the governing authorities of the parishes within 45 days.

Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Jackson, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Spell, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Representative Fontenot provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records, and offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 480.

Danny Malone, Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission, 6000 Doug Attaway Blvd., Shreveport, LA 71115, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 480.

Eric England, Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission, 6000 Doug Attaway Blvd., Shreveport, LA, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 480.

Representative Fontenot in the chair.

Jennifer Marusak, Ports Association of Louisiana, P.O. Box 82880, Baton Rouge, LA 70884, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 480.

Representative Fontenot offered a motion earlier to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 480. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 480 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Phelps, Schamerhorn,

and Spell voted yea.

House Bill No. 505 by Representative Crews

Representative Crews presented House Bill No. 505, which provides relative to the repair and maintenance of privately-owned aircraft stored in leased or owned hangars in public airports or facilities.

Representative Fontenot offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Clarify that preventative maintenance or minor repair work can only occur if the airport authority authorizes it in advance.
- (3) Delete the requirement that FFA-certified technicians be escorted by airport personnel unless authorized for restricted hangers.
- (4) Require FAA-certified technicians receive prior written permission by a hanger owner or lessee before work if the privately-owned aircraft is owned by another person.

Representative Fontenot offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Spell, and Wiley voted yea.

Representative Chassion offered a motion to report House Bill No. 505 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 505 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Phelps, Schamerhorn, and Spell voted yea.

Ralph Hennessy, Alexandria Int'l Airport, 1611 Arnold Dr., Alexandria, LA 71303, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 505.

Scott Gammel, Louisiana Airport Managers & Assoc., no address provided, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 505.

House Bill No. 588 by Representative Mena

Representative Fontenot announced that action on House Bill No. 588, which provides relative to the Regional Transit Authority, was voluntarily deferred.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Dickerson offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Phelps, Schamerhorn, and Spell voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: