

House Committee on Judiciary

Minutes of Meeting
2025 Regular Session
June 4, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Robby Carter, chair of the House Committee on Judiciary, called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Robby Carter, chair
Representative Jacob Braud
Representative Chad Brown
Representative Emily Chenevert
Representative Kellee Hennessy Dickerson
Representative Kathy Edmonston, vice chair
Representative Jack "Jay" William Gallé, Jr.
Representative Troy Jude Hebert
Representative Edmond Jordan
Representative Vanessa Caston LaFleur
Representative Mandie Landry
Representative Shane Mack
Representative Jeffrey Fons "Jeff" Wiley
Representative Jerome Zeringue

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.
Representative Jason Hughes
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe
Representative Joseph A. Orgeron
Representative Lauren Ventrella

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Karen Winfrey, attorney
Paula Jones, committee administrative assistant
Robert Singletary, director

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Don-Trae' Davis, clerk
Amelia Carman, clerk
Cheryl Domino, sergeant at arms
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**Motion to Limit Debate**

Representative Wiley offered a motion to invoke the three-minute rule. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robby Carter, Brown, Chenevert, Dickerson, Edmonston, Gallè, Hebert, Jordan, LaFleur, Mandie Landry, and Wiley voted yea.

House Resolution No. 272 by Representative Muscarello

Representative Muscarello presented House Resolution No. 272, which provides for a study of court reporter per-page transcription rates in Louisiana and a study of digital court reporting as an alternative to traditional reporting.

Representative Brown offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 272 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 272 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robby Carter, Brown, Chenevert, Dickerson, Edmonston, Gallè, Hebert, Jordan, LaFleur, Mandie Landry, and Wiley voted yea.

House Resolution No. 267 by Representative Firmment

Representative Firmment presented House Resolution No. 267, which memorialize congress to adequately fund law enforcement and emergency responders in parishes where the Kisatchie National Forest is located.

Representative Jordan offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 267 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 267 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robby Carter, Braud, Brown, Chenevert, Dickerson, Edmonston, Gallè, Hebert, Jordan, LaFleur, Wiley, and Zeringue voted yea.

House Resolution No. 247 by Representative Crews

Representative Crews presented House Resolution No. 247, which authorizes the Special Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs to study and determine any needed revisions to the laws

establishing the Veteran Court Program Treatment Act and the Post-Conviction Veterans Mentor Program.

Charlton J. Meginley, Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, no address provided, spoke for information only on House Resolution No. 247.

Representative Dickerson offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 247 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 247 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robby Carter, Braud, Brown, Chenevert, Dickerson, Edmonston, Gallè, Hebert, LaFleur, Mandie Landry, Mack, Wiley, and Zeringue voted yea.

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

House Resolution No. 258 by Representative Owen

On behalf of Representative Owen, Representative Gallè presented House Resolution No. 258, which requests the administration of President Donald Trump to ensure the passage of the Major Richard Star Act to provide that combat wounded, medically retired service members receive their entitlements.

Charlton J. Meginley, Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, no address provided, spoke for information only on House Resolution No. 258.

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 258 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 258 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robby Carter, Braud, Brown, Chenevert, Dickerson, Edmonston, Gallè, Hebert, Jordan, LaFleur, Mandie Landry, Mack, Wiley, and Zeringue 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 Resolution No. 242 by Representative Owen

On behalf of Representative Owen, Representative Gallè presented House Resolution No. 242, which creates the Louisiana State Homeland Security Task Force.

Former Senator Barry Milligan, 326 St. Charles Blvd., Shreveport, LA 71106, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 242

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 242 favorably, with the recommendation to recommit the resolution to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

Without objection, House Resolution No. 242 was reported favorably with the recommendation to recommit the resolution to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Robby Carter, Braud, Brown, Chenevert, Dickerson, Edmonston, Gallè, Hebert, Jordan, LaFleur, Mandie Landry, Mack, Wiley, and Zeringue voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Robby Carter
House Committee on Judiciary