

## **House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs**

Minutes of Meeting  
2026 Regular Session  
April 29, 2026

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

Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry, chair of the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs, called the meeting to order at 3:29 p.m. in Room 6, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry, chair  
Representative Beth Anne Billings  
Representative Kim Carver  
Representative Vincent E. Cox, III  
Representative Jessica Domangue  
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg, vice chair  
Representative Dana Henry  
Representative Steven Jackson  
Representative Alonzo L. Knox  
Representative Rodney Lyons  
Representative C. Denise Marcelle  
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore  
Representative Ed Murray  
Representative Paul Sawyer  
Representative Joseph A. Stagni

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Les Farnum

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

Tina Righteous, attorney  
Blake Byrom, legislative analyst  
Jairelle Ross, committee administrative assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Hannah Tassin, clerk  
Marcellus Veal, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**

Representative Billings offered a motion to adopt a three minute rule for witness testimony and member questions. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Jackson, Knox, Lyons, Marcelle, Moore, Murray, Sawyer, and Stagni voted yea.

**House Bill No. 483 by Representative Newell**

Representative Newell presented House Bill No. 483, which provides relative to the Faubourg Marigny Security and Improvement District in Orleans Parish.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Bill No. 483 favorably. No vote was taken. Representative Marcelle withdrew her motion to report House Bill No. 483 favorably.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 483. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 483 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Jackson, Knox, Lyons, Marcelle, Moore, Murray, Sawyer, and Stagni voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 484 by Representative Newell**

Representative Newell presented House Bill No. 484, which provides relative to the New Orleans Regional Business Park.

Representative Gadberry offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill. Representative Gadberry offered a motion to adopt the substitute bill. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Jackson, Knox, Lyons, Marcelle, Moore, Murray, Sawyer, and Stagni voted yea.

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to report House Bill No. 484 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 484 was reported by substitute by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Jackson, Lyons, Marcelle, Moore, Murray, Sawyer, and Stagni voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 78 by Senator Jenkins**

On behalf of Senator Jenkins, Representative Jackson presented Senate Bill No. 78, which provides for the governing authority of the Shreveport Downtown Development District.

Representative Gadberry offered amendments to change the member of the Louisiana House of Representatives who is responsible for submitting a list of nominees to the mayor for an appointment to the governing board of the district. Representative Gadberry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Domangue, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Jackson, Knox, Lyons, Moore, Murray, Sawyer, and Stagni voted yea.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 78 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 78 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Jackson, Lyons, Marcelle, Moore, Murray, Sawyer, and Stagni voted yea.

**House Bill No. 1051 by Representative Phelps**

Representative Phelps presented House Bill No. 1051, which provides relative to the demolition of certain dilapidated property in the city of Shreveport.

Representative Gadberry offered amendments to add a provision that provides that the governing authority of the city of Shreveport shall make a determination of whether a commercial property has become dilapidated and presents a danger to the health and welfare of the residents of the city after consideration of certain reports or findings. Representative Gadberry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Jackson, Lyons, Marcelle, Moore, Murray, Sawyer, and Stagni voted yea.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1051 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 1051 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Jackson, Knox, Lyons, Marcelle, Moore, Murray, Sawyer, and Stagni voted yea.

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

**House Bill No. 1080 by Representative Phelps**

Representative Phelps presented House Bill No. 1080, which provides relative to condemned commercial property in the city of Shreveport.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1080 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1080 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Jackson, Knox, Lyons, Marcelle, Moore, Murray, Sawyer, and Stagni voted yea.

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

**House Bill No. 66 by Representative Dewitt**

Representative Dewitt presented House Bill No. 66, which provides relative to administrative adjudication of certain ordinance violations in the city of Alexandria.

Kay Michiels, city of Alexandria, P.O. Box 71, Alexandria, LA, spoke in support of House Bill No. 66.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 66 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 66 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Jackson, Knox, Lyons, Moore, Murray, Sawyer, and Stagni 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 Bill No. 326 by Representative Muscarello**

Representative Muscarello presented House Bill No. 326, which provides relative to the police chief of the village of Tickfaw.

Representative Domangue offered a motion to report House Bill No. 326 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 326 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Jackson, Knox, Lyons, Moore, Murray, Sawyer, and Stagni voted yea.

**House Bill No. 793 by Representative Muscarello**

Representative Muscarello presented House Bill No. 793, which provides relative to recorded instruments affecting subdivisions.

Representative Jackson offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill. Representative Jackson offered a motion to adopt the substitute bill. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Domangue, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Jackson, Knox, Lyons, Moore, Murray, Sawyer, and Stagni voted yea.

Debbie Henton, Police Jury Association of Louisiana, 707 North Seventh Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 793.

Jean-Paul Robert, Ascension Parish, 615 East Worthy, Gonzales, LA 70737, spoke in support of House Bill No. 793.

Ricky Compton, Ascension Parish, 615 East Worthy, Gonzales, LA 70737, spoke in support of House Bill No. 793.

Jeff Thompson, 113 Carondelet Court, Bossier City, LA 71111, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 793.

James McCormick, 5200 Modica Lott Road, Bossier City, LA 71111, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 793 and provided a handout, "Comments on Proposed Amendment to 2026 HB 793", labeled Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Domangue offered a motion to report House Bill No. 793 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 793 was reported by substitute by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Jackson, Knox, Lyons, Moore, Murray, Sawyer, and Stagni voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 72 in support, and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**Senate Bill No. 148 by Senator Stine**

Senator Stine presented Senate Bill No. 148, which provides for compensation to the members of the Lake Charles planning commission.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 148 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 148 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Cox, Domangue, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Jackson, Knox, Lyons, Moore, Murray, Sawyer, and Stagni voted yea.

#### **House Bill No. 208 by Representative Robby Carter**

Representative Robby Carter presented House Bill No. 208, which provides for a local option election to establish term limits for members of the governing authority of St. Helena Parish.

Edward Galmon, St. Helena Parish Police Jury, 124 Versia Scott Lane, Greensburg, LA 70441, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 208 and provided a handout, "Resolution No. 04-14 of 2026", labeled Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Domangue offered a motion to report House Bill No. 208 favorably. No vote was taken. Representative Domangue withdrew her motion to report House Bill No. 208 favorably.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 208 favorably, to which Representative Dana Henry objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 3 yeas and 10 nays. Representatives Billings, Freiberg, and Jackson voted yea. Representatives Gadberry, Cox, Domangue, Dana Henry, Knox, Lyons, Moore, Murray, Sawyer, and Stagni voted nay.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 208.

#### **House Bill No. 1215 by Representative Bayham**

Representative Bayham presented House Bill No. 1215, which provides relative to the disposition of certain historical statues and monuments.

Representative Gadberry offered amendments to:

- (1) Provide that proposed law applies to any historical statue or monument that is removed on or after August 1, 2006, and that is in the possession of the public entity.
- (2) Remove the requirement that a public entity provides for the delivery of a historical statue or monument that is removed from public display to the office of state parks and require that a public entity coordinate with the office of state parks to provide for the delivery of a historical statue or monument that is removed from public display to the office of state parks.

- (3) Prohibit the office of state parks from placing a historical statue or monument in the parish from which it was removed.
- (4) Provide that proposed law shall not be construed to supersede present law (R.S. 44:406) relative to the collection of records by the state archivist.

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Domangue, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Jackson, Knox, Lyons, Moore, Murray, Sawyer, and Stagni voted yea.

Representative Domangue offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1215 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 1215 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Domangue, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Jackson, Knox, Lyons, Moore, Murray, Sawyer, and Stagni 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 Bill No. 472 by Representative Knox**

Representative Knox presented House Bill No. 472, which authorizes municipalities to implement rent stabilization.

Representative Gadberry offered amendments that require that ordinances adopted to implement rent stabilization measures comply with certain specified requirements. Representative Gadberry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Domangue, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Jackson, Knox, Lyons, Moore, Murray, and Stagni voted yea.

Andreanecia Morris, Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance, 4640 South Carrollton Avenue, Suite 160, New Orleans, LA 70119, spoke in support of House Bill No. 472.

Luke Bullock, LA Realtors, 821 Main Street, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 472.

Jennifer Ansardi, Apartment Association of LA, P.O. Box 55815, Metairie, LA 70055, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 472.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 472, to which Representative Murray objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and action on House Bill No. 472 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 8 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Gadberry,

Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Freiberg, Sawyer, and Stagni voted yea. Representatives Dana Henry, Knox, Lyons, Moore, and Murray voted nay.

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

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 472.

#### **House Resolution No. 217 by Representative Knox**

Representative Knox presented House Resolution No. 217, which requests the Louisiana State Law Institute to conduct a comprehensive study on the implications of rent stabilization policies.

Andreanecia Morris, Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance, 4640 South Carrollton Avenue, Suite 160, New Orleans, LA 70119, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 217.

Representative Domangue offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 217 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 217 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Domangue, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Knox, Lyons, Moore, Murray, Sawyer, and Stagni voted yea.

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

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Lyons offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Domangue, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Knox, Lyons, Moore, Murray, Sawyer, and Stagni voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Foy Bryan Gadberry  
House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs

Date adopted: