

House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
May 20, 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 10:34 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 Paul Sawyer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Alonzo L. Knox
Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative C. Denise Marcelle
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Ed Murray
Representative Joseph A. Stagni

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Bryce McGlothin, clerk
Janet Anthony, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**Senate Bill No. 348 by Senator Edmonds**

Senator Edmonds presented Senate Bill No. 348, which provides for third-party service providers and enforcement of motor vehicle liability security.

Representative Sawyer offered amendments to make proposed law applicable only to municipalities incorporated after October 1, 2019. Representative Sawyer offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Jackson, and Sawyer voted yea.

Representative Farnum offered amendments to add a provision that terminates proposed law on July 31, 2028. Representative Farnum offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Jackson, and Sawyer voted yea.

Chance McNeely, city of St. George, 4522 Broussard Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 348.

Representative Sawyer offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 348 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 348 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Jackson, and Sawyer voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 485 by Senator Edmonds

Senator Edmonds presented Senate Bill No. 485, which provides for the levy of premium tax in the city of St. George.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 485 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 485 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Jackson, and Sawyer voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 444 by Senator Edmonds

Senator Edmonds presented Senate Bill No. 444, which provides relative to expropriation by the city of St. George.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 444 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 444 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gadberry, Billings, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Farnum, Freiberg, Dana Henry, Jackson, and Sawyer voted yea.

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IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Foy Bryan Gadberry
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Date adopted: