

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
April 1, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Laurie Schlegel, chair of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 9:06 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 Sylvia Elaine Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Phillip Eric Tarver

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth L. Borne, legislative analyst
Lisa Lovello, legislative analyst
Jennifer Watson, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Chance Simpson, committee clerk
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. BUSINESS

House Bill No. 987 by Representative McFarland

Representative McFarland presented House Bill No. 987, which realigns energy-related programs by moving the Louisiana Geological Survey under the Louisiana State University Energy Institute.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 987 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 987 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Broussard, Carlson, Carver, Freiberg, Terry Landry, St. Blanc, and Taylor voted yea.

House Bill No. 513 by Representative Young

On behalf of Representative Young, Representative Terry Landry presented House Bill No. 513, which provides relative to the name, image, and likeness of intercollegiate and interscholastic athletes, and provided the following handouts, which are included in the committee records:

- "Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL)", Exhibit A.
- "Statement on HB 513 Concerning Name, Image, and Likeness", Exhibit B.
- "NIL Right for Highschool and College Athletes", Exhibit C.

Liz Murrill, Louisiana attorney general, no address provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 513.

J.T. Curtis, 132 Wagner Drive, River Ridge, LA 70123, spoke in support of House Bill No. 513.

Jolee Liles, office of the attorney general, no address provided, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 513.

Keira Miracle-Tilford, no address provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 513.

Michael Blakes, 4218 Sarasota Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, 70814, spoke in support of House Bill No. 513.

Representative Taylor offered a motion to report House Bill No. 513 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 513 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carpenter, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Terry Landry, Martinez, Owen, St. Blanc, and Taylor voted yea.

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

House Concurrent Resolution No. 26 by Representative Chenevert

Representative Chenevert presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 26, which requests that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education incorporate the science of human growth and development into content standards and to provide curriculum and instructional materials on its website.

Representative Carpenter offered amendments to House Concurrent Resolution No. 26 that provided that the legislature request that no instruction on prenatal growth and in-utero development be provided to a student unless the student's parent or legal guardian had provided written consent. Representative Carpenter offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments, to which Representative Carlson objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 3 yeas and 8 nays. Representatives Carpenter, Martinez, and Taylor voted yea. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Edmonston, Freiberg, Owen, and St. Blanc voted nay.

John Voltz, MD, 1730 Bonin Road, Youngsville, LA, spoke in support of spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 26, and provided a handout, "3-D Ultrasound of Unborn Baby at 9 Weeks 5 Days", Exhibit D, which is included in the committee records.

Ben Clapper, Louisiana Right to Life, 200 Allen Toussant, New Orleans, LA 70124, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 26.

Grace Ostermiller, 37128 Cobblestone Avenue, Geismar, LA, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 26.

Michelle Erenberg, Lift Louisiana, 2831 St. Claude Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70117, spoke in opposition to House Concurrent Resolution No. 26.

Angela Adkins, 10,000 Women Louisiana, 14620 Richardson Drive, Greenwell Springs, LA 70739, spoke in opposition to House Concurrent Resolution No. 26.

Representative Amedée offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 26 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 26 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carpenter, Edmonston, Freiberg, Martinez, Owen, St. Blanc, and Taylor voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by those who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support, and 3 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 608 by Representative Chassion

Representative Chassion presented House Bill No. 608, which provides relative to the confidentiality of documents related to an intercollegiate athletics revenue sharing program.

Representative Schlegel offered amendments to House Bill No. 608 that added public record exceptions relative to certain revenue associated with an intercollegiate athletics revenue sharing program. Representative Schlegel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Carlson, Carpenter, Edmonston, Freiberg, Martinez, Owen, St. Blanc, and Taylor voted yea.

Julie Cromer, Louisiana State University, Louisiana State University Admin Building, no address provided, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 608.

Representative Carlson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 608 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 608 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carpenter, Edmonston, Freiberg, Martinez, Owen, St. Blanc, and Taylor voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 380 by Representative Travis Johnson

Representative Travis Johnson presented House Bill No. 380, which authorizes Sowela Technical Community College to establish a pilot program in partnership with a school system to increase awareness of and access to certain training programs.

Representative Schlegel offered amendments to House Bill No. 380 that applied proposed law authority to establish a pilot program with a public school system to any institution under the supervision and management of the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges instead of only applying to Sowela Technical Community College. Representative Schlegel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carpenter, Edmonston, Freiberg, Martinez, Owen, St. Blanc, and Taylor voted yea.

Renee Amar, Louisiana Music Teachers Association, 325 Florida, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, spoke in support of House Bill No. 380.

Richard Nelson, Louisiana Community and Technical College System, 265 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806.

Chandler LeBoeuf, Louisiana Community and Technical College System, 265 South Foster Drive, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 380.

Representative Amedée offered a motion to report House Bill No. 380 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 380 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carpenter, Edmonston, Freiberg, Martinez, and Taylor voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 392 by Representative Boyd

Representative Boyd presented House Bill No. 392, which provides relative to requirements for posting suicide hotline information on school websites and student ID cards.

Representative Schlegel offered amendments to House Bill No. 392 that:

1. Added a requirement that school websites include a link to Louisiana988.org.
2. Added a requirement that schools post signage about 988 and Louisiana988.org.
3. Added that proposed law shall be known and may be cited as the "Student Suicide Prevention Awareness Act".

Representative Schlegel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carpenter, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Martinez, Owen, St. Blanc, and Taylor voted yea.

Representative Carpenter offered a motion to report House Bill No. 392 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 392 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Carlson, Carpenter, Edmonston, Freiberg, Owen, St. Blanc, 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. 476 by Representative Dickerson

Representative Dickerson presented House Bill No. 476, which requires each public secondary school to display flyers about the Safe Haven Law in restrooms.

Representative Schlegel offered amendments to House Bill No. 476 that:

1. Added an exception that a school is not required to display the flyer in specific bathrooms if students in grade six and below frequent such bathrooms, but is authorized to determine other approaches to inform students in grades seven and above about the content of the flyer.
2. Made technical changes to the bill.

Representative Schlegel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carpenter, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Martinez, Owen, and Taylor voted yea.

Ben Clapper, Louisiana Right to Life, 200 Allen Toussant Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70124, spoke in support of House Bill No. 476.

Melissa Flournoy, 10,000 Women, 650 North Sixth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 476.

Sarah Kelley, Charter Schools Association, 4722 Miles Drive, New Orleans, LA 70122, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 476.

David Claxton, Louisiana Association of School Superintendents & Administrators, 2107 Bienville Drive, Monroe, LA 71201, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 476.

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report House Bill No. 476 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 476 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carpenter, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Martinez, Owen, St. Blanc, and Taylor voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by those who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support, and 3 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 682 by Representative Dickerson

Representative Dickerson presented House Bill No. 682, which authorizes the use of veterans as resource officers at schools.

Representative Schlegel offered amendments that added certain criteria required for a veteran to be qualified to serve as a school resource officer and included charter schools. Representative Schlegel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were

adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carpenter, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Owen, St. Blanc, and Taylor voted yeas.

Elena Branzaru, office of Baton Rouge Mayor Sid Edwards, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 682.

Pablo Cardone, 13506 Marsala Court, no city or state provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 682.

Connor Junkin, Louisiana Department Of Veterans Affairs, 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 682.

Rebecca Taylor Hill-Post, Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement, 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 682.

Sarah Kelley, Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, 4722 Miles Drive, no city or state provided, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 682.

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report House Bill No. 682 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 682 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carpenter, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Martinez, Owen, St. Blanc, 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. 905 by Representative Wright

Representative Wright presented House Bill No. 905, which changes the name of the Universities of Louisiana Maritime Academy.

Representative Amedée offered a motion to report House Bill No. 905 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 905 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carpenter, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Martinez, Owen, St. Blanc, and Taylor voted yeas.

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

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Carlson offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carpenter, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Martinez, Owen, St. Blanc, and Taylor voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Laurie Schlegel
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: