

House Committee on Retirement

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
April 9, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Christopher Turner, chair of the House Committee on Retirement, called the meeting to order at 9:09 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 Josh Carlson
Representative Peter F. Egan, Sr.
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman
Representative John R. Illg, Jr.
Representative Timothy P. Kerner, vice chair
Representative Dixon Wallace McMakin
Representative Annie Spell
Representative Sylvia Elaine Taylor
Representative Polly Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Delisha Boyd
Representative Kendricks "Ken" Brass
Representative R. Dewith Carrier
Representative Terry Landry, Jr.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joey David, legislative analyst
Jennifer Watson, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

H, Bryce McGlothin, clerk
Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 26 by Representative Freeman**

House Bill No. 26 provides relative to partial dissolution of an employer in the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System.

Representative Freeman offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 26. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 26 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Spell, and Thomas voted yea.

House Bill No. 993 by Representative Freeman

House Bill No. 993 provides relative to earnable compensation for employees in the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System.

Representative Freeman offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 993. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 993 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Spell, and Thomas voted yea.

House Bill No. 31 by Representative Echols

Representative Echols presented House Bill No. 31, which authorizes certain municipalities to terminate participation in the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System.

Representative Turner offered amendments to:

- (1) Provide for the creation of a subplan within the retirement system known as "Plan C".
- (2) Provide that an employer with employees covered under Social Security, by adoption of an ordinance, may opt to have its employees in Plan C or the hazardous duty plan.
- (3) Provide that the employee contribution for participation in Plan C is 0%.

- (4) Provide that the employer contribution rate shall not exceed the costs to administer the plan.
- (5) Provide for disability retirement provided through Plan C upon application and certification of disability.
- (6) Provide for survivor benefits for officers enrolled in Plan C who die while in active service or a disability retiree who dies as a result of injuries sustained in the line of duty.

Representative Turner offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Spell, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Illg offered amendments to change the population requirement for provisions of proposed law relative to termination of participation in the system to between 1,950 and 2,950. Representative Illg offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Spell, and Thomas voted yea.

Laura Gail Sullivan, 10555 North Glenstone Place, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 31.

Representative Turner offered a motion to report House Bill No. 31 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 31 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Spell, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 in support, 1 in opposition, and 3 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 1134 by Representative Braud

Representative Braud presented House Bill No. 1134, which creates the Back-Deferred Retirement Option Program within 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. 1134.

Representative Turner offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1134 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1134 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Spell, and Thomas voted yea.

House Bill No. 24 by Representative Owen

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

Katherine Whitney, Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, 8401 United Plaza, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 24.

Representative Illg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 24 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 24 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Carlson, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Spell, and Thomas 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 Bill No. 24.

House Bill No. 21 by Representative Glorioso

Representative Glorioso presented House Bill No. 21, which provides relative to participation in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System.

Representative Illg offered amendments to remove from proposed law the repeal of the termination date in present law. 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, Carlson, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Spell, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Berault offered a motion to report House Bill No. 21 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 21 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Carlson, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Spell, and Thomas 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.

House Bill No. 1017 by Representative Kerner

Representative Kerner presented House Bill No. 1017, which prohibits certain post-divorce earnable compensation in the Firefighters' Retirement System from being included in a former spouse's portion of community property.

Chad Major, Professional Firefighters of Louisiana, 8011 Merle Gustafson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA spoke in support of House Bill No. 1017.

Representative Spell offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1017 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1017 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Carlson, Egan, Illg, Kerner, Spell, and Thomas voted yeas.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 43 by Representative Bagley

Representative Bagley presented House Bill No. 43, which provides relative to retirement eligibility in 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. 43.

Representative Turner offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 43. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 43 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Carlson, Egan, Freeman, Kerner, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas voted yeas.

House Bill No. 30 by Representative Bacala

Representative Bacala presented House Bill No. 30, which provides relative to annual retirement education for certain participating employers in the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System.

Representative Turner offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 30. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 30 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Carlson, Egan, Freeman, Kerner, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas voted yeas.

House Bill No. 45 by Representative Bacala

Representative Bacala presented House Bill No. 45, which provides relative to benefits of participating employees in the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System.

Representative Freeman offered amendments to:

- (1) Provide relative to what is not "earnable compensation".

- (2) Allow a member who was employed by another law enforcement agency of the state, a political subdivision, another state, or the federal government the ability to purchase service credit.
- (3) Provide for survivor benefits for spouses of police officers killed in the line of duty between July 1, 2010, and March 1, 2026.
- (4) Provide relative to additional employer contributions to be deposited in the funding deposit account.
- (5) Reduce the accrual rate for members of the nonhazardous duty plan from three and one-third percent to three percent.

Representative Freeman 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, Carlson, Egan, Freeman, Kerner, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas voted yea.

Richard Williams, Louisiana Municipal Association, 6767 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in support of House Bill No. 45.

Jason DiMarco, Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System, 7722 Office Park Boulevard, no city or state provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 45.

Mayor Helena Moreno, city of New Orleans, 1300 Perdido Street, New Orleans, LA 70112, spoke in support of House Bill No. 45.

Representative Freeman offered a motion to report House Bill No. 45 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 45 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Carlson, Egan, Freeman, Kerner, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 11 in support, and 4 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 49 by Representative Bacala

Representative Bacala presented House Bill No. 49, which provides relative to the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System and the Firefighters' Retirement System.

Representative Freeman offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill. Representative Freeman 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, Carlson, Egan, Freeman, Kerner, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Turner offered amendments to the substitute bill to repeal the provision relative to the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System partial dissolution of a police department. 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, Berault, Boudreaux, Carlson, Egan, Freeman, Kerner, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas voted yea.

Richard Williams, Louisiana Municipal Association, 6767 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in support of House Bill No. 49.

Mayor Helena Moreno, city of New Orleans, 1300 Perdido Street, New Orleans, LA 70112, spoke in support of House Bill No. 49.

Representative Freeman offered a motion to report House Bill No. 49 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 49 was reported by substitute by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Carlson, Egan, Freeman, Kerner, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support, and 6 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 Carlson offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Carlson, Egan, Freeman, Kerner, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Christopher Turner
House Committee on Retirement

Date adopted: