

# House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development

Minutes of Meeting  
2024 Regular Session  
May 22, 2024

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Troy D. Romero, chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development, called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

## II. ROLL CALL

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Troy D. Romero, chairman  
Representative Beryl A. Amedée  
Representative Chad Michael Boyer  
Representative Marcus Anthony Bryant  
Representative Rhonda Gaye Butler  
Representative Kimberly Landry Coates  
Representative Adrian Fisher  
Representative C. Travis Johnson, vice chairman  
Representative Jacob Jules Gabriel Landry  
Representative Danny McCormick  
Representative Wayne McMahan  
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn  
Representative Vincent "Vinney" J. St. Blanc, III  
Representative Francis C. Thompson  
Representative Christopher Turner  
Representative John E. Wyble

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley  
Representative Chance Keith Henry  
Representative Larry Selders

### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lashay Masami, attorney  
Ashley Davillier, committee administrative assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 45 by Senator Foil**

Senator Foil presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 45, which urges and requests the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry to study and make recommendations on ways to increase urban forestry in the state.

Ms. Sage Foley, Baton Rouge Green and LA Community Forests, 2241 Christian Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 45.

Commissioner Mike Strain, Third Floor, Capitol, no city provided, spoke for information only on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 45.

Representative Travis Johnson offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 45 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 45 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Amedee, Boyer, Butler, Coates, Fisher, C. Travis Johnson, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMahan, Schamerhorn, St. Blanc, Thompson, Turner, and Wyble voted yea. Representative Romero abstained.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative McCormick offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Romero, Amedee, Boyer, Butler, Coates, Fisher, C. Travis Johnson, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMahan, Schamerhorn, St. Blanc, Thompson, Turner, and Wyble voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Troy D. Romero  
House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development

Date adopted: