

House Committee on Judiciary

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
May 20, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Robby Carter, chair of the House Committee on Judiciary, called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Robby Carter, chair
Representative Jacob Braud
Representative Kellee Hennessy Dickerson
Representative Kathy Edmonston, vice chair
Representative Jack "Jay" William Gallé, Jr.
Representative Troy Jude Hebert
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe
Representative Vanessa Caston LaFleur
Representative Shane Mack
Representative Candace N. Newell
Representative Joseph A. Orgeron
Representative Charles Anthony Owen
Representative Jeffrey Fons "Jeff" Wiley
Representative Jerome Zeringue

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Emily Chenevert
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.
Representative Edmond Jordan
Representative Mandie Landry
Representative Lauren Ventrella

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Karen Winfrey, attorney
Andrea Jerezano, committee administrative assistant
Rashida Keith, division director

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Anna Kate Jackson, clerk
Amelia Carman, clerk
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 30 by Senator Connick**

Senator Connick presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 30, which memorializes the United States Congress to compel the Department of Justice to release all unclassified documents, videos, images and materials related to Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 30 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 30 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robby Carter, Braud, Dickerson, Edmonston, Galle, Hebert, LaCombe, LaFleur, Mack, Newell, Orgeron, Owen, Wiley, and Zeringue voted yea.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 40 by Senator Selders

On behalf of Senator Selders, Representative LaFleur presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 40, which memorializes Congress to ensure the timely passage of appropriation measures that fully fund and align with the National Defense Authorization Act.

Representative LaFleur offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 40 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 40 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robby Carter, Braud, Dickerson, Edmonston, Galle, Hebert, LaCombe, LaFleur, Mack, Newell, Orgeron, Owen, Wiley, and Zeringue voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 259 by Senator Barrow

On behalf of Senator Barrow, Ayn W. Stehr, 18906 Spyglass Hill, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, legal consultant to the Louisiana Protective Order Registry, presented Senate Bill No. 259, which authorizes the creation of a civil protective order online application portal.

Francis Robinson, data coordinator and administrator, Louisiana Supreme Court, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 259.

Mariah Wineski, Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, P.O. Box 77308, Baton Rouge, LA 70879, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 259.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 259 favorably, to which Representative Edmonston objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 259 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas, 1 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Braud, Dickerson, Galle, Hebert, LaCombe, LaFleur, Mack, Newell, Orgeron, Wiley, and Zeringue voted yea. Representative Edmonston voted nay. Representative Robby Carter abstained.

House Resolution No. 245 by Representative Bayham

Representative Bayham presented House Resolution No. 245, which condemns political violence in the United States.

Representative LaCombe offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 245 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 245 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robby Carter, Braud, Edmonston, Galle, Hebert, LaCombe, LaFleur, Mack, Newell, Orgeron, Wiley, and Zeringue voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Robby Carter
House Committee on Judiciary