

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2025 Regular Session
May 19, 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 9:30 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 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 Phillip Eric Tarver
Representative Joy Walters
Representative Jeffrey Fons "Jeff" Wiley

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Jacob Braud

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Cheryl Domino, sergeant at arms

Martin Mapp, sergeant at arms
Ralph Palmer, sergeant at arms
Quinn Williams, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Concurrent Resolution No. 3 by Representative Muscarello

Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 3, which amends the Department of Transportation and Development administrative rules relative to outdoor advertising. Without objection, action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 3 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Dickerson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 30 by Senator McMath

Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on Senate Bill No. 30, which provides relative to recreational vehicles. Without objection, action on Senate Bill No. 30 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Dickerson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 190 by Senator Edmonds

Senator Edmonds presented Senate Bill No. 190, which designates portions of certain roadways in honor of fallen law enforcement officers.

Chief Jeff Leduff (RET), Mayor/President Edwards, 222 St. Louis St., Baton Rouge, LA 70800, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 190.

Representative Dickerson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 190 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 190 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley 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. 99 by Senator Cathey

Senator Cathey presented Senate Bill No. 99, which provides relative to traffic cameras for the issuance of citations.

Representative Fontenot offered a motion to invoke the Three-Minute Rule. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Representative Schamerhorn offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Specify that the crimes of malfeasance includes provisions governing automated speed enforcement devices.
- (3) Remove the prohibition against the use of red light cameras and revert back to present law.
- (4) Revert back to present law definition of "electronic enforcement devices", instead of removing red light traffic cameras from the definition.
- (5) Change the color of lettering painted on the roadway entrances of school zones from white to black.
- (6) Restore the present law provision requiring each local municipal or parish authority that installs automatic speed enforcement devices establish an administrative process for appeals, instead of removing red light cameras.
- (7) Add that mailed citations for speeding captured by automated speed enforcement devices in school zones must include a self-addressed stamped envelope, a QR code, or other internet link for vehicle owners to access the certification without a fee.

Representative Schamerhorn 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, Dickerson, Fontenot, Jackson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

William Leighton, DSCL/DPEC & Infragard, 140 Jessie Jones Dr., Benton, LA 71006, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 99.

Fabian Blanche, LA Association Chiefs of Police, 6767 Perkins Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 99.

Mike Knaps, LA Association Chiefs of Police, 6767 Perkins Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 99.

Bob Dallas, Vision Zero Network/Blue Line Solutions, 7000 Central Pkwy., Suite 1075, Atlanta, GA 30328, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 99.

Reggie G. Skaines, Mayor, Downsville, P.O. Box 98, Downsville, LA 71234, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 99.

Roosevelt Porter, Village of Epps, P.O. Box 253, Epps, LA 71237, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 99.

Julie Crawford Gryduen, Village of Eros, P.O. Box 200, Eros, LA 71238, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 99.

Tom Arceneaux, Mayor, City of Shreveport, 505 Travis St., Shreveport, LA 71101, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 99.

Tom Dark, CAO, City of Shreveport, 505 Travis St., Shreveport, LA 71101, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 99.

Malcolm Williams, Mayor, Oak Ridge, 104 W. Oak St., Oak Ridge, LA, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 99.

Graig LeBlanc, Opelousas Police Department, Opelousas, LA 70570, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 99.

Chief David Anderson, City of Carencro, 5025 N. University Ave., Carencro, LA 70520, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 99.

Jeff LeDuff, 222 St. Louis St. Baton Rouge, LA 70800, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 99.

Chief Landon Landry, Livonia Police Department, 3111 LA Hwy 78, Livonia LA 70755, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 99.

Representative Phelps offered an amendment to allow areas with a population range of 228,000 to 29,000 to continue the use of automated speed enforcement devices and mobile speed cameras in all areas and not just in school zones. Representative Phelps offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment, to which Representative Fontenot objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 4 yeas and 8 nays. Representatives Boyer, Moore, Phelps, and Walters voted yea. Representatives Bourriaque, Dickerson, Fontenot, Jackson, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, and Wiley voted nay.

Representative Jackson offered an amendment to allow areas with a population range of 15,000 to 16,000 to continue the use of automated speed enforcement devices and mobile speed cameras in

all areas and not just in school zones. Representative Jackson offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment, to which Representative Fontenot objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 6 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Boyer, Jackson, Moore, Phelps, Spell, and Walters voted yea. Representatives Bourriaque, Dickerson, Fontenot, Schamerhorn, Tarver, and Wiley voted nay.

Representative Schamerhorn offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 99 with amendments, to which Representative Phelps objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 99 was reported with amendments by a vote of 7 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Fontenot, Jackson, Schamerhorn, Spell, and Tarver voted yea. Representatives Dickerson, Moore, Phelps, Walters, and Wiley voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, and 19 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for Senate Bill No. 99.

Senate Bill No. 11 by Senator Luneau

Senator Luneau presented Senate Bill No. 11, which provide for penalties for certain traffic offenses.

Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 11 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 11 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Dickerson, Moore, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley 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.

Senate Bill No. 167 by Senator Foil

Senator Foil presented Senate Bill No. 167, which provides for work performed by certain public entities to restore or rehabilitate certain levees.

Norby Chabert, Claitor Chabert, 6855 Fay Dr., Houma, LA 70364, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 167.

Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 167 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 167 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Dickerson, Moore, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, and Wiley voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 176 by Senator Foil

Senator Foil presented Senate Bill No. 176, which provides relative to the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport.

Representative Bourriaque offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Provide for an effective date.
- (3) Clarify that "Metropolitan Council" means the governing authority of the city of Baton Rouge and the parish of East Baton Rouge.
- (4) Change the authority to appoint a new member to fill a vacancy from the legislative body to the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Council.
- (5) Authorize the regional authority to exclusively operate and control the airport upon FAA approval and requires the local government to convey or lease the airport property and transfer related assets to the regional authority, pursuant to agreements between the regional authority and the local government.
- (6) Provide that if the regional authority elects to adopt or establish its own retirement system, it must compensate the Baton Rouge city-parish retirement system for the loss of transferred employees no longer covered by the system.
- (7) Specify that if the regional authority elects to participate in the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System, employee membership will be governed by the system's statutes and plan provisions.
- (8) Authorize the local authority to grant or convey moveable or immovable property, or interest therein, to the regional authority for carrying out its authorized purposes pursuant to agreements between the regional authority and the local authority.
- (9) Clarify that member seats held by the state senator for Senate District 14 and the state representative for House District 64 on the commission cease to exist and terminate on December 31, 2027.

Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Dickerson, Moore, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, and Wiley voted yea.

Representative Dickerson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 176 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 176 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Dickerson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 238 by Senator Connick

Senator Connick presented Senate Bill No. 238, which provides relative to the Lafitte Area Independent Levee District.

Representative Jackson offered amendments to change the domicile of the board to Jean Laffite and requires that all board meetings be held at the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority- West offices.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Dickerson, Jackson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 238 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 238 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Dickerson, Jackson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

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

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 of the Bossier Parish local governing authority to evaluate, approve, and provide documentation on property taxes in order to obtain approval for payments in lieu of taxes programs for the port area.

Commissioner Julia Fisher Cormier, Office of Multimodal Commerce, DOTD, no address provided, spoke for information only for House Bill No. 480.

Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to withdraw the proposed amendments. Without

objection, the amendments were withdraw by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Dickerson, Jackson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, and Walters voted yea.

David Hackney, self, 9660 Railsback Rdg., Shreveport, LA 71106, spoke in support of 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.

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

Eric England, Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port, 6000 Doug Attaway Blvd., Shreveport, LA 71115, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 480, and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Mayor Tom Arceneaux, City of Shreveport, 505 Travis St., Shreveport, LA 71101, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 480.

Representative Tarver offered a motion to report House Bill No. 480 favorably, to which Representative Phelps objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 6 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Boyer, Dickerson, Fontenot, Schamerhorn, Spell, and Tarver voted yea. Representatives Chassion, Jackson, Moore, Phelps, Walters, and Wiley 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.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 42 by Representative Walters

Representative Walters presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 42, which urges and requests the office of motor vehicles to study the necessity of Louisiana state identification cards for citizens with Alzheimer's and related dementia diseases.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 42 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 42 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Boyer, Fontenot, Jackson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley 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 record.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 45 by Representative Bourriaque

Representative Bourriaque presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 45, which authorizes and directs the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, through its office of transformation, to evaluate district alignments, maintenance facilities, and laboratory operations, including the establishment of a district construction engineer role, while ensuring continued project delivery during the transition.

Representative Fontenot offered amendments to:

- (1) Specify that the creation of a district construction engineer position reporting directly to the Chief Construction and Materials Engineer would provide dedicated oversight of construction quality, project scheduling, contract compliance, and coordination with the central office, ensuring alignment with statewide priorities.
- (2) Authorize the Department of Transportation and Development to implement a statewide program managed by the Materials and Testing Section aimed at improving the quality and extending the life of asphalt as a key component of the department's Quality Assurance Program, supporting consistent project delivery, asset protection, and infrastructure resilience.
- (3) Make a technical change.

Representative Fontenot offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Dickerson, Fontenot, Jackson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 45 with amendments. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 45 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Dickerson, Fontenot, Jackson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley 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.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Bourriaque offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Dickerson, Fontenot, Jackson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: