

Louisiana-United Kingdom Trade Commission

Minutes of Meeting
2026-2027 Interim
October 8, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Mike Bayham, member of the Louisiana-United Kingdom Trade Commission, called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

House Representative Mike Bayham
House Representative Roy Daryl Adams
Senate President Pro Tempore Regina Barrow
Carrie Castile
Julie Emerson
Randy Haynie
Nancy Landry, Louisiana secretary of state
Amy Spall
Mike Strain, Louisiana commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry
Rossi Washington

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senate President Cameron Henry
Ben Israel
Earl Peeper
Tim Temple, Louisiana commissioner of Insurance
Ruth Ward

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joseph Chuter, attorney
Mark Mahaffey, division director
Cortland Townsend, committee administrative assistant
Alexandra Cravins, committee assistant
Tarijuana Jackson-Gaines, committee assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Whitney Green, executive counsel, Louisiana Department of Insurance
Marcellus Veal, House sergeant at arms
Chanstan Wright, Senate sergeant at arms

III. BUSINESS**Election of Officers**

Randy Haynie offered a motion to name Representative Bayham as chair of the Louisiana-United Kingdom Trade Commission. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Adams and Bayham voted yea. President Pro Tempore Barrow voted yea. Ms. Castille, Ms. Emerson, Mr. Haynie, Ms. Landry, Ms. Spall, Mr. Strain, and Mr. Washington voted yea.

Representative Bayham offered a motion to name Randy Haynie as vice chair of the Louisiana-United Kingdom Trade Commission. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Adams and Bayham voted yea. President Pro Tempore Barrow voted yea. Ms. Castille, Ms. Emerson, Mr. Haynie, Ms. Landry, Ms. Spall, Mr. Strain, and Mr. Washington voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS**1. Purpose of the Commission**

Representative Bayham spoke on the purpose of the commission. He distributed to commission members the following handouts, which are included in the records of this meeting and are labeled Exhibit:

- A) ARTICLE: UK Trade Mission 2025, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry
- B) GRAPH: Louisiana Trade & Economy Factsheet, United States Department of Commerce
- C) REPORT: Wood Pellets Annual, United States Department of Agriculture
- D) REPORT: UK-Louisiana Trade and Investment Highlights, United Kingdom Foreign & Commonwealth Office
- E) REPORT: Louisiana, Office of the United States Trade Representative

F) REPORT: Retain Foods Annual, United States Department of Agriculture

2. Remarks from the British Consul General in Houston, Richard Shackleton

Richard Shackleton, British Consul General in Houston, no address provided, spoke for information only.

3. Review the United Kingdom's investment in Louisiana and existing trade

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4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

President Pro Tempore Barrow offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Adams and Bayham voted yea. President Pro Tempore Barrow voted yea. Ms. Castille, Ms. Emerson, Mr. Haynie, Ms. Landry, Ms. Spall, Mr. Strain, and Mr. Washington voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Mike Bayham
Louisiana-United Kingdom Trade Commission

Date adopted: