

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
May 12, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Rodney Lyons, vice chair of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 10:13 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 Concurrent Resolution No. 74 by Representative Bayham**

Representative Bayham presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 74, which establishes the Louisiana-United Kingdom Trade Commission.

Representative McMakin offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 74 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 74 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Billings, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, McMakin, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, and Wyble voted yea.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 38 by Senator Kleinpeter

Senator Kleinpeter presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 38, which repeals Joint Rule No. 7, relative to the Atchafalaya Basin Program Oversight Committee.

Representative Lyons offered technical amendments to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 38. 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 Beaulieu, Billings, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, McMakin, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, and Wyble voted yea.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 38 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 38 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, McMakin, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, and Wyble voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 495 by Senator Kleinpeter

Chair Beaulieu in the chair.

Senator Kleinpeter presented Senate Bill No. 495, which provides for campaign finance disclosures.

David Bordelon, Louisiana Board of Ethics, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 495.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 495 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 495 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, McMakin, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, and Wyble voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 326 by Senator Abraham

Senator Abraham presented Senate Bill No. 326, which provides relative to the State Licensing Board for Contractors.

Representative Beaulieu offered amendments to:

- (1) Provide that a licensee engaged as a general contractor or an owner acting as a general contractor on a mega project shall annually submit to the board a detailed listing of all subcontractors engaged to work on the mega project.
- (2) Provide that a licensee engaged as a general contractor or an owner acting as a general contractor on a broadband project administered in accordance with the BEAD program shall not be required to submit the listing to the board but shall notify the board when a contract has been let.
- (3) Provide that the penalty provisions shall not apply to a licensee engaged as a general contractor or an owner acting as a general contractor on a mega project.

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

Brad Hassert, State Licensing Board for Contractors, 600 North Street, no city or state provided, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 326.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 326 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 326 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, and Wyble voted yea.

Prepared statements were received via email for Senate Bill No. 326.

Senate Bill No. 307 by Senator Edmonds

Senator Edmonds presented Senate Bill No. 307, which authorizes the educational display of the Ten Commandments as a historical document and monument.

Sarah Whittington, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), P.O. Box 56152, New Orleans, LA 70156, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 307.

Melissa Flournoy, 10,000 Women, 650 North Sixth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 307.

Representative Wyble offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 307 favorably, to which Representative Larvadain objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 307 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Schamerhorn, Thomas, 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: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 435 by Senator Myers

Senator Myers presented Senate Bill No. 435, which establishes the Commission on Fatherhood Engagement.

Representative Beaulieu offered amendments to:

- (1) Provide that certain members of the commission are appointed by the governor.
- (2) Provide that the director of early childhood systems in the office of the governor shall call the first meeting of the commission.
- (3) Provide that the commission shall select a chairperson from among its members in every even-numbered year.
- (4) Provide for implementing the recommendations made by the Task Force on Fatherhood Engagement pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature.
- (5) Provide that initiatives improve support for fathers during the perinatal period instead of the prenatal period.

- (6) Change the termination date from January 1, 2031, to January 1, 2030.
- (7) Add provisions repealing proposed law, effective January 1, 2030.

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, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, and Wyble voted yea.

Representative Lyons offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 435 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 435 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, and Wyble voted yea.

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 23 by Senator Cathey

On behalf of Senator Cathey, Representative Schamerhorn presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 23, which creates the Agricultural-Based National Security Priorities Task Force.

Representative Schamerhorn offered amendments to:

1. Provide that the senior vice chancellor of the LSU AgCenter, or his designee, serves on the task force, rather than a representative of the AgCenter.
2. Provide that the chancellor of the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, or his designee, serves on the task force, rather than a representative of the center.
3. Provide that the director of GOHSEP, or his designee, serves on the task force, rather than a representative of GOHSEP.
4. Provide that the names of designees be submitted to the chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture and Rural Development, rather than the chairperson.

Representative Schamerhorn 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, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, Schamerhorn, Thomas, and Walters voted yea.

Representative Schamerhorn offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 23 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 23 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, 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.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 95 by Representative Beaulieu

Vice Chair Lyons in the chair.

Representative Beaulieu presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 95, which provides for the adoption of tax exemptions.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 95 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 95 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, and Wyble voted yea.

House Bill No. 705 by Representative Newell

Representative Newell presented House Bill No. 705, which provides relative to contempt of the legislature.

Representative Lyons offered amendments to:

- (1) Remove proposed law additional grounds for a person to be held in contempt of the legislature
- (2) Provide for increasing criminal fines for multiple offenses, rather than a proposed law increase from \$1,000 to \$50,000.

Representative Lyons offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Billings, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, and Walters voted yea.

Chair Beaulieu in the chair.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Bill No. 705 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 705 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Larvadain, Marcelle, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, and Walters voted yea.

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

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 705.

House Bill No. 1048 by Representative Murray

Representative Murray presented House Bill No. 1048, which provides relative to the early voting period.

Catherine Newsome, office of the secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 1048.

Sherri Hadskey, office of the secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 1048.

John West, Urban League, no address provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1048.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1048 favorably, to which Representative Thomas objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 6 yeas and 8 nays. Representatives Boyd, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, Newell, and Walters voted yea. Representatives Beaulieu, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted nay.

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

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 1048.

Senate Bill No. 387 by Senator Bass

Senator Bass presented Senate Bill No. 387, which provides relative to pharmacy benefit managers.

Jason Young, Americans for Lower Drug Prices, 36 Boulder Road, Manchester, VT 05255, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 387.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 387 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 387 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for Senate Bill No. 387.

Senate Bill No. 401 by Senator Talbot

Senator Talbot presented Senate Bill No. 401, which provides for a Prescription Drug Affordability Board.

Representative Beaulieu offered amendments to:

- (1) Remove certain proposed law provisions relative to aggregation of certain information and required disclosure of certain information.
- (2) 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, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 401 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 401 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, Wright, 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 Senate Bill No. 401.

Senate Bill No. 233 by Senator Mizell

Vice Chair Lyons in the chair.

On behalf of Senator Mizell, Representative Beaulieu presented Senate Bill No. 233, which establishes the Louisiana Statewide Data Exchange Compact.

Mitzi Hochheiser, Louisiana Department of Health, 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 233.

Representative Lyons offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 233 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 233 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Walters, Wright, 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.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: