

## House Committee on Commerce

Minutes of Meeting  
2024 Regular Session  
April 15, 2024

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel, chair of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### II. ROLL CALL

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel, chair  
Representative Delisha Boyd  
Representative Kim Carver  
Representative Vincent E. Cox, III  
Representative Paula P. Davis  
Representative Jessica Domangue  
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.  
Representative Troy Jude Hebert  
Representative Stephanie Hilferty  
Representative Edmond Jordan  
Representative Alonzo L. Knox  
Representative Jacob Jules Gabriel Landry  
Representative Danny McCormick  
Representative Dixon Wallace McMakin  
Representative Shaun Raphael Mena  
Representative Candace N. Newell  
Representative Neil Riser  
Representative Vincent "Vinney" J. St. Blanc, III  
Representative Polly Thomas, vice chair

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

#### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Victoria Kelley, attorney  
Kathryn Vigrass, legislative analyst  
Sharell Steven, committee administrative assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms  
Nevonda Reed, division director  
Randall Ike, student clerk  
Angela Mamou, sergeant at arms  
Stephen Louis, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 808 by Representative Mike Johnson**

Representative Mike Johnson presented House Bill No. 808, which regulates the operation of abandoned cemeteries.

Mike Tudor, 725 Hiawatha Trl., Pineville, LA 71360, spoke in support of House Bill No. 808.

Ryan Seidemann, Louisiana Department of Justice, 1885 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 808.

Representative Deshotel offered amendments to:

- (1) Prohibit the moving or removal of grave markers.
- (2) Make technical changes.

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report House Bill No. 808 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 808 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to adopt the two-minute rule for the remainder of the meeting. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

**House Bill No. 814 by Representative Young**

Representative Young presented House Bill No. 814, which provides for student age requirements for barber college admissions.

Representative Boyd offered amendments to:

- (1) Add that high school students may enroll in a board-approved barber college that operates within a state high school.
- (2) Change the age requirement of a student to receive a certificate of registration to practice barbering from 18 years of age to 17 years of age.
- (3) Make technical changes.

Representative Boyd offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, and Thomas voted yea.

Joseph Pruitt, Gibsland Bienville Parish Barber School, 3471 Cathey St., Arcadia, LA 71001, spoke in support of House Bill No. 814.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report House Bill No. 814 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 814 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Green, Hebert, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 930 by Representative Ventrella**

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 930, which provides relative to cosmetology. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 930 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Green, Hebert, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 930 pursuant to House Rule 14.33.

**House Bill No. 577 by Representative Carver**

Representative Carver offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 577, which prohibits social media companies from collecting data to use for targeted advertising to minors. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 577 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Green, Hebert, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 577 pursuant to House Rule 14.33.

**House Bill No. 638 by Representative Muscarello**

On behalf of Representative Muscarello, Carl Saizan, Louisiana State Board of Private Security Examiners, 15703 Old Hammond Hwy., Baton Rouge, LA 70816, presented House Bill No. 638, which provides relative to entities practicing as licensed private security businesses.

Representative McMakin offered a motion to report House Bill No. 638 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 638 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Green, Hebert, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

**House Bill No. 875 by Representative Gadberry**

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 875, which provides for changes in fees relative to the state fire marshal. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 875 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Green, Hebert, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

**House Bill No. 861 by Representative Fontenot**

Representative Fontenot presented House Bill No. 861, which provides relative to regional economic development organizations.

Representative Deshotel offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Deshotel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Green, Hebert, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 861 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 861 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Green, Hebert, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, 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.

### **House Bill No. 953 by Representative Fontenot**

Representative Fontenot presented House Bill No. 953, which provides relative to life safety and property protection and conveyance devices.

Bryan J. Adams, State Fire Marshal, 8181 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 953.

Representative Green offered a motion to report House Bill No. 953 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 953 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Green, Hebert, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, 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.

### **House Bill No. 892 by Representative Wright**

Representative Wright presented House Bill No. 892, which provides relative to the formation and administration of decentralized unincorporated nonprofit associations.

Brian Quintenz, Andreessen Horowitz, 2865 Sand Hill Rd., #101, Menlo Park, CA 94025, spoke in support of House Bill No. 892.

David Kerr, Cowrie LLC, 5150 S. Inspirian Pkwy., #1100, Mesa, AZ 85212, spoke in support of House Bill No. 892.

Representative Deshotel offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Deshotel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Knox, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Deshotel offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Require an entity to include identification that it is a decentralized unincorporated nonprofit association in a statement appointing an agent.
- (3) Change filing officer to the secretary of state in proposed law.

- (4) Clarify the definition of "conversion" and remove redundancies.
- (5) Authorize the secretary of state to collect certain fees.

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to report House Bill No. 892 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 892 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

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

#### **House Bill No. 913 by Representative Selders**

Representative Selders presented House Bill No. 913, which provides for transparency for utility bills.

Davante Lewis, Louisiana public service commissioner, 301 Main St., #1110, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 913.

Representative Deshotel offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes to the title.
- (2) Clarify that a copy of the original utility bill is required.
- (3) Add violations, penalties, and civil remedies regarding housing providers that do not provide a copy of original utility bills pursuant to proposed law.

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Knox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 913 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 913 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 893 by Representative Schamerhorn**

Representative Schamerhorn presented House Bill No. 893, which requires solar farms to have buffer zones between the operational area of a solar farm and any adjoining residential area.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report House Bill No. 893 favorably. After discussion, Representative Newell withdrew the motion to report favorably and offered a motion to recommit to the Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs. After discussion, Representative Newell withdrew the motion to recommit to the Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs. No vote was taken.

Camille Manning-Broom, Center for Planning Excellence, 757 Main St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 893 and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Jeff Clark, Advanced Power Alliance, 6404 Ledge Mountain Dr., Austin, TX 78731, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 893.

Guy Cormier, Police Jury Association of Louisiana, 707 N. Seventh St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 893.

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 893. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 893 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support and 9 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 933 by Representative Bayham**

Representative Bayham presented House Bill No. 933, which provides with respect to retail florists and wholesale florists.

Representative Deshotel offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Deshotel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Knox, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Deshotel offered amendments that originated in committee to repeal present and proposed law relative to what a cut flower dealer's permit authorizes the holder to do. Representative Deshotel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Hebert, Hilferty, Knox, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Hebert offered amendments that originated in committee to repeal proposed law regarding how many vending machines a permittee can operate. Representative Hebert offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Green, Hebert, Hilferty, Knox, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative McMakin offered amendments that originated in committee to remove a floral dealer permit fee. Representative McMakin offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Green, Hebert, Hilferty, Knox, Jacob Landry, McMakin, Mena, Newell, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Betsy Sanz, The Institute of Justice, 901 N. Glebe Rd., Ste. 900, Arlington, VA 22203, spoke in support of House Bill No. 933.

Sarah Harbison, Pelican Institute, 400 Poydras St., Ste. 900, New Orleans, LA 70130, spoke in support of House Bill No. 933 and provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Anthony Thibodeaux, Associated Grocers, 8600 Anselmo Ln., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, spoke in support of House Bill No. 933.

Scott Simon, Americans for Prosperity, 4900 Trenton St., Metairie, LA 70006, spoke in support of House Bill No. 933.

Mike Strain, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 900 N. Third St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 933.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 933 with amendments, and recommit to the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture and Rural Development. Representative Green offered a substitute motion to report House Bill No. 933 with amendments, to which Representative Thomas objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 933 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Green, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, and St. Blanc voted yea. Representatives Newell, Riser, and Thomas voted nay.

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. 749 by Representative Bayham**

Representative Bayham presented House Bill No. 749, which provides for unregulated services within the Louisiana Cosmetology Act.



Representative Deshotel offered amendments to:

- (1) Restructure the title.
- (2) Provide requirements for special permit.
- (3) Make technical changes.

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Green, Hebert, Hilferty, Jordan, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, and Thomas voted yea.

Ryan Haynie, Beauty Basics, P.O. Box 44032, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 749.

Tatum Neill, Neill Corporation, 303 S. Pine St., Hammond, LA 70403, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 749.

Sheri Morris, Louisiana Board of Cosmetology, 8900 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 749.

Kiwan Wade, Louisiana Board of Cosmetology, 11622 Sun Belt Ct., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 749.

Betsy Sanz, The Institute of Justice, 901 N. Glebe Rd., Ste. 900, Arlington, VA 22203, spoke in support of House Bill No. 749.

Ashley Ndakri, 5177 Pauline Dr., New Orleans, LA 70126, spoke in support of House Bill No. 749.

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 749. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 749 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Green, Hebert, Hilferty, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 support and 12 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 749 pursuant to House Rule 14.33.

***Further action was taken by committee on House Bill No. 749 on April 22, 2024. Please check for the subsequent action to complete the record of discussion and motion on House Bill No. 749.***

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 2 by Representative Bayham**

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 2, which amends and repeals administrative licensing requirements relative to alternative hair and alternative hair design. Without objection, action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 2 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Green, Hebert, Hilferty, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Concurrent Resolution No. 2 pursuant to House Rule 14.33.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Riser offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Boyd, Carver, Cox, Domangue, Green, Hebert, Hilferty, Knox, Jacob Landry, McCormick, McMakin, Mena, Newell, Riser, St. Blanc, and Thomas voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Daryl Andrew Deshotel  
House Committee on Commerce

Date adopted: