

House Committee on Retirement

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
March 26, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Christopher Turner, chair of the House Committee on Retirement, called the meeting to order at 9:06 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 Delisha Boyd
Representative Josh Carlson
Representative R. Dewith Carrier
Representative Peter F. Egan, Sr.
Representative John R. Illg, Jr.
Representative Timothy P. Kerner, vice chair
Representative Terry Landry, Jr.
Representative Sylvia Elaine Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Kendricks "Ken" Brass
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman
Representative Dixon Wallace McMakin
Representative Annie Spell
Representative Polly Thomas

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joey David, legislative analyst
Jennifer Watson, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Chance Simpson, clerk
Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms
Robert Palmer, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 24 by Representative Owen**

House Bill No. 24 provides relative to the reemployment of retirees through a contract within the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.

Representative Turner announced that action on House Bill No. 24 had been voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 20 by Representative Bagley

Representative Bagley presented House Bill No. 20, which provides relative to the reemployment of retirees in the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.

Representative Turner offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 20. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 20 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Carlson, Carrier, Egan, Illg, Kerner, 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. 25 by Representative Spell

On behalf of Representative Spell, Representative Carlson presented House Bill No. 25, which provides relative to the payment of benefits for the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.

Representative Turner offered amendments to change the effective date from July 1, 2027, to July 1, 2026. Representative Turner offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Carlson, Carrier, Egan, Kerner, and Taylor voted yea.

Katherine Whitney, Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, 8401 United Plaza, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 25.

Representative Taylor offered a motion to report House Bill No. 25 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 25 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Carlson, Egan, Illg, Kerner, 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. 23 by Representative Bacala

Representative Bacala presented House Bill No. 23, which grants a cost-of-living adjustment to eligible retirees and beneficiaries.

Representative Illg offered amendments to increase the annual benefit limitation for funding a cost-of-living adjustment. Representative Illg offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Carlson, Egan, Illg, Kerner, and Taylor voted yea.

Representative Illg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 23 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 23 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Carlson, Egan, Illg, Kerner, and Taylor 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.

House Bill No. 42 by Representative Bacala

Representative Bacala presented House Bill No. 42, which provides relative to a phased retirement program within the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.

Representative Boudreaux offered amendments to:

- (1) Authorize each public postsecondary education management board to develop and implement a voluntary phased retirement program for faculty and staff.
- (2) Specify that the member's institution is a public postsecondary education institution.
- (3) Make technical changes.

Representative Boudreaux offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Carlson, Egan, Illg, Kerner, and Taylor voted yea.

Representative Boudreaux offered a motion to report House Bill No. 42 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 42 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Carlson, Egan, Illg, Kerner, and Taylor voted yea.

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

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No.42.

House Bill No. 32 by Representative Egan

Representative Egan presented House Bill No. 32, which provides relative to the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System.

Trey Boudreaux, Louisiana State Employees Retirement System, 8401 United Plaza Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 32.

Representative Illg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 32 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 32 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Carlson, Egan, Illg, Kerner, and Taylor 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. 13 by Representative McMakin

On behalf of Representative McMakin, Representative Illg presented House Bill No. 13, which provides relative to amortization bases within the Louisiana State Police Retirement System.

Representative Illg offered amendments to change the date of the consolidation of amortization bases, and to make technical changes. Representative Illg offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Carlson, Egan, Illg, Kerner, and Taylor voted yea.

Margaret Michel, Louisiana State Police Retirement System, 9224 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 13.

Representative Berault offered a motion to report House Bill No. 13 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 13 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Boyd, Carlson, Egan, Illg, Kerner, 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.

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 Carlson offered amendments to:

- (1) Remove the proposed provision concerning term limits.
- (2) Provide that active members of the board of trustees are elected by active members of the system.
- (3) Provide that three members elected are members of the Professional Fire Fighters Association and two members are elected by nonmembers of the Professional Fire Fighters Association.
- (4) Remove proposed provisions authorizing the board of trustees to fill a vacancy by appointment with less than two years left of the term.
- (5) Add provisions repealing present law appointment of fire chiefs to the board of trustees by the Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association.
- (6) Provide that upon the effective date of proposed law, the terms of certain members serving on the board terminate; however, such members remain on the board of trustees until members are elected as provided in proposed law.
- (7) Provide that proposed law is effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.
- (8) Make technical changes.

Representative Carlson 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, Boyd, Carlson, Egan, Illg, Kerner, Terry Landry, and Taylor voted yea.

Chad Roberson, Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association, 18153 East Petroleum Drive, Saint George, LA 70809, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 41.

Representative Berault offered a motion to report House Bill No. 41 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 41 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Boyd, Carlson, Carrier, Egan, Illg, Kerner, Terry Landry, and Taylor voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in opposition, and 1 for information only. 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 Illg offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Boyd, Carlson, Carrier, Egan, Illg, Kerner, Terry Landry, and Taylor voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Christopher Turner
House Committee on Retirement

Date adopted: