

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
April 28, 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 9:09 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:

Hannah Tassin, clerk
Cheryl Domino, sergeant at arms

III. BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 1 by Senator Jenkins**

Senator Jenkins presented Senate Bill No. 1, which provides for electronic voting requirements under the Open Meetings Law.

Representative Larvadain offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 1 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 1 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Marcelle, McMakin, Newell, Thomas, Walters, and Wyble voted yea.

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

Prepared statements were received via email for Senate Bill No. 1.

House Bill No. 1052 by Representative Spell

Representative Spell presented House Bill No. 1052, which provides relative to confidentiality policies and procedures pertaining to work product created, received, or maintained by child advocacy centers and multidisciplinary investigative teams.

Leisa Lanson, Louisiana Alliance of Children's Advocacy Centers (LACAC), Children's Advocacy Network, 715 Ansley Boulevard, Alexandria, LA 71303, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1052.

Kimberly Young, LACAC, 210 Coolidge Drive, Lafayette, LA 70501, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1052.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1052 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1052 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Marcelle, McMakin, Newell, Thomas, Walters, and Wyble voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 289 by Senator Abraham

Senator Abraham presented Senate Bill No. 289, which provides for confidentiality of certain information in public records requests for universities.

Representative Beaulieu offered amendments to:

- (1) Remove authorization to keep confidential the records of applicants other than president, chancellor, senior vice chancellor, or athletic coach.
- (2) Provide for an applicant to authorize the disclosure of his records and information.
- (3) Provide for the disclosure of records and information of the remaining two finalists for a position.
- (4) Provide that the name of a donor remains confidential only upon request by the donor.
- (5) Revise provisions for the confidentiality of certain records related to academic research and grant applications and for disclosure of such records upon the occurrence of specified events.
- (6) Provide for the confidentiality of the records of negotiations for industry partnerships with an institution upon a determination by the custodian of records that disclosure of the information would have a detrimental effect on the negotiations.

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, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Marcelle, McMakin, Thomas, Walters, and Wyble voted yea.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 289 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 289 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Marcelle, McMakin, Thomas, Walters, and Wyble voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 218 by Senator Talbot

Senator Talbot presented Senate Bill No. 218, which provides for certification programs for election officials.

Nancy Landry, office of the secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 218.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 218 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 218 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Marcelle, McMakin, Thomas, Walters, and Wyble voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 for information only, and 1 as the designee of an elected official. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 220 by Senator Talbot

Senator Talbot presented Senate Bill No. 220, which provides for the Official Journal of the State.

Nancy Landry, office of the secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 220.

Representative Wyble offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 220 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 220 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Marcelle, McMakin, Thomas, Walters, and Wyble voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 161 by Senator Seabaugh

On behalf of Senator Seabaugh, Representative McMakin presented Senate Bill No. 161, which removes certain employment eligibility requirements for certain unclassified state employees relative to the registration of motor vehicles.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 161 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 161 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: 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 1193 by Representative Sawyer

Representative Sawyer presented House Bill No. 1193, which provides for Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity construction phase contracts.

Representative Beaulieu offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Provide that the proposals and statements of qualification received by the authority and the evaluation committee's records, including the evaluations committee's findings, grading, score sheet, and recommendation, shall not be available for public inspection until a certain time.
- (3) Provide that proposed law shall not apply to design-build contracting.

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, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, McMakin, Thomas, and Wyble voted yeas.

Michael Hare, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA), 150 Terrace Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 1193.

Rudy Simoneaux, CPRA, no address provided, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 1193.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1193 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 1193 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, McMakin, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yeas.

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. 249 by Representative Green

Representative Green presented House Bill No. 249, a constitutional amendment which creates a compensation commission to provide for the salary and other compensation of elected officials and provides for an automatic adjustment at the beginning of each new term of office based upon increase in the consumer price index.

Representative Larvadain offered a motion to report House Bill No. 249 favorably, to which Representative Schamerhorn objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion

failed to pass by a vote of 6 yeas and 9 nays. Representatives Boyd, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, Newell, and Walters voted yea. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, McMakin, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted nay.

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

House Bill No. 248 by Representative Green

Representative Green presented House Bill No. 248, which provides for the establishment and powers, functions, and duties of the Compensation Commission.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 248. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 248 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, McMakin, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 997 by Representative Edmonston

Representative Edmonston presented House Bill No. 997, which provides for publishing information and notices on a political subdivision's website.

Representative Lyons offered amendments to remove the proposed law provision and revert to present law. Representative Lyons offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Billings, Boyd, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, McMakin, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

Debbie Henton, Police Jury Association of Louisiana, 707 North Seventh Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 997.

Vice Chair Lyons in the chair.

Guy Cormier, Police Jury Association of Louisiana, 707 North Seventh Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 997.

Chair Beaulieu in the chair.

Hanna Gettys, Louisiana Municipal Association, 6767 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in support of House Bill No. 997.

Aaron Melvin, Lafourche Parish Council, 307 Killarney Place, Thibodaux, LA 70301, spoke in support of House Bill No. 997.

Jean-Paul Robert, no street address provided, Ascension Parish, spoke in support of House Bill No. 997.

Scott Sternberg, Louisiana Press Association, 935 Gravier Street, Suite 1800, New Orleans, LA 70112, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 997.

McHugh David, Livingston Parish News, 802 West Range Avenue, Denham Springs, LA 70726, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 997.

Sam Hanna, Hanna Media Inc., 4423 Cypress Street, West Monroe, LA 71291, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 997.

Vice Chair Lyons in the chair.

Representative Schamerhorn offered a motion to report House Bill No. 997 with amendments, to which Representative Gadberry objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 3 yeas and 8 nays. Representatives Billings, Schamerhorn, and Wyble voted yea. Representatives Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, McMakin, Thomas, Walters, and Wright voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 13 in support, and 3 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 997.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Beaulieu announced that Senate Bill No. 435, which establishes the Commission on Fatherhood Engagement, had been deferred.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Billings offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Billings, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, McMakin, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV
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Date adopted: