

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
April 29, 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 9:17 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 Foy Bryan Gadberry
Representative Michael T. Johnson
Representative Ed Larvadain, III
Representative Rodney Lyons, vice chair
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 Les Farnum
Representative C. Denise Marcelle

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Chance Simpson, clerk
Cheryl Domino, sergeant at arms

III. BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 123 by Senator Morris**

Senator Morris presented Senate Bill No. 123, a constitutional amendment to require the governor to certify a legislative address removing certain judges for cause.

Representative Beaulieu offered technical amendments to Senate Bill No. 123. Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Wilford Carter, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, McMakin, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

Anna Carter, no street address provided, Tacoma, WA, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 123.

Vice Chair Lyons in the chair.

Chair Beaulieu in the chair.

James Carter, representing Jacob Carter, 102 North Madison, Madisonville, TX 77864, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 123.

Tracy Carter, representing Jacob Carter, 102 North Madison, Madisonville, no state or zip code provided, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 123.

Reverend Rodney Wood, no address provided, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 123.

Sarah Whittington, American Civil Liberties Union, P.O. Box 56157, New Orleans, LA 70156, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 123.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 123 with amendments, to which Representative Wilford Carter objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 123 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea. Representatives Boyd, Wilford Carter, Larvadain, Lyons, and Walters 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.

Senate Bill No. 107 by Senator Morris

Senator Morris presented Senate Bill No. 107, which provides that the election scheduled for April 17, 2027, shall be a statewide election.

Sherri Hadskey, no witness card provided, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 107.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 107 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 107 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, and Wright voted yea.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11 by Senator Fesi

Senator Fesi presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11, which creates the Anchor Home Task Force to study the feasibility of offering tax credits to incentivize the hiring of resident Louisiana college graduates to live and work in Louisiana the first five years after graduation.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, and Wright voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 224 by Senator Fesi

Senator Fesi presented Senate Bill No. 224, which removes requirement for publication of local notice by school boards under certain circumstances.

Kevin Hayes, Louisiana Press Association, 10751 Bird Song Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 224.

McHugh David, Louisiana Press Association, 502 Lakeland Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 224.

Sam Hanna, Hanna Newspapers, 4423 Cypress Street, West Monroe, LA 71291, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 224.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on Senate Bill No. 224. Without objection, action on Senate Bill No. 224 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and

0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, 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.

Senate Bill No. 292 by Senator Stine

Senator Stine presented Senate Bill No. 292, which provides for the office and duties of the office of the state inspector general.

Representative Wright offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 292 favorably. No vote was taken.

Representative Beaulieu offered amendments to remove present law provision that provides that no person shall be appointed inspector general who has held any elective office or political party office within two years immediately preceding his appointment. 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, Larvadain, Lyons, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

Angele Davis, office of the state inspector general, no address provided, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 292.

Steven Procopio, Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana (PAR), 450 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 292.

Representative Wright offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 292 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 292 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 41 by Senator Allain

On behalf of Senator Allain, Representative Beaulieu presented Senate Bill No. 41, which expands the number of days required for public bodies to publish minutes for open meetings from twenty days to forty-five days.

Representative Beaulieu offered amendments to change the time period from 45 days to 31 days. Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Representative

Billings objected to the proposed amendments. Representative Billings withdrew her objection. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

Representative Wyble offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 41 with amendments, to which Representative Schamerhorn objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 41 was reported with amendments by a vote of 6 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Gadberry, Lyons, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea. Representatives Billings, Larvadain, Newell, and Schamerhorn voted nay.

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

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Beaulieu announced Senate Bill 425 by Senator Morris, which provides for removal by suit of certain elected officials, had been deferred.

Chair Beaulieu announced that Senate Bill No. 479 by Senator Morris, which provides for legislative address to the governor for the removal of certain judges for malfeasance, gross misconduct, or incompetence committed while in office, had been deferred.

Chair Beaulieu announced that Senate Bill No. 49 by Senator Seabaugh, which removes the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education from the list of party primary elections, had been deferred.

Chair Beaulieu announced that House Bill No. 1011 by Representative Freiberg, which permits jurors to donate their per diem compensation to the formal program of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), had been deferred.

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, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV
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Date adopted: