

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2025 Regular Session
May 27, 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 10:37 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 Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn
Representative Annie Spell
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver
Representative Jeffrey Fons "Jeff" Wiley

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Kellee Hennessy Dickerson
Representative Bryan Fontenot, vice chair
Representative Steven Jackson
Representative Terry Landry, Jr.
Representative Tammy T. Phelps
Representative Joy Walters

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Cheryl Domino, sergeant at arms
Marcellus Veal, sergeant at arms
Quinn Williams, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 97 by Senator Pressly

Senator Pressly presented Senate Bill No. 97, which creates the Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority.

Dustin H. Davidson, DENR, 617 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 97.

Stephen Swiber, Office of the Governor, 900 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 97.

Representative Chassion offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 97 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 97 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Chassion, Moore, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, 1 in opposition, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for Senate Bill No. 97.

Senate Bill No. 216 by Senator Hodges

Senator Hodges presented Senate Bill No. 216, which authorizes the Department of Transportation and Development to use certain bidding processes.

Representative Chassion offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 216 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 216 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Chassion, Moore, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 166 by Senator Womack

On behalf of Senator Womack, Representative Bourriaque presented Senate Bill No. 166, which provides relative to contract requirements for public works.

Representative Tarver offered amendments to:

- (1) Remove the appropriate state agency as a required participant in the preconstruction meeting.
- (2) Require participation by the local governmental entity, the contractor, and the design professional of record, with notice to the appropriate state entity.

Representative Tarver 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, Chassion, Moore, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, and Wiley voted yea.

Representative Chassion offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 166 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 166 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Chassion, Moore, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 11 in support, and 3 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 Chassion offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Chassion, Moore, Schamerhorn, Spell, Tarver, and Wiley voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: