

House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
May 13, 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 10:05 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 Vincent E. Cox, III
Representative Jessica Domangue
Representative Les Farnum
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg, vice chair
Representative Dana Henry
Representative Alonzo L. Knox
Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative C. Denise Marcelle
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Ed Murray
Representative Paul Sawyer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Kim Carver
Representative Steven Jackson
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

House Concurrent Resolution No. 89 by Representative Owen

Representative Owen presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 89, which directs the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to conduct a study, in consultation with the board of directors of the Louisiana State Museum and the WWII Museum, of the feasibility of establishing a museum and trail dedicated to the Louisiana Maneuvers.

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 89 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 89 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Marcelle, and Moore voted yea.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Concurrent Resolution No. 89.

House Resolution No. 179 by Representative Marcelle

Representative Marcelle presented House Resolution No. 179, which requests the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs, or a subcommittee thereof, to study the effectiveness of neighborhood crime prevention and security districts in reducing crime.

Representative Lyons offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 179 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 179 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Knox, Lyons, Marcelle, Moore, and Murray voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Resolution No. 179.

Senate Bill No. 228 by Senator Duplessis

On behalf of Senator Duplessis, Paul Rainwater, city of New Orleans, 5119 Cheneau Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, presented Senate Bill No. 228, a constitutional amendment to allow for the use of public funds to replace drinking water utility service lines located on private property.

Representative Gadberry offered amendments to:

- (1) Remove the provisions that authorize the use of public funds by a political subdivision for addressing drinking water utility service lines made of or affected by hazardous materials including, but not limited to, lead, copper, galvanized steel or iron, on property owned by utility customers.
- (2) Add provisions that authorize the use of public funds by a political subdivision for addressing drinking water utility service lines made of or affected by materials as specified or prescribed by the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, promulgated October 30, 2024, or subsequent promulgation, on property owned by utility customers.

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Knox, Lyons, Marcelle, Moore, Murray, and Sawyer voted yea.

Representative Knox offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 228 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 228 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Knox, Lyons, Marcelle, Moore, Murray, and Sawyer voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for Senate Bill No. 228.

Senate Bill No. 268 by Senator Duplessis

On behalf of Senator Duplessis, Paul Rainwater, city of New Orleans, 5119 Cheneau Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, presented Senate Bill No. 268, which provides for lead service line replacement.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 268 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 268 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Knox, Lyons, Marcelle, Moore, 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.

Prepared statements were received via email for Senate Bill No. 268.

Senate Bill No. 283 by Senator Barrow

Senator Barrow presented Senate Bill No. 283, which creates the BLVD at Harding Area Special District in the city of Baton Rouge.

Trevor Bailey, Maxco Development and Howell Place, 1335 Silliman Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 283.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 283 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 283 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Knox, Lyons, Marcelle, 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.

House Resolution No. 225 by Representative Echols

On behalf of Representative Echols, Representative Gadberry presented House Resolution No. 225, which urges and requests the Department of Environmental Quality, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, and the municipalities within Ouachita Parish to study parish-wide solid waste, debris removal, and disaster resiliency services.

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 225 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 225 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Knox, Lyons, Marcelle, Moore, and Sawyer voted yea.

House Resolution No. 223 by Representative Walters

On behalf of Representative Walters, Representative Marcelle presented House Resolution No. 223, which urges and requests the city of Shreveport to partner with certain enumerated entities to advance the Southern Soul City initiative.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 223 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 223 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Knox, Lyons, Marcelle, Moore, Murray, and Sawyer voted yea.

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, Farnum, Freiberg, Knox, Lyons, Marcelle, Moore, Murray, and Sawyer voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: