

## House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting  
2024 Regular Session  
April 3, 2024

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV, chair of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. in Room 2, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### II. ROLL CALL

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV, chair  
Representative Michael Robert "Mike" Bayham, Jr.  
Representative Beth Anne Billings  
Representative Delisha Boyd  
Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.  
Representative Jessica Domangue  
Representative Les Farnum  
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry  
Representative Ed Larvadain, III  
Representative Rodney Lyons, vice chair  
Representative C. Denise Marcelle  
Representative Candace N. Newell  
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn  
Representative Polly Thomas  
Representative Mark Wright  
Representative John E. Wyble

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

#### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst  
Annie Smith, attorney  
Sarah Baker, committee administrative assistant  
Caroline Vanhoose, clerk

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Cheryl Domino, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**

**House Bill No. 95 by Representative Mike Johnson**

Representative Mike Johnson presented House Bill No. 95, which provides for the use of a consent agenda by certain school boards and parish governing authorities.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 95 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 95 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bayham, Billings, Domangue, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, and Wyble voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support.

**House Bill No. 103 by Representative Mike Johnson**

Representative Mike Johnson presented House Bill No. 103, which requires certain public bodies to broadcast meetings live via television or the internet.

Guy Cormier, Police Jury Association of Louisiana, 707 North Seventh Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 103.

Paulette Bailey Wilson, Louisiana Municipal Association, 10191 Patriot Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70816, spoke in support of House Bill No. 103.

Chris Alexander, Louisiana Citizen Advocacy Group, P.O. Box 64952, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, spoke in support of House Bill No. 103.

Representative Wyble offered a motion to report House Bill No. 103 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 103 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bayham, Billings, Boyd, Wilford Carter, Domangue, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, Schamerhorn, Thomas, and Wyble voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support, and 1 for information only.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 103 pursuant to House Rule 14.33.

**House Bill No. 268 by Representative Mike Johnson**

Representative Mike Johnson presented House Bill No. 268, which provides relative to the confidentiality of the home address and the home or personal wireless telephone number in a public employee's personnel.

Brant Osborn, St. Tammany Federation of Teachers and School Employees, 1842 Eighth Street, Slidell, LA 70458, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 268.

Marcus Thomas, Louisiana Association of Educators, 8322 One Calais Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 268.

Scott Sternberg, Louisiana Press Association, 935 Gravier Street, Suite 2020, New Orleans, LA 70112, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 268.

Jane Hill, 1443 Eastridge Drive, Slidell, LA 70458, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 268.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 268 favorably, to which Representative Marcelle objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 268 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bayham, Billings, Boyd, Domangue, Farnum, Gadberry, Lyons, Newell, Schamerhorn, and Thomas voted yea. Representatives Wilford Carter, Larvadain, and Marcelle voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support, 5 in opposition, and 1 for information only.

**House Bill No. 499 by Representative Billings**

Representative Billings presented House Bill No. 499, which provides relative to the preparation, verification, tabulation, and counting of absentee by mail and early voting ballots.

Sherri Hadskey, office of the secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 499.

Jennifer Bollinger, office of the secretary of state, 8585 Archives Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70807, spoke for information only and read a letter on behalf of Nancy Landry, office of the secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, labeled Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Lani Boyd, office of the secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 499.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 499 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 499 was reported by substitute by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bayham, Billings, Boyd, Wilford Carter, Domangue, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, Newell, Schamerhorn, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, 2 in opposition, and 2 for information only.

### **House Bill No. 262 by Representative Green**

Representative Green presented House Bill No. 262, which provides for a uniform campaign contribution limit across all levels of office.

Kathleen M. Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics, P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 262.

The committee recessed at 10:56 a.m. The committee reconvened at 11:01 a.m.

Representative Larvadain offered a motion to report House Bill No. 262 favorably, to which Representative Thomas objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 262 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 1 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bayham, Billings, Boyd, Wilford Carter, Domangue, Gadberry, Larvadain, Marcelle, Newell, Schamerhorn, and Wyble voted yea. Representative Thomas voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support.

### **House Bill No. 220 by Representative Bayham**

Representative Bayham presented House Bill No. 220, which provides for publication of polling locations.

Representative Bayham offered amendments to:

1. Remove the proposed law requirement that the secretary of state publish on his website a publicly available list of all polling places arranged by parish and precinct.
2. Remove the present law requirement that local election officials publish on their websites information regarding receiving notification of polling place location changes.

3. Require registrars and clerks of court to publish polling locations on their websites beginning 30 days prior to an election.

Representative Bayham offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bayham, Billings, Boyd, Wilford Carter, Domangue, Gadberry, Larvadain, Marcelle, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Bill No. 220 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 220 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Bayham, Billings, Boyd, Wilford Carter, Domangue, Gadberry, Larvadain, Marcelle, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, and 3 for information only.

#### **House Bill No. 740 by Representative Marcelle**

Representative Marcelle presented House Bill No. 740, which provides relative to the assessment of penalties for failure to timely file required reports.

Kathleen M. Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics, P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 740.

Representative Boyd offered a motion to report House Bill No. 740 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 740 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Wilford Carter, Domangue, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support.

#### **House Bill No. 426 by Representative Melerine**

Representative Melerine presented House Bill No. 426, which provides relative to educational professionals providing academic tutoring services under certain circumstances.

Representative Beaulieu offered amendments to add that the approval of the employing school board be in accordance with rules and procedures established by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Wilford Carter, Domangue, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Marcelle, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, and Wyble voted yea.

*Vice Chair Lyons in the chair.*

Kathleen M. Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics, P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 426.

Kelli Bottger, Louisiana Kids Matter, 37397 Cypress Alley Avenue, Gonzales, LA 70737, spoke in support of House Bill No. 426.

Earl Bradshaw, 398 White Oak Drive, Lake Charles, LA 70611, spoke in support of House Bill No. 426.

Representative Domangue offered a motion to report House Bill No. 426 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 426 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Wilford Carter, Domangue, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support.

### **House Bill No. 105 by Representative Tarver**

*Chair Beaulieu in the chair.*

Representative Tarver presented House Bill No. 105, which allows a public servant and related persons to obtain advertisements from a governmental entity subject to the same terms and conditions available to similarly situated members of the public. Representative Tarver provided a handout, labeled Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Beaulieu offered technical amendments to House Bill No. 105. Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Wilford Carter, Domangue, Gadberry, Newell, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

Kathleen M. Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics, P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 105.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 105 with amendments, to which Representative Newell objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 105 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 1 nay. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Wilford Carter, Domangue, Farnum, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Schamerhorn, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea. Representative Newell voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, and 2 in opposition.

**House Bill No. 110 by Representative Owen**

Representative Owen presented House Bill No. 110, which allows certain persons to know who filed an ethics complaint at the conclusion of board action on the complaint.

Kathleen M. Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics, P.O. Box 4360, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 110.

*Vice Chair Lyons in the chair.*

Chris Alexander, Louisiana Citizen Advocacy Group, P.O. Box 64952, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, spoke in support of House Bill No. 110.

*Chair Beaulieu in the chair.*

Jill Hines, Health Freedom Louisiana, 3301 Eleventh Street, #7443, Metairie, LA 70010, spoke in support of House Bill No. 110.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report House Bill No. 110 favorably, to which Representative Boyd objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 6 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Gadberry, Schamerhorn, Wright, and Wyble voted yea. Representatives Boyd, Domangue, Larvadain, Lyons, Newell, and Thomas voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, and 3 in opposition.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 110 pursuant to House Rule 14.33.

**House Resolution No. 26 by Representative Freeman**

On behalf of Representative Freeman, Chair Beaulieu presented House Resolution No. 26, which provides relative to use of personal electronic devices and decorum in the House Chamber and committee rooms.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 26 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 26 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Domangue, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Newell, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Beaulieu announced that action on House Bill No. 263, which removes prohibitions on legislators and political committees of legislators and the governor and political committees of the governor accepting and depositing campaign contributions during regular sessions of the legislature, would be deferred until next week.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Newell offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Billings, Boyd, Domangue, Gadberry, Larvadain, Lyons, Newell, Thomas, Wright, and Wyble voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV  
House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Date adopted: