

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
April 8, 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 9:05 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 Michael T. Johnson
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 Mark Wright
Representative John E. Wyble

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Bryce McGlothin, clerk
Cheryl Domino, sergeant at arms

III. BUSINESS**House Bill No. 1071 by Representative McFarland**

Representative McFarland presented House Bill No. 1071, which provides for an exception to the Public Records Law for records of aerospace facilities or activities.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1071 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1071 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, McMakin, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, and Wyble voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, 2 in opposition, and 4 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 1071.

House Bill No. 181 by Representative Bacala

Representative Bacala presented House Bill No. 181, which provides for Medicaid fraud detection and prevention.

Representative Beaulieu offered amendments to add authorization for the Department of Revenue to disclose, and for the legislative auditor to use, individual-level state income tax return data for purposes of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) program eligibility determinations and the detection and prevention of SNAP program fraud.

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, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, McMakin, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, and Wyble voted yea.

Michael Waguespack, Louisiana legislative auditor, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 181.

Courtney Foster, Invest in Louisiana, 509 St. Louis Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 181.

Gregory Neff, 15781 Bryan Lane, Maurepas, LA 70449, spoke in support of House Bill No. 181.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report House Bill No. 181 with amendments, to which Representative Marcelle objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 181 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, McMakin, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea. Representatives Boyd, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, Newell, and Walters voted nay.

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

House Bill No. 250 by Representative Turner

Representative Turner presented House Bill No. 250, which provides with respect to disclosure of certain information by members of boards or commissions.

At the March 18, 2026, meeting of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, the committee adopted amendments to House Bill No. 250 to provide that proposed law applies to an immediate family member of an appointed member of a board or commission.

David Bordelon, Louisiana Board of Ethics, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 250.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report House Bill No. 250 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 250 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support, and 2 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 544 by Representative Owen

Representative Owen presented House Bill No. 544, which authorizes a citizens advisory referendum election.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 544. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 544 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, McMakin, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 1036 by Representative Beaulieu

Vice Chair Lyons in the chair.

Representative Beaulieu presented House Bill No. 1036, which provides relative to the primary purpose of a committee.

David Bordelon, Louisiana Board of Ethics, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 1036.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1036 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1036 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, McMakin, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

House Bill No. 210 by Representative Melerine

Representative Melerine presented House Bill No. 210, which provides for retroactivity of certain provisions of Act No. 492 of the 2024 Regular Session.

Representative Lyons offered amendments to waive the disclosure requirements of members of a school board or parish municipal governing authority in order to comply retroactively to the present law exception. Representative Lyons offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Gadberry, Lyons, McMakin, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, and Wright voted yea.

David Bordelon, Louisiana Board of Ethics, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 210.

Chris Alexander, Louisiana Citizen Advocacy Group, P.O. Box 64952, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 210.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 210 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 210 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Gadberry, Lyons, McMakin, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, and Wright voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 486 by Representative Spell

Chair Beaulieu in the chair.

Representative Spell presented House Bill No. 486, which provides relative to the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT).

Representative Beaulieu offered amendments to change the effective date from January 1, 2027, to January 1, 2028. Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Gadberry, McMakin, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, and Wright voted yea.

Representative McMakin offered a motion to report House Bill No. 486 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 486 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Gadberry, Lyons, McMakin, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, and Wright voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 996 by Representative Dewitt

Representative Dewitt presented House Bill No. 996, which provides for the use of campaign funds for clothing required for holding office.

Representative Beaulieu offered amendments to:

- (1) Narrow the proposed law authorization to apply to only state legislators.
- (2) Provide a \$2,500 per year limit on expenditures for clothing and related expenses that are not presumed to be for personal use.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments, to which Representative Schamerhorn objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 2 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, McMakin, Newell, Walters, and Wright voted yea. Representatives Farnum and Schamerhorn voted nay.

David Bordelon, Louisiana Board of Ethics, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 996.

Representative Lyons offered a motion to report House Bill No. 996 with amendments, to which Representative Schamerhorn objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 996 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 2 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, McMakin, Newell, Walters, and Wright voted yea. Representatives Farnum and Schamerhorn voted nay.

House Bill No. 1113 by Representative Hilferty

Representative Hilferty presented House Bill No. 1113, which requires the legislature to make available on its website copies of legislative instruments and unofficial engrossed versions of instruments for proposed amendments.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1113 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1113 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, Newell, Schamerhorn, and Wright 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. 529 by Representative Bayham

Representative Bayham presented House Bill No. 529, which removes the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education from the definition of party primary office.

Representative Billings offered a motion to report House Bill No. 529 favorably, to which Representative Schamerhorn objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 3 yeas and 9 nays. Representatives Billings, Farnum, and Gadberry voted yea. Representatives Beaulieu, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, McMakin, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 88 by Representative Bayham

Representative Bayham presented House Bill No. 88, a constitutional amendment which requires the notice for a local or special bill to contain the name of the person responsible for causing the

notice to be published and the name of a member intending to introduce the bill in certain circumstances.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Bill No. 88 favorably, to which Representative Schamerhorn objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 5 yeas and 8 nays. Representatives Billings, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, and McMakin voted yea. Representatives Beaulieu, Boyd, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted nay.

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

House Bill No. 639 by Representative Bayham

Representative Bayham presented House Bill No. 639, which requires disclosure of the use of artificial intelligence in campaign materials and telephone communications.

Representative Beaulieu offered amendments to:

- (1) Remove proposed law provisions regarding the disclosure of the use of artificial intelligence in political materials.
- (2) Require the Board of Ethics to administer and enforce present law and proposed law provisions regarding required disclosures in telephone campaign communications.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, McMakin, Schamerhorn, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report House Bill No. 639 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 639 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, McMakin, Schamerhorn, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. 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 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, McMakin, Schamerhorn, and Thomas voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV
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Date adopted: