

House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
May 7, 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 9:04 a.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 Les Farnum
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg, vice chair
Representative Dana Henry
Representative Steven Jackson
Representative Alonzo L. Knox
Representative C. Denise Marcelle
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Ed Murray
Representative Paul Sawyer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative Joseph A. Stagni

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Hannah Tassin, clerk
Janet Anthony, sergeant at arms
Angela Mcknight, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 430 by Senator Jenkins

Senator Jenkins presented Senate Bill No. 430, which provides for the levy of hotel occupancy tax by the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 430 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 430 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Jackson, Knox, Moore, and Sawyer 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.

Senate Bill No. 286 by Senator Duplessis

Senator Duplessis presented Senate Bill No. 286, which provides relative to the New Orleans Downtown Development District.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 286 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 286 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Jackson, Knox, Moore, and Sawyer 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.

Senate Bill No. 198 by Senator Mizell

Senator Mizell presented Senate Bill No. 198, which provides relative to historic district commission powers.

Representative Knox offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 198 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 198 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives

Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Jackson, Knox, Moore, and Sawyer voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 172 by Senator Luneau

Senator Luneau presented Senate Bill No. 172, which provides relative to planning commissions.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 172 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 172 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Jackson, Knox, Marcelle, Moore, Murray, and Sawyer 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.

Senate Bill No. 439 by Senator Boudreaux

Senator Boudreaux presented Senate Bill No. 439, which provides for cancer screenings for firefighters and fire service employees.

Chad Major, Professional Firefighters, 8011 Merle Gustafson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 439.

Representative Farnum offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 439 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 439 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Jackson, Knox, Marcelle, Moore, Murray, and Sawyer voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 458 by Senator McMath

Senator McMath presented Senate Bill No. 458, which provides for local ethics entities.

Representative Carver offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 458 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 458 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Jackson, Knox, Marcelle, Moore, Murray, and Sawyer voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 447 by Senator Bass

Senator Bass presented Senate Bill No. 447, which provides relative to promotional seniority and civil service classification in the Bossier City Police Department.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 447 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 447 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Jackson, Knox, Marcelle, Moore, Murray, and Sawyer voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 281 by Senator Barrow

Senator Barrow presented Senate Bill No. 281, which provides for changes to the Baker Economic Development District.

Mayor Darnell Waites, city of Baker, 3325 Groom Road, Baker, LA, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 281.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 281 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 281 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Jackson, Knox, Marcelle, Moore, Murray, and Sawyer 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.

Senate Bill No. 385 by Senator Harris

On behalf of Senator Harris, Representative Knox presented Senate Bill No. 385, which provides for appointments to the board of commissioners and insurance for the New Orleans City Park Improvement Association.

Rebecca Dietz, City Park, 1 Palm Drive, New Orleans, LA 70125, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 385.

Representative Murray stated that he had a potential conflict of interest and recused himself from voting on Senate Bill No. 385.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 385 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 385 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Jackson, Knox, Marcelle, Moore, and Sawyer voted yea.

Representative Murray stated that he had a potential conflict of interest and recused himself from voting on SB385.

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

House Resolution No. 84 by Representative Walters

Representative Walters presented House Resolution No. 84, which urges and requests the city of Shreveport to create an interest-free loan program for active Transportation Security Administration agents at the Shreveport Regional Airport.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 84 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 84 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Jackson, Marcelle, Moore, Murray, and Sawyer voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 417 by Senator Allain

On behalf of Senator Allain, Representative Carver presented Senate Bill No. 417, which provides for the membership of the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2A in St. Mary Parish.

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 417 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 417 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Jackson, Knox, Moore, Murray, and Sawyer voted yea.

The committee stood at ease at 9:51 a.m. The committee reconvened at 9:55 a.m.

Senate Bill No. 334 by Senator Cathey

Senator Cathey presented Senate Bill No. 334, which provides for enforcement of ordinances by a municipality or parish relative to public health, housing, fire codes, building codes, zoning, vegetation, nuisances, licensing and permits.

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 334 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 334 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Moore, and Sawyer 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.

The committee stood at ease at 9:58 a.m. The committee reconvened at 10:07 a.m.

Senate Bill No. 406 by Senator Owen

Senator Owen presented Senate Bill No. 406, which authorizes the city of Slidell to levy a hotel occupancy tax.

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 406 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 406 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Moore, Murray, and Sawyer voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 380 by Senator Carter

On behalf of Senator Carter, Representative Cox presented Senate Bill No. 380, which creates the Real Timbers Crime Prevention and Security District in Orleans Parish.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 380 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 380 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Moore, Murray, and Sawyer voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Domangue offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Moore, Murray, and Sawyer voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Foy Bryan Gadberry
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Date adopted: