

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
May 6, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Laurie Schlegel, chair of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 9:12 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 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
Representative Chasity Martinez

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. 105 by Senator Cathey

Senator Cathey presented Senate Bill No. 105, which provides relative to TOPS eligibility.

Representative Carver offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 105 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 105 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carver, Freiberg, Terry Landry, 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.

Senate Bill No. 374 by Senator Cathey

Senator Cathey presented Senate Bill No. 374, which provides for uniform procedure for the creation of college economic development districts for any college or university in any municipality or parish.

Representative Tarver offered amendments to Senate Bill No. 374 that added a member, who is a legislator jointly appointed by the Senate president and the House speaker, to the board of commissioners that administers and governs a college economic development district. Representative Tarver 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, Carver, Freiberg, Terry Landry, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Taylor voted yea.

Representative Tarver offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 374 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 374 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Carlson, Carver, Freiberg, Terry Landry, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Taylor voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 304 by Senator Edmonds

Senator Edmonds presented Senate Bill No. 304, which provides for accreditation for public colleges and universities.

Dr. Kim Hunter Reed, no address provided, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 304.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 304 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 304 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Freiberg, Owen, Tarver, and Taylor voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 522 by Senator Edmonds

Senator Edmonds presented Senate Bill No. 522, which provides for approval for charter schools that specialize in vocational and technical education to meet workforce demands for high demand and high wage jobs.

Caroline Roemer, Louisiana Charter Schools in Action, 601 Metairie Road, Metairie, LA 70005, spoke in support of House Bill No. 522.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 522 favorably, to which Representative Taylor objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 522 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 1 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Freiberg, Terry Landry, Owen, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea. Representative Taylor voted nay.

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

Senate Bill No. 290 by Senator Abraham

Senator Abraham presented Senate Bill No. 290, which provides for concurrence of a public school system prior to changing certain information assigned to a student in the data collection system.

Representative Amedée offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 290 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 290 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Freiberg, Terry Landry, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, 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 Concurrent Resolution No. 81 by Representative Freiberg

Representative Freiberg presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 81, which requests that the state Department of Education conduct a study of options for public school systems facing declining enrollment.

Caroline Roemer, Louisiana Charter Schools in Action, 601 Metairie Road, Metairie, LA 70005, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 81.

Representative Carlson offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 81 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 81 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carver, Freiberg, Terry Landry, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Taylor voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Introductory remarks from Dr. Wade Rousse, president of the Louisiana State University System, and Dr. Jim Dalton, chancellor of Louisiana State University and executive vice president of the Louisiana State University System.

President Wade Rousse, Louisiana State University System, 3810 West Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, provided introductory remarks.

Chancellor Jim Dalton Louisiana State University, Thomas Boyd Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, provided introductory remarks.

Emmett Brown, Louisiana State University, 8201 Brennen Drive, Central, LA 70818, provided introductory remarks.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Carlson offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carver, Freiberg, Terry Landry, 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: