

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
May 21, 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 9:05 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

Alexandra Cravins, committee assistant
Jairelle Ross, committee assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Rebecca Marshall, sergeant at arms

III. BUSINESS

Senate Bill No. 121 by Senator Morris

Senator Morris presented Senate Bill No. 121, which provides for the redistricting of Louisiana congressional districts.

Representative McMakin offered amendments to change district boundaries. Representative McMakin offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments, to which Representative Boyd objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 7 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, McMakin, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea. Representatives Boyd, Wilford Carter, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, Newell, and Walters voted nay.

Representative Lyons offered amendments to make changes to district boundaries. Representative Lyons offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments, to which Representative Schamerhorn objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 6 yeas and 11 nays. Representatives Boyd, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, Newell, and Walters voted yea. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Wilford Carter, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, McMakin, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted nay.

Marc Morial, National Urban League, 117 West 125th New York, NY 10027, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Sidney Barthelemy, no address provided, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Arthur Morrell, 4925 Moore Drive, New Orleans, LA 70122, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Kyle Green, House District 83, Louisiana House Democratic Caucus, 900 North Third Street, read aloud a letter from William Jefferson in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121, which is included in committee records as Exhibit A.

Raymond Jetson, 17947 Silver Creek Court, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Edmond Jordan, House District 29, Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus, 2370 Towne Center Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to adopt the 3-minute rule for witness testimony and member questions. Without objection, the motion passed 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.

Zanobra Smith, Peoples Promise Youth Division, no address provided, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Ishmael Swiney, Peoples Promise Youth Division, P.O. Box 310 Castor, LA 71016, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Representative Larvadain in the chair.

Jelyse Davis, People's Promise Youth Division, 8070 Mansfield Road, Shreveport, LA, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Kaitlyn Peoples, Peoples Promise Youth Division, 8050 Mansfield Road, Shreveport, LA, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Lauren Calhoun, Peoples Promise Youth Division, 8050 Mansfield Road, Shreveport, LA, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Breka Peoples, Peoples Promise Youth Division, 8050 Mansfield Road, Shreveport, LA, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Jaydon Williams, Peoples Promise Youth Division, 2626 Crosswood Lane, no city or state provided, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Asriel McLain, 6319 South Inwood Road, Shreveport, LA, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Roberta Brown, 1007 Greenspoint Drive, New Orleans, LA, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Judy Morse, Urban League of Louisiana, 4640 South Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70119, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Larry Ellis, NAACP Shreveport Chapter, 1021 Azalea Garden Drive, Shreveport, LA 71115, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Charles Robinson, All Streets All People (ASAP), 3819 Treat Drive, no city or state provided, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Delisha Boyd, House District 102, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121 and read aloud a letter on behalf of Congressman Troy Carter, Congressional District 2, which is included in committee records as Exhibit B.

Rodney Lyons, House District 87, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121 and read aloud a letter on behalf of Congressman Cleo Fields, Congressional District 6, which was not distributed to members.

Terry Landry, Jr., House District 67, 451 Florida Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Omari Ho-sung, All Streets All People, 717 Crockett Street, Shreveport, LA 71101, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Lady Fontenette Brown, Black Caucus Louisiana Police Jury Association (LPJA), 1404 Martin Luther King Drive, Jeanerette, LA 70544, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Vice Chair Lyons in the chair.

Terrance Winn, Priorities, Intentions, Practical Exchanges (PIPES), 3322 Westheimer Street, Shreveport, LA, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Representative Marcelle read aloud a letter on behalf of an anonymous person, which is included in committee records as Exhibit C.

Lindsay Garcia, 26509 Greenwood Drive, Denham Springs, LA 70726, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Dadrius Lanus, Louisiana Democratic Party, 701 Government Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Angel Mariah, 203 Perkins Street, Lafayette, LA 70507, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Christina Martin, 620 Vanderbilt Lane, Kenner, LA 70065, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Marshan Camese, 2310 Pasadena Avenue, Metairie, LA 70001, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Representative Larvadain read aloud a statement in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121 on behalf of constituent Celise Reese-Harper, which was not distributed to members.

Doyle Spell, Jr., 124 East Fourteenth Avenue, Covington, LA 70433, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

LaTanya Mosley, 100 Nita Street, New Iberia, LA 70563, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Kina Reed, 2019 Oleander Street, Apartment 4, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Chandra Shae Foster, Southern Poverty Law Center, 201 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70130, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Dedric Wallace, Jr., 6843 East Upland Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Julie Schwam Harris, 1208 Pine Street, New Orleans, LA 70118, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Lisa King, 339 Lovers Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Francine Brown, original plaintiff Louisiana v. Callais, 8028 Aaron Place, no city or state provided, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Mary Anne Mushatt, 10,000 Women, 6030 South Robertson Street, New Orleans, LA 70118, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Sarah Whittington, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), P.O. Box 56152, New Orleans, LA 70156, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Albert Samuels, 11243 Greencrest Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70811, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Mary Susie Labry, 850 North Fifth Street, No. 102, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Chair Beaulieu in the chair.

Bonnie Byland, 2040 Bayou Paul Lane, St. Gabriel, LA 70776, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Bruce Reilly, Voters Organized to Educate (VOTE), 4950 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70125, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Sipho Mrxolisi Nkosi Monti, 1809 Third Street, no city or state provided, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Madalynn McGuire, 2516 St. Joseph Street, Sulphur, LA 70663, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Amelia Herrera, 251 Florida Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Sara Gozazo, Promise of Justice Initiative, 1024 Elysian Fields Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70117, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Jolan Jolivette, 14150 Grand Settlement Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Renee Carthan, 2902 Seventh Street, Lake Charles, LA, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Tania Nyman, 4669 Bennett Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Jakob Fos, Young Democrats of Louisiana, 408 Emerty Avenue, Hammond, LA, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Josiah Hardy, Project 2028, 40172 Riverwinds Court, Gonzales, LA 70731, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Jade Morgan, Women With a Vision, 4901 Ridge Drive, Marrero, LA, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Stephanie Anthony, NAACP, 1035 Elysiam Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Davante Lewis, 301 Main Street, #1110, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Mary Evans, Community Voice, Acorn, Alumni Association, 7036 Warfield Street, New Orleans, LA 70126, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Darnell Tobias, 3313 Carondelet Street, New Orleans, LA, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Janet Tobias, 3313 Carondelet Street, New Orleans, LA, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Jennifer Hall, Women With a Vision, 2900A Banks Street, New Orleans, LA 70115, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Ben Baltz, 748 Wilkinson Street, Mandeville, LA, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

J. Frankie Hyers, Jefferson Parish and Unaffiliated Voters, 509 Houma Boulevard, Metairie, LA 70001, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Samantha Pourciau, Promise of Justice Initiative (PJI), 1024 Elysian Fields Avenue, no city or state provided, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Linda Venable, 2653 Tecumseh Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70805, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Quentin Anthony Anderson, 621 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Sara Louis-Ayo, VOTE, 13632 House of Lancaster Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Rebecca Perloff, 5960 Siegen lane, Apartment 7309, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Marrilee Montgomery, Louisiana Progress, 650 North Sixth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 121.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 121 with amendments, to which Representative Lyons objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 121 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 7 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, McMakin, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea. Representatives Boyd, Wilford Carter, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, Newell, and Walters voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support, and 159 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for Senate Bill No. 121.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Lyons offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed 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.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: