

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
May 12, 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 Kim Carver
Representative Kathy Edmonston
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg
Representative Terry Landry, Jr.
Representative Chasity Martinez
Representative Vincent "Vinney" J. St. Blanc, III
Representative Sylvia Elaine Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Barbara W. Carpenter
Representative Charles Anthony Owen
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver

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. 518 by Senator Foil

Senator Foil presented Senate Bill No. 518, which allows Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College to buy and sell certain real estate.

Patrick Martin, Louisiana State University, 201 Facilities Services Building, LSU, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 518.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 518 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 518 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carver, Terry Landry, Martinez, St. Blanc, and Taylor voted yea.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 33 by Senator Myers

Senator Myers presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 33, which creates the Work-Based Learning Coordination Task Force.

Sheree Blanchard, Leaders for a Better Louisiana, 450 Laurel Street, Suite 1900, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, spoke in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 33.

Representative Taylor offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 33 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 33 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carver, Terry Landry, Martinez, St. Blanc, and Taylor voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by those who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Resolution No. 168 by Representative Young

Representative Young presented House Resolution No. 168, which requests the Board of Regents to conduct a comprehensive study and analysis of collegiate athletic program funding.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 168 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 168 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carver, Terry Landry, Martinez, St. Blanc, and Taylor voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 488 by Senator Edmonds

Senator Edmonds presented Senate Bill No. 488, which creates the School Safety Drone Response Pilot Program to supplement school crisis management and response plans.

Representative Schlegel offered amendments to Senate Bill No. 488 that:

1. Added a requirement that the vendor coordinate with the Department of Education, state police, and the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association on drone operational training procedures.
2. Made technical changes.

Representative Schlegel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carver, Terry Landry, Martinez, St. Blanc, and Taylor voted yea.

Michelle Ghetti, Campus Guardian Angel, 200 Carolyn Drive, Lafayette, LA 70508, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 488.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 488 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 488 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carver, Terry Landry, Martinez, St. Blanc, and Taylor voted yea.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 97 by Representative Sawyer

Representative Sawyer presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 97, which requests that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, in consultation with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, study the feasibility of incorporating age- and grade-appropriate hunting education, conservation education, and shooting sports courses into curricula for public school students in grades five through twelve.

Representative Amedée offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 97 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 97 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carver, Terry Landry, Martinez, St. Blanc, 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.

Senate Bill No. 112 by Senator Hodges

Senator Hodges presented Senate Bill No. 112, which provides that public school boards may adopt a policy to authorize released time for K-12 public school students, subject to parental approval.

Representative Amedée offered amendments to Senate Bill No. 112 that:

1. Relative to the requirement that any person in direct contact with a student in a release time course undergo a background check, added an exception for other students in such a course.
2. Required each school board that awards academic credit for a released time course to require each instructor to meet certain criteria.
3. Made technical changes.

Representative Amedée offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carver, Terry Landry, Martinez, St. Blanc, and Taylor voted yea.

Ian Lake, Life Wise Academy, 14151 Hartland Drive, Gulfport, MS 39503, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 112.

Derrick Shepherd, 501 Manhattan Boulevard, Harvey, LA 70058, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 112.

Representative Amedée offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 112 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 112 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Terry Landry, Martinez, St. Blanc, and Taylor voted yea.

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

Prepared statements were received via email for Senate Bill No. 112.

Senate Bill No. 504 by Senator Carter

Senator Carter presented Senate Bill No. 504, which provides relative to individual graduation plans.

Representative St. Blanc offered amendments to Senate Bill No. 504 that:

1. Required that each student, with the assistance of his parent or legal guardian and school counselor, be offered available vocational training opportunities instead of requiring that a student's Individual Graduation Plan or IEP, or any revision thereto, include available vocational training opportunities in the student's school district.
2. Added that charter schools that terminate in the eighth grade shall provide certain information about Individual Graduation Plans and high school diplomas to students and provide for such students to complete plans upon high school enrollment, not later than October first of a student's ninth grade year.
3. Authorized charter schools that terminate in the eighth grade to partner with high schools that eighth grade students plan to attend for assistance in providing for the student's Individual Graduation Plan or IEP, if applicable.

Representative St. Blanc 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, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Terry Landry, Martinez, St. Blanc, and Taylor voted yea.

Sarah Kelley, Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, 4722 Miles Drive, New Orleans, LA 70122, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 504.

Representative Carver offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 504 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 504 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Terry Landry, Martinez, St. Blanc, 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.

Senate Bill No. 346 by Senator Barrow

On behalf of Senator Barrow, Representative Terry Landry presented Senate Bill No. 346, which prohibits the use of deepfake material against students enrolled in K-12.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 346 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 346 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Terry Landry, Martinez, and Taylor voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 347 by Senator Barrow

On behalf of Senator Barrow, Senator Selders presented Senate Bill No. 347, which provides for the crime of "unlawful deepfake" to be added to the definition of power-based violence under the Campus Accountability and Safety Act.

Representative Terry Landry offered amendments to Senate Bill No. 347 that reinstated the present law term "power-based violence" instead of changing the term to "power-based conduct". Representative Terry Landry 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, Edmonston, Freiberg, Terry Landry, Martinez, and Taylor voted yea.

Brianna Golden, Board of Regents, no address provided, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 347.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 347 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 347 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Terry Landry, Martinez, 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. 353 by Senator Selders

On behalf of Senator Selders, Representative Terry Landry presented Senate Bill No. 353, which authorizes each postsecondary system management board to digitize student IDs for use in LA Wallet.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 353 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 353 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Broussard, Carlson, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Terry Landry, Martinez, and Taylor voted yea.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Martinez 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, Edmonston, Freiberg, Terry Landry, Martinez, and Taylor voted yea.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Laurie Schlegel
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: