

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
March 31, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV, chair of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. in Room 2, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV, chair
Representative Beth Anne Billings
Representative Delisha Boyd
Representative Les Farnum
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry
Representative Ed Larvadain, III
Representative Rodney Lyons, vice chair
Representative C. Denise Marcelle
Representative Dixon Wallace McMakin
Representative Candace N. Newell
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn
Representative Polly Thomas
Representative Joy Walters
Representative John E. Wyble

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.
Representative Michael T. Johnson
Representative Mark Wright

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Annie Smith, attorney
Joseph Chuter, attorney
Sarah Baker, committee administrative assistant
Jairelle Ross, committee assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms

III. BUSINESS

House Bill No. 205 by Representative Bacala

Representative Bacala presented House Bill No. 205, which provides for compensation for election commissioners.

Representative Beaulieu offered amendments to:

- (1) Remove proposed increase to the pay schedule for certain commissioners.
- (2) Authorize the parish governing authority to pay an additional \$100 to commissioners-in-charge, commissioners who serve more than one precinct, and commissioners who receive instruction prior to election day.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, McMakin, Thomas, Walters, and Wyble voted yeas.

Bridget Hanna, Ascension Clerk of Court, 607 East Worthey Street, Gonzales, LA 70737, spoke in support of House Bill No. 205.

Lynn Jones, Calcasieu Clerk of Court, 1000 Ryan Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601, spoke in support of House Bill No. 205.

Patricia Farris, 34 Pinecrest Drive, Covington, LA, spoke in support of House Bill No. 205.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Bill No. 205 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 205 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Marcelle, Thomas, Walters, and Wyble voted yeas.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 20 in support, and 3 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 67 by Representative Bacala

Representative Bacala presented House Bill No. 67, which provides for protected information of certain individuals.

Steven Procopio, Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana (PAR), 450 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 67.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Bill No. 67 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 67 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, McMakin, Thomas, Walters, and Wyble voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 17 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 73 by Representative Bacala

Representative Bacala presented House Bill No. 73, which provides for the method of voting in public meetings.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 73 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 73 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, McMakin, Thomas, Walters, and Wyble voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 550 by Representative Billings

Representative Billings presented House Bill No. 550, which increases compensation for parish board commissioners.

Representative Billings offered technical amendments to House Bill No. 550. Representative Billings offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, McMakin, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, and Wyble voted yea.

Steve Raborn, Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association, P.O. Box 91006, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, spoke in support of House Bill No. 550.

Representative Billings offered a motion to report House Bill No. 550 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 550 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, McMakin, Thomas, Walters, and Wyble voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 65 by Representative Crews

Representative Crews presented House Bill No. 65, which provides relative to mandatory training on the prevention of sexual harassment.

Vice Chair Lyons in the chair.

Morgan Lamandre, Sexual Training Awareness & Response, 5311 Dijon Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 65.

Chair Beaulieu in the chair.

No action on House Bill No. 65 was taken.

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

House Bill No. 225 by Representative Bayham

Representative Bayham presented House Bill No. 225, a constitutional amendment which provides for gubernatorial term limits.

Bruce Reilly, Voters Organized to Educate (VOTE), 4950 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70125, spoke in support of House Bill No. 225.

Representative Schamerhorn offered a motion to report House Bill No. 225 favorably, to which Representative Boyd objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 225 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 2 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, McMakin, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, and Wyble voted yea. Representatives Boyd and Newell voted nay.

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

House Bill No. 339 by Representative Chassion

Representative Chassion presented House Bill No. 339, which provides relative to access to personal information of protected individuals.

Representative Lyons offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Add a current or retired administrative law judge to the list of protected individuals.

Representative Lyons offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadin, Lyons, McMakin, Newell, Thomas, Walters, and Wyble voted yeas.

Steven Procopio, Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana (PAR), 450 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 339.

J. McHugh David, Jr., Louisiana Press Association, 502 Lakeland, no city or state provided, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 339.

Representative Walters offered a motion to report House Bill No. 339 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 339 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadin, Lyons, McMakin, Newell, Thomas, and Walters voted yeas.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Thomas offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadin, Lyons, McMakin, Newell, Thomas, and Walters voted yeas.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV
House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Date adopted: