

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
May 6, 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

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**Senate Bill No. 49 by Senator Seabaugh**

Senator Seabaugh presented Senate Bill No. 49, which removes the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education from the list of party primary elections.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on Senate Bill No. 49. Without objection, action on Senate Bill No. 49 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Farnum, Gadberry, Lyons, McMakin, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, 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.

Prepared statements were received via email for Senate Bill No. 49.

House Bill No. 1247 by Representative Spell

Representative Spell presented House Bill No. 1247, which creates a statewide Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Coordinator.

Representative Beaulieu offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Provide that the president or executive director, or their designee, of certain entities listed in proposed law serve on the subcommittee.
- (3) Add the executive director, or his designee, of the La. Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice to the subcommittee.
- (4) Relative to capacity to respond to a request for service, provide for consideration of geographic parameters within the region and resulting travel time required for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) nurse response.

- (5) Remove the provision providing that immunity extends to participation in any judicial proceeding that results from a report.
- (6) Provide that no hospital, healthcare provider, or any statewide SANE coordinator can directly bill a survivor of a sexually oriented criminal offense in accordance with present law.
- (7) Provide for what services can be directly billed and provide for reimbursements.
- (8) Provide for coordination of statewide standards and uniform policies and procedures.
- (9) Require the statewide SANE coordinator and each mobile SANE nurse program to coordinate with the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice.

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, Billings, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Lyons, McMakin, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

Representative Wyble offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1247 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 1247 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 1245 by Representative Wiley

Representative Wiley presented House Bill No. 1245, which provides relative to disclosure of certain law enforcement records.

Representative Beaulieu offered amendments to:

- (1) Remove a proposed law exception for records of certain prosecutive, investigative, and law enforcement agencies.
- (2) Remove a proposed law limitation for the clerk of court as custodian of records.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings,

Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

Representative Marcelle offered amendments to:

- (1) Provide that the proposed law exception applies to the social security number, home address, and date of birth contained in the criminal history records of an employee of a criminal justice agency who serves as a witness in a criminal proceeding and which records are in the custody of the clerk of court.
- (2) Define "criminal justice agency".

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

Captain Lance Kennedy, Louisiana State Police, 7919 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 1245.

Captain Saleen El-Amin, Louisiana State Police, 7919 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 1245.

Sarah Whittington, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), P.O. Box 56157, New Orleans, LA 70156, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1245.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1245 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 1245 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Wilford Carter, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Lyons, Marcelle, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, and Wyble 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.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 1245.

Senate Bill No. 425 by Senator Morris

Senator Morris presented Senate Bill No. 425, which provides for removal by suit of certain elected officials.

Representative Beaulieu offered amendments to:

- (1) Provide for the legislature to initiate, rather than prosecute, the action to remove a public official.
- (2) Provide that an action initiated by either house of the legislature shall be brought in the name of the presiding officer of the house voting to initiate the action.
- (3) Make technical changes.

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

Sarah Whittington, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), P.O. Box 56157, New Orleans, LA 70156, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 425.

Bruce Reilly, Voters Organized to Educate (VOTE), 4930 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70125, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 425.

Representative Mike Johnson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 425 with amendments, to which Representative Marcelle objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 425 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, McMakin, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea. Representatives Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, Newell, and Walters 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. 1011 by Representative Freiberg

Representative Freiberg presented House Bill No. 1011, which permits jurors to donate their per diem compensation to the formal program of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).

Representative Wyble offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1011 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1011 was reported favorably by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Wilford Carter, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, McMakin, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

House Bill No. 1186 by Representative Jacob Landry

Representative Jacob Landry presented House Bill No. 1186, which provides relative to the Uniform Construction Code and inspector licensing.

Brad Hassert, State Licensing Board for Contractors, 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 1186.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1186 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1186 was reported favorably by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Wilford Carter, Farnum, 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: 2 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 1057 by Representative Walters

Representative Walters presented House Bill No. 1057, which provides for an application to vote absentee by mail made by a member of the United States Service.

Representative Walters offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Add an effective date.
- (3) Remove provision of proposed law that provided that an application to vote absentee made by a member of the U.S. Service is valid until the member is no longer stationed or deployed outside of the U.S.
- (4) Provide that an application made by a member of the U.S. Service or person residing outside the U.S. remains valid for two years instead of one year.

Representative Walters offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Wilford Carter, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, McMakin, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

Nancy Landry, office of the secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 1057.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1057 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 1057 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Wilford Carter, Farnum, 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 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 709 by Representative Wright

Vice Chair Lyons in the chair.

Representative Wright presented House Bill No. 709, which provides relative to the promulgation of rules pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

Representative Wright offered amendments to:

- (1) Remove proposed law changes requiring an agency to give notice of its intention to repeal two rules for each rule promulgated.
- (2) Limit the proposed law expiration of rules to apply only to rules of agencies within a department with an appointed secretary and provide that such rules expire after 10 years, rather than one year.
- (3) Provide for a system for the notification of rulemakings.
- (4) Provide for the office of information and regulatory affairs within the office of the governor.

Representative Wright 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, Wilford Carter, Farnum, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, McMakin, Newell, Thomas, Walters, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

Nancy Landry, office of the secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 709.

Representative Wright offered a motion to report House Bill No. 709 with amendments, to which Representative Newell objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 709 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Billings, Farnum, Lyons, McMakin, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea. Representatives Larvadain, Marcelle, Newell, and Walters voted nay.

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.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 709.

The committee stood at ease 11:22 a.m. The committee reconvened at 11:24 a.m.

House Resolution No. 9 by Representative Owen

Representative Owen presented House Resolution No. 9, which requests the government of the United Kingdom to continue its commitment to the foundational principles of individual liberties as enshrined in the Magna Carta.

Representative Wright offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 9 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 9 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Farnum, Larvadain, Lyons, McMakin, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, and Wright voted yea.

The committee stood at ease at 11:29 a.m. The committee reconvened at 11:34 a.m.

Chair Beaulieu in the chair.

Senate Bill No. 479 by Senator Morris

Senator Morris presented Senate Bill No. 479, which provides for legislative address to the governor for the removal of certain judges for malfeasance, gross misconduct, or incompetence committed while in office.

Representative Beaulieu offered amendments to specify that the vote of each house may be obtained by written ballot rather than by written consent. 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, Lyons, Marcelle, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 479 with amendments, to which Representative Larvadain objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 479 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, 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: 6 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Lyons offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV
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Date adopted: