

House Committee on Retirement

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
March 19, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Christopher Turner, chair of the House Committee on Retirement, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Christopher Turner, chair
Representative Roy Daryl Adams
Representative Stephanie H. Berault
Representative Doyle Boudreaux
Representative Kendricks "Ken" Brass
Representative Josh Carlson
Representative R. Dewith Carrier
Representative Peter F. Egan, Sr.
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman
Representative John R. Illg, Jr.
Representative Timothy P. Kerner, vice chair
Representative Terry Landry, Jr.
Representative Dixon Wallace McMakin
Representative Annie Spell
Representative Sylvia Elaine Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Delisha Boyd
Representative Polly Thomas

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joey David, legislative analyst
Jennifer Watson, committee administrative assistant
Jairelle Ross, committee assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

H. Bryce McGlothin, clerk
Hannah Tassin, clerk
Blaine Sylvester, sergeant at arms
Jabari Williams, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 33 by Representative Wiley**

Representative Wiley presented House Bill No. 33, which provides relative to participation in the Back-Deferred Retirement Option Program in the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund.

Osey McGee, Jr., Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension Fund, 1225 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA spoke in support of House Bill No. 33.

Representative Kerner offered a motion to report House Bill No. 33 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 33 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Brass, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Terry Landry, McMakin, Spell, and Taylor voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 34 by Representative Wiley

Representative Wiley presented House Bill No. 34, which provides relative to retirement eligibility in the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund.

Osey McGee, Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension Fund, 1225 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70605, spoke in support of House Bill No. 34.

Greg Curran, actuary, 10555 North Glenstone Place, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 34.

Representative Brass offered a motion to report House Bill No. 34 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 34 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Brass, Egan, Illg, Terry Landry, McMakin, Spell, and Taylor 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. 35 by Representative Wiley

Representative Wiley presented House Bill No. 35, which provides relative to employer contribution for the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund.

Osey McGee, Jr., Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension Fund, 1225 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke in support of House Bill No. 35.

Greg Curran, actuary, 10555 North Glenstone Place, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 35.

Representative Brass offered a motion to report House Bill No. 35 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 35 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Brass, Carlson, Egan, Illg, Kerner, Terry Landry, Spell, and Taylor 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. 15 by Representative Berault

Representative Berault presented House Bill No. 15, which provides relative to the correction of administrative errors within the Assessors' Retirement Fund.

Representative Taylor offered a motion to report House Bill No. 15 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 15 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Berault, Boudreaux, Brass, Carlson, Egan, Illg, Kerner, Terry Landry, and Taylor voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 47 by Representative Berault

Representative Berault presented House Bill No. 47, which provides relative to cost-of-living adjustments for the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund.

Representative Brass offered a motion to report House Bill No. 47 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 47 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Berault, Boudreaux, Brass, Carlson, Illg, Kerner, Terry Landry, and Taylor voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 17 by Representative Illg

Representative Illg presented House Bill No. 17, which provides relative to the reemployment of retirees in the District Attorneys' Retirement System.

Representative Illg offered amendments to:

- (1) Add the Louisiana District Attorneys' Association to the definition of employer.
- (2) Require employers to report certain information to the retirement system concerning reemployed retirees.
- (3) Remove proposed law changes to salary requirements relative to suspension of benefits of reemployed retirees.

Representative Illg offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Brass, Carlson, Illg, Kerner, Terry Landry, Spell, and Taylor voted yea.

Philip Qualls, District Attorneys' Retirement System, 2525 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 17.

Representative Taylor offered a motion to report House Bill No. 17 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 17 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Brass, Carlson, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Terry Landry, Spell, and Taylor 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. 18 by Representative Illg

Representative Illg presented House Bill No. 18, which provides relative to the board of trustees of the District Attorneys' Retirement System.

Representative Turner offered amendments to:

- (1) Remove the requirement that the board of trustees adopt rules to administer trustee elections.
- (2) Make technical changes.

Representative Turner offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Boudreaux, Brass, Carlson, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Terry Landry, Spell, and Taylor voted yea.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to report House Bill No. 18 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 18 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Boudreaux, Brass, Carlson, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Terry Landry, Spell, and Taylor voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 19 by Representative Illg

Representative Illg presented House Bill No. 19, which provides relative to the District Attorneys' Retirement System.

Representative Carlson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 19 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 19 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Boudreaux, Brass, Carlson, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Terry Landry, Spell, and Taylor voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 8 by Representative Bacala

Representative Bacala presented House Bill No. 8, which provides relative to legislative staff attendance at executive sessions of meetings of any state or statewide retirement system board or committee.

Representative Brass offered a motion to report House Bill No. 8 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 8 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Boudreaux, Brass, Carlson, Egan, Freeman, Kerner, Terry Landry, Spell, and Taylor voted yea.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 8.

House Bill No. 48 by Representative Bacala

Representative Bacala presented House Bill No. 48, which provides relative to membership in the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund.

Representative Turner offered amendments to:

- (1) Provide that each agency who employs a person participating in the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund is subject to all the provisions of present law that apply to any sheriff in the sheriff's capacity as an employer participating in the fund.
- (2) Allow a person who may be a member of a different retirement system the ability to elect to become a member of the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund.
- (3) Prohibit someone who is receiving a benefit under the provision of present law.

Representative Turner offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Boudreaux, Brass, Carlson, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Terry Landry, Spell, and Taylor voted yea.

Representative Brass offered a motion to report House Bill No. 48 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 48 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Boudreaux, Brass, Carlson, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Terry Landry, Spell, and Taylor 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. 22 by Representative Bacala

Representative Bacala presented House Bill No. 22, which provides relative to the Clerks' of Court Retirement System.

Laura Gail Sullivan, Clerks' of Court Retirement System, 10555 North Glenstone Place, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 22.

Representative Turner offered amendments to change when a cost-of-living adjustment begins to a date determined by the board of trustees. Representative Turner offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Boudreaux, Brass, Carlson, Carrier, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Terry Landry, Spell, and Taylor voted yea.

Representative Brass offered a motion to report House Bill No. 22 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 22 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Boudreaux, Brass, Carlson, Carrier, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Terry Landry, Spell, and Taylor 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.

The committee at stood at ease at 10:06 a.m. The committee reconvened at 10:13 a.m.

House Bill No. 41 by Representative Dewitt

Representative Dewitt presented House Bill No. 41, which provides relative to board membership of the Firefighters' Retirement System.

Representative Turner offered amendments to:

- (1) Provide that a board member elected on or after January 1, 2027, may only serve three terms.
- (2) Remove proposed provisions authorizing the board of trustees to fill a vacancy by appointment with less than two years left of the term.
- (3) Provide the bill becomes effective upon the governor's signature or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

Representative Turner offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Brass, Carlson, Carrier, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Terry Landry, McMakin, Spell, and Taylor voted yea.

Representative Turner offered amendments to provide that active members of the board of trustees are elected by active members of the retirement system. Representative Turner offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Brass, Carlson, Carrier, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, McMakin, Spell, and Taylor voted yea.

Paul Smith, Louisiana Association of Retired Professional Firefighters, PO Box 14526, Alexandria, LA, spoke in support of House Bill No. 41.

Chad Monceaux, Firefighters' Retirement System, 517 East Third Street, Crowley, LA 70526, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 41.

Chad Major, Professional Firefighters, 8011 Merle Gustafson, Baton Rouge, LA 70812, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 41.

Representative Boudreaux offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 41. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 41 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Brass, Carlson, Carrier, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Terry Landry, McMakin, Spell, and Taylor voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, and 4 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Adoption of minutes for 2024 - 2025 Interim meeting held on January 29; and 2025 Regular Session meetings held on April 24 and May 15, 2025

Representative Berault offered a motion to adopt the minutes from the 2024-2025 Interim meeting held on January 29, 2025, and 2025 Regular Session meetings held on April 24 and May 15, 2025. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Brass, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Terry Landry, McMakin, and Spell voted yea.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Carlson offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Brass, Carlson, Carrier, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Terry Landry, McMakin, Spell, and Taylor voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Christopher Turner
House Committee on Retirement

Date adopted: