

House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
March 10, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Nicholas Muscarello, Jr., chair of the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Nicholas Muscarello, Jr., chair
Representative Josh Carlson
Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.
Representative Emily Chenevert
Representative Kathy Edmonston
Representative Brian Leonard Glorioso
Representative Michael T. Johnson
Representative Ed Larvadain, III, vice chair
Representative Michael Melerine
Representative Sylvia Elaine Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Mark Wright

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Allison Alonzo, attorney
Jennifer Nguyen, attorney
Andrea Jerezano, committee administrative assistant
Rashida Keith, division director

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Ross Richard, committee administrative assistant
Cherly Domino, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 292 by Representative Boyd

At the request of Representative Boyd, Representative Muscarello offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 292, which provides relative to the return of security deposits. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 292 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Edmonston, Larvadain, and Melerine voted yea.

House Bill No. 437 by Representative Melerine

Representative Melerine offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 437, which provides relative to expert witness fees. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 437 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Edmonston, Larvadain, and Melerine voted yea.

House Bill No. 112 by Representative Bayham

Representative Bayham presented House Bill No. 112, which specifies how miles are measured for the relocation of a child.

Claire Jacobs, 205 W. 8th Avenue, Covington, LA 70433, spoke in support of House Bill No. 112.

Representative Carlson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 112 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 112 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Edmonston, Larvadain, Melerine, and Taylor voted yea.

House Bill No. 190 by Representative Schlegel

Representative Schlegel presented House Bill No. 190, which provides for a standard of care in certain activities related to software and computer programs.

Tom Galligan, Louisiana State Law Institute, 1 East Campus Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 190.

Nick Kunkel, Louisiana State Law Institute, 1 East Campus Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 190.

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report House Bill No. 190 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 190 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Larvadain, Melerine, and Taylor voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 410 by Representative Schlegel

At the request of Representative Schlegel, Representative Muscarello offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 410, which requires consent of all parties to record in-person communication. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 410 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Larvadain, Melerine, and Taylor voted yea.

House Bill No. 427 by Representative Schlegel

Representative Schlegel presented House Bill No. 427, which provides relative to the duty of care for online platforms that contract with minors.

Representative Muscarello offered a motion to report House Bill No. 427 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 427 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Edmonston, Larvadain, Melerine, and Taylor voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 78 by Representative Wyble

Representative Wyble presented House Bill No. 78, which increases the jurisdictional limit for the City Court of Bogalusa.

Representative Larvadain offered a motion to report House Bill No. 78 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 78 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Wilford Carter, Chenevert, Edmonston, Glorioso, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Melerine, and Taylor voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Nicholas Muscarello, Jr.
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