

## **Special Legislative Study Committee on the LHSAA**

Minutes of Meeting  
2025-2026 Interim  
January 21, 2026

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative John E. Wyble  
Representative Tehmi Jahi Chassion  
Representative Vincent E. Cox, III  
Representative Bryan Fontenot  
Representative Michael T. Johnson  
Representative Rashid Armand Young  
Senator William "Bill" Wheat, Jr.

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Regina Ashford Barrow  
Senator Rick Edmonds  
Senator Alan Seabaugh

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Elizabeth L. Borne, legislative analyst  
Lisa Lovello, legislative analyst  
Alexandra Cravins, committee administrative assistant  
Natayveon Howard-Williams, committee assistant

#### **ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Rebecca Marshall, sergeant at arms

### III. BUSINESS

**To consider findings and recommendations for inclusion in the committee's report to be submitted to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education as provided in House Concurrent Resolution No. 24 of the 2025 Regular Session.**

Chair Wyble allowed distribution of a handout, "Preliminary Rough Draft: Report of the Special Legislative Study Committee on the LHSAA", Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Terrell Butler, III, 116 Nelda Drive, Leesville, LA, spoke for information only.

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Representative Wyble offered a motion to adopt a list of committee findings. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wyble, Chassion, Cox, Fontenot, Mike Johnson, and Young voted yea. Senator Wheat voted yea.

Representative Wyble offered a motion to adopt the recommendation that there should be a student athlete transfer eligibility structured process that provides for a one-time transfer through a student-athlete's junior year of high school. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wyble, Chassion, Cox, Fontenot, Mike Johnson, and Young voted yea. Senator Wheat voted yea.

Representative Wyble offered a motion to adopt the recommendation that the current designated positions on the Louisiana High School Athletic Association executive committee representing the Louisiana Senate and Louisiana House of Representatives should be voting members. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wyble, Chassion, Cox, Fontenot, Mike Johnson, and Young voted yea. Senator Wheat voted yea.

Representative Wyble offered a motion to adopt the recommendation that the Louisiana High School Athletic Association executive committee should add an additional voting member to the executive committee that is an appointee of the Louisiana Governor. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wyble, Chassion, Cox, Fontenot, Mike Johnson, and Young voted yea. Senator Wheat voted yea.

Representative Fontenot offered a motion to adopt the recommendation that high school athletics be administered through a cooperative endeavor agreement between the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and a nonprofit organization. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wyble, Chassion, Cox, Fontenot, Mike Johnson, and Young voted yea. Senator Wheat voted yea.

Representative Wyble offered a motion to authorize staff, when finalizing the report for submission, to do the following:

1. Add the findings and/or recommendations adopted by the committee to the report.
2. Add the details from the meeting to the report.
3. Make any necessary technical changes before the report is sent to the committees.
4. In addition to submitting the report to the House and Senate Education committees as provided in HCR24, send a copy to the Louisiana High School Athletic Association.

Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wyble, Chassion, Cox, Fontenot, Mike Johnson, and Young voted yea. Senator Wheat voted yea.

Representative Mike Johnson offered a motion to include the concept of high school athletics being governed by the state department of education in the report not as a recommendation of the committee but for purposes of future discussion and consideration. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wyble, Chassion, Cox, Fontenot, Mike Johnson, and Young voted yea. Senator Wheat voted yea.

**To adopt minutes of the Special Legislative Study Committee on the LHSAA from the 2025-2026 Interim dated July 29, September 23, November 12, and December 8, 2025.**

The minutes from the the 2025-2026 Interim dated July 29, September 23, November 12, and December 8, 2025, were presented to the committee for approval. Representative Wyble offered a motion to approve the minutes. Without objection, the minutes were approved by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wyble, Chassion, Cox, Fontenot, Mike Johnson, and Young voted yea. Senator Wheat voted yea.

**IV. CONSIDERATION OF ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

No other matters came before the committee.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Chassion offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wyble, Chassion, Cox, Fontenot, Mike Johnson, and Young voted yea. Senator Wheat voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Chair John E. Wyble  
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