

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
April 14, 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 9:11 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 Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.
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:

None

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Speaker Phillip DeVillier

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Hannah Tassin, clerk
Cheryl Domino, sergeant at arms

III. BUSINESS

The committee stood at ease at 9:40 a.m. The committee reconvened at 9:50 a.m.

House Bill No. 55 by Representative Villio

Representative Villio presented House Bill No. 55, which provides relative to disclosure of juror information.

Representative Beaulieu offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Provide that proposed law shall not apply if a list of jurors is submitted to a local government for payment of juror fees.
- (3) Provide that the penalty provisions of proposed law do not apply to a public body.

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, Wilford Carter, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadin, Lyons, Schamerhorn, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report House Bill No. 55 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 55 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Wilford Carter, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadin, Lyons, Newell, Schamerhorn, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 608 by Representative Chassion

Representative Chassion presented House Bill No. 608, which provides relative to the confidentiality of documents related to an intercollegiate athletics revenue sharing program.

Julie Cromer, Louisiana State University Athletics, Athletics Administration Building, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 608.

Scott Sternberg, Louisiana Press Association, Sternberg, Naccari, White, no city or state provided, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 608.

Steven Procopio, Public Affairs Research Council (PAR), 450 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 608.

Representative Lyons offered a motion to report House Bill No. 608 favorably, to which Representative Wilford Carter objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 608 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Boyd, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, Newell, Wright, and Wyble voted yea. Representatives Wilford Carter, Farnum, and Schamerhorn voted nay.

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

House Bill No. 1045 by Representative LaCombe

Representative LaCombe presented House Bill No. 1045, which provides for the audit threshold for local auditees.

Representative Beaulieu offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Provide that any local auditee in a parish having a population in excess of 20,200 and less than 21,000 persons as of the latest federal decennial census that receives \$600,000 or more in revenues and other sources in any one fiscal year shall be audited annually.

Representative Beaulieu 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, Boyd, Wilford Carter, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, and Wyble voted yea.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1045 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 1045 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Boyd, Wilford Carter, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 1035 by Representative Bayham

Representative Bayham presented House Bill No. 1035, which provides relative to the prohibited solicitation of contributions.

Vice Chair Lyons in the chair.

Representative Schamerhorn offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1035 favorably, to which Representative Thomas objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 1035 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Newell, Schamerhorn, Walters, and Wyble voted yea. Representatives Boyd, Farnum, McMakin, Thomas, and Wright voted nay.

House Bill No. 1049 by Representative Owen

Representative Owen presented House Bill No. 1049, which provides relative to public meetings.

Nancy Tower, 191 Conner Road, Longville, LA 70652, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1049.

Debbie Henton, Police Jury Association of Louisiana, 707 North Seventh Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1049.

Representative Farnum offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1049 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1049 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Wilford Carter, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

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.

House Bill No. 1177 by Representative Zeringue

Chair Beaulieu in the chair.

Representative Zeringue presented House Bill No. 1177, which establishes a public records exemption for personal information related to hunting and fishing licenses.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1177 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1177 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Wilford Carter, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, McMakin, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, and Wright voted yea.

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.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 1177.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Beaulieu announced that House Bill No. 997 by Representative Edmonston, which provides for publishing information and notices on a political subdivision's website, had been deferred.

Chair Beaulieu announced that House Bill No. 1048 by Representative Murray, which provides relative to the early voting period, had been deferred.

Chair Beaulieu announced that House Bill No. 1201 by Representative Illg, which provides with respect to the compensation of statewide elected officials and legislators, had been deferred.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Newell offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Wilford Carter, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, McMakin, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, and Wright voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: