

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
April 29, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Laurie Schlegel, chair of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 9:04 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 Kim Carver
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 Barbara W. Carpenter
Representative Kathy Edmonston

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Chance Simpson, clerk
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. BUSINESS

Senate Bill No. 234 by Senator Pressly

Senator Pressly presented Senate Bill No. 234, which provides for medical school students' grading.

Representative Carver offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 234 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 234 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carver, Freiberg, Terry Landry, Martinez, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Taylor voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 142 by Senator Reese

Senator Reese presented Senate Bill No. 142, which requires postsecondary education management boards to continue to comply with the conditions on all Board of Regents Support Fund matches, and provided a handout, "Support Fund", Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Carrie Robison, Board of Regents, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 6-200, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 142.

Representative Schlegel offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 142 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 142 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carver, Freiberg, Terry Landry, Martinez, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Taylor voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 482 by Senator Reese

Senator Reese presented Senate Bill No. 482, which provides for career coaches to assist public middle and high school students and their parents in developing an individualized graduation plan for each student.

Ashley Townsend, Louisiana Department of Education, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 482.

Representative Taylor offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 482 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 482 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carver, Freiberg, 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.

Senate Bill No. 64 by Senator Hodges

Senator Hodges presented Senate Bill No. 64, which provides relative to video and audio recordings from cameras installed in self-contained classrooms.

Representative Amedée offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 64 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 64 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carver, Freiberg, Martinez, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Taylor voted yea.

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. 1063 by Representative Owen

Representative Owen presented House Bill No. 1063, which provides requirements for public postsecondary education management boards relative to core curricula, hiring and employment, faculty deliberative bodies, and nonacademic disciplinary proceedings and prohibits institutions from expending certain funds under certain circumstances.

Reagan Dugan, Parents Defending Education Action, 12587 Fair Lakes Circle, PMB 170, Fairfax, VA 22033, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1063.

Johnny Koch, Parents Defending Education Action, 633 Lakeland, no city or state provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1063.

Representative Owen offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 1063. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 1063 was voluntarily deferred 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 yea.

House Bill No. 818 by Representative Riser

Representative Riser presented House Bill No. 818, which provides relative to student assessments.

Representative Schlegel offered amendments to House Bill No. 818 that:

1. Required each public school governing authority to prepare an annual local assessment review report and provided for required criteria to be included in the report.

2. Required the Department of Education (LDOE) to publish on its website a consolidated inventory of assessments and screeners required by federal law, state law, and State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) rules.
3. Removed the addition of assessments required by federal law, state law, BESE rules, and public school governing authorities to present law time limitation of assessments accounting for a maximum of two percent of the minimum number of instructional minutes required per school year.
4. Removed the requirement that each public school governing authority increase the frequency of review of benchmarks and interim assessments from "on a regular basis" to "annually".
5. Removed the requirement that any testing requirement that is not mandated by federal law or present law be administered only at the professional discretion of the teacher.
6. Removed the requirement that LDOE review and consolidate assessment mandates and publish annually a consolidated inventory of assessments required by federal law, present law, and BESE rules.
7. Made technical changes.

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, Broussard, Carlson, Terry Landry, Martinez, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Taylor voted yea.

Cynthia Posey, Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 9623 Brookline, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke in support of House Bill No. 818.

Representative Martinez offered a motion to report House Bill No. 818 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 818 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carver, Terry Landry, Martinez, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Taylor voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 28 by Senator McMath

On behalf of Senator McMath, Representative Carver presented Senate Bill No. 28, which provides relative to associate teachers.

Arthur Joffrion, Louisiana Department of Education, no address provided, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 28.

Ashley Townsend, Louisiana Department of Education, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 28.

Representative Broussard offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 28 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 28 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carver, 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.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Carlson offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carver, Terry Landry, Martinez, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Taylor voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Laurie Schlegel
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: