

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
March 24, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Laurie Schlegel, chair of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Laurie Schlegel, chair
Representative Beryl A. Amedée, vice chair
Representative Reese "Skip" Broussard
Representative Josh Carlson
Representative Barbara W. Carpenter
Representative Kim Carver
Representative Kathy Edmonston
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg
Representative Terry Landry, Jr.
Representative Chasity Martinez
Representative Charles Anthony Owen
Representative Vincent "Vinney" J. St. Blanc, III
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver
Representative Sylvia Elaine Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Rashid Armand Young

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth L. Borne, legislative analyst
Lisa Lovello, legislative analyst
Alexandra Cravins, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Chance Simpson, committee clerk
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. BUSINESS**House Bill No. 350 by Representative Domangue**

Representative Domangue presented House Bill No. 350, which provides for students at École Pointe-au-Chien.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to report House Bill No. 350 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 350 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carver, Freiberg, Terry Landry, Martinez, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Taylor voted yeas.

House Bill No. 434 by Representative Wilder

Representative Wilder presented House Bill No. 434, which grants certain powers, duties, and responsibilities relative to a school bus operator's probationary term of employment to the superintendent instead of the school board.

Representative Carlson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 434 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 434 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Freiberg, Terry Landry, Martinez, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Taylor voted yeas.

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

House Bill No. 445 by Representative Freiberg

Representative Freiberg presented House Bill No. 445, which provides relative to the Louisiana Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Advisory Council.

Representative Taylor offered a motion to report House Bill No. 445 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 445 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Terry Landry, Martinez, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Taylor voted yeas.

Witness cards submitted by those 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. 386 by Representative Chenevert

Representative Chenevert presented House Bill No. 386, which provides relative to charter school funding.

Caroline Roemer, Louisiana Charters in Action, no address provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 386.

Sarah Kelley, Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, 4722 Miles Drive, New Orleans, LA 70122, spoke in support of House Bill No. 386.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 386 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 386 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carpenter, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Terry Landry, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Taylor voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by those who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 363 by Representative Jacob Landry

Representative Jacob Landry presented House Bill No. 363, which authorizes students enrolled in virtual schools to participate in public school activities.

Sadie Petry, 2900 Moss Street, Lafayette, LA, spoke in support of House Bill No. 363.

Vincent Petry, 2900 Moss Street, Lafayette, LA, spoke in support of House Bill No. 363.

Representative Amedée offered a motion to report House Bill No. 363 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 363 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carpenter, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Terry Landry, Martinez, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Taylor voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by those who did not speak are as follows: 8 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 256 by Representative Freeman

Representative Freeman presented House Bill No. 256, which provides that school employees are subject to existing requirements pertaining to mandatory reporters, including certain training provided by the Department of Children and Family Services.

Sarah Kelley, Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, 4722 Miles Drive, New Orleans, LA 70122, spoke in support of House Bill No. 256.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 256 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 256 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carpenter, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Terry Landry, Martinez, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Taylor voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 272 by Representative Carver

Representative Carver presented House Bill No. 272, which expands student eligibility for participation in the R.E.A.D. (Reading Enrichment and Academic Deliverables) program.

Larry Holland, Scholastic, 12 New Bethel Road, Tylertown, MS, spoke in support of House Bill No. 272.

Ken Bradford, Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 272.

Danny Bosch, The Center for Literacy and Learning, 618 Main Street, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke in support of House Bill No. 272.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to report House Bill No. 272 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 272 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carpenter, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Terry Landry, Martinez, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Taylor voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by those who did not speak are as follows: 10 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Tarver offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carpenter, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Terry Landry, Martinez, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Taylor voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Laurie Schlegel
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: