

House Committee on Retirement

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
April 29, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Christopher Turner, chair of the House Committee on Retirement, called the meeting to order at 3:24 p.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 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 Annie Spell
Representative Sylvia Elaine Taylor
Representative Polly Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Dixon Wallace McMakin

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**Senate Bill No. 22 by Senator Carter**

Senator Carter presented Senate Bill No. 22, which provides for the eligibility of certain positions within the office of the constable of the Second City Court of the city of New Orleans for membership in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana.

Representative Illg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 22 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 22 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Brass, Egan, Illg, Kerner, Spell, Taylor, 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.

Senate Bill No. 17 by Senator Talbot

Senator Talbot presented Senate Bill No. 17, which provides for the funding deposit account for cost-of-living adjustments for the Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System.

Representative Berault offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 17 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 17 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Brass, Carlson, Carrier, Egan, Illg, Kerner, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas voted yea.

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Senate Bill No. 455 by Senator Talbot

Senator Talbot presented Senate Bill No. 455, which provides for admission of entities as employers to the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana.

Representative Turner offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 455 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 455 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Brass, Carlson, Carrier, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas voted yea.

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Senate Bill No. 456 by Senator Talbot

Senator Talbot presented Senate Bill No. 456, which provides for the compensation of assigned retired judges.

Representative Turner offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 456 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 456 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Brass, Carlson, Carrier, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas voted yea.

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Senate Bill No. 8 by Senator Price

Senator Price presented Senate Bill No. 8, which provides for participation by certain entities in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana.

Representative Brass offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 8 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 8 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Brass, Carlson, Carrier, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas 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.

Senate Bill No. 10 by Senator Price

Senator Price presented Senate Bill No. 10, which provides relative to the determination of employer contributions and amortization of certain actuarial gains.

Margaret Michel, Louisiana State Police Retirement System, 9224 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 10.

Representative Brass offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 10 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 10 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Boyd, Brass, Carlson, Carrier, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas 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.

Senate Bill No. 11 by Senator Price

Senator Price presented Senate Bill No. 11, which provides for the funding of benefit increases for retirees, beneficiaries, and survivors of the Louisiana State Police Retirement System.

Margaret Michel, Louisiana State Police Retirement System, 9224 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 11.

Representative Brass offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 11 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 11 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Boyd, Brass, Carlson, Carrier, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas 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.

Senate Bill No. 12 by Senator Price

Senator Price presented Senate Bill No. 12, which provides for the membership and definitions of the Louisiana State Police Retirement System.

Margaret Michel, Louisiana State Police Retirement System, 9224 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 12.

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

Senate Bill No. 16 by Senator Price

Senator Price presented Senate Bill No. 16, which provides for educational requirements for trustees of certain retirement system boards.

Margaret Michel, Louisiana State Police Retirement System, 9224 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 16.

Representative Boyd offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 16 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 16 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Boyd, Brass, Carlson, Carrier, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas voted yea.

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Senate Bill No. 13 by Senator Price

Senator Price presented Senate Bill No. 13, which provides relative to the determination of employer contributions and amortization of certain actuarial gains.

Katherine Whitney, Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, 8401 United Plaza, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 13.

Representative Spell offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 13 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 13 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Boyd, Brass, Carlson, Carrier, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas voted yea.

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Senate Bill No. 14 by Senator Price

Senator Price presented Senate Bill No. 14, which provides relative to the reemployment of retired members of Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL) in positions eligible for TRSL membership and alternative retiree reemployment options.

Katherine Whitney, Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, 8401 United Plaza Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 14.

Bruce Chaffin, Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana Study Group and Livingston Parish Schools, 42413 General Ott Road, Hammond, LA 70403, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 14.

Representative Spell offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 14 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 14 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Boyd, Brass, Carlson, Carrier, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas voted yea.

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Senate Bill No. 18 by Senator Price

Senator Price presented Senate Bill No. 18, which repeals certain exceptions for retirement benefits of retirees who return to part-time employment in a position covered by the system.

Maris LeBlanc, executive director, Municipal Employees' Retirement System, 7937 Office Park Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 18.

Representative Turner offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 18 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 18 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Boyd, Brass, Carlson, Carrier, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 20 by Senator Price

Senator Price presented Senate Bill No. 20, which provides relative to the determination of employer contributions and amortization of certain actuarial gains.

Charles Bujol, Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, 8660 United Plaza, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 20.

Representative Turner offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 20 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 20 was reported favorably by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Boyd, Brass, Carlson, Carrier, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Terry Landry, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 21 by Senator Price

Senator Price presented Senate Bill No. 21, which provides relative to payments toward the unfunded accrued liability of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System and the amortization of certain actuarial gains.

Trey Boudreaux, Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, 8401 United Plaza Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 21.

Representative Boudreaux offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 21 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 21 was reported favorably by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Boyd, Brass, Carlson, Carrier, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Terry Landry, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas voted yea.

Vice Chair Kerner in the chair.

Senate Bill No. 416 by Senator Price

Senator Price presented Senate Bill No. 416, which provides relative to reemployment of retirees to fill critical shortage positions within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, corrections services.

Jonathan Vining, executive counsel, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, 504 Mayflower, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 416.

Representative Adams offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 416 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 416 was reported favorably by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Boyd, Brass, Carlson, Carrier, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Terry Landry, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas voted yea.

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Senate Bill No. 477 by Senator Price

Senator Price presented Senate Bill No. 477, which provides relative to the retirement eligibility of the chairman of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board.

Representative Taylor offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 477 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 477 was reported favorably by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Boyd, Brass, Carlson, Carrier, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Terry Landry, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas voted yea.

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IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Turner offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Turner, Adams, Berault, Boudreaux, Boyd, Brass, Carlson, Carrier, Egan, Freeman, Illg, Kerner, Terry Landry, Spell, Taylor, and Thomas voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Christopher Turner
House Committee on Retirement

Date adopted: