

**House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment
and
Senate Committee on Natural Resources**

Minutes of Meeting
2024-2025 Interim
February 11, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Brett F. Geymann, chair of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

HOUSE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Brett F. Geymann, chair
Representative R. Dewith Carrier
Representative Kimberly Landry Coates
Representative Jason Brian DeWitt
Representative Jessica Domangue
Representative Timothy P. Kerner
Representative Jacob Jules Landry
Representative Shane Mack
Representative Danny McCormick
Representative Joseph A. Orgeron, vice chair
Representative Neil Riser
Representative Jerome Zeringue

HOUSE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Marcus Anthony Bryant
Representative Tehmi Jahi Chassion
Representative C. Travis Johnson
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe
Representative Lauren Ventrella

SENATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Robert Allain

SENATE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Royce Duplessis
Senator Samuel Jenkins
Senator Caleb Kleinpeter
Senator Eddie Lambert

HOUSE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robin Stalder, attorney
Jennifer Winkler, legislative analyst
Brandy Ladmiraault, committee administrative assistant

SENATE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tyler McCloud, director
Jacob Wilson, attorney
Trinicia Bryant, committee secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Myrtis Jarrell, House sergeant at arms
John Rogers, Senate sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION

To receive information on nuclear power development in Louisiana

Representative Geymann explained that the purpose of the meeting was to receive information on nuclear power development in Louisiana.

Edward G. McGinnis, Curio Corporation, address illegible, spoke for information only and presented a PowerPoint titled "The Curio Solution" which discusses the company's plan to increase safety, efficiency, and economics with a focus on a 96% reduction in high-level waste volume via recycling. He also discussed the employment possibilities as it relates to this nuclear project.

M. Jason Loncler, LED, 617 North Third Street, no city and state provided, spoke for information only regarding the growth of the power industry and the rising demand.

Paige Carter, LED, 617 North Third Street, no city and state provided, spoke for information only and expressed support for the positive economic impacts via higher salaries that were outlined during the PowerPoint presentation provided by Edward McGinnis.

Stephen Swiber, Office of the Governor, 900 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, spoke for information only and relayed the governor's support for nuclear power development in Louisiana.

Jody Montelaro, Entergy, 446 North Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only and gave a brief overview of the different types of energy that Entergy utilizes for utilities, pointing out that nuclear energy makes up 20% of that.

Aurelia Giacometto, DEQ, no address provided, spoke for information only and gave a brief overview of LDEQ's stance on nuclear energy.

Kevin Borne, LDEQ, no address provided, spoke for information only and expounded on Louisiana's status as an agreement state and clarified the differences between the authority of the state versus NRC regarding nuclear energy.

Brandon Frey, LPSC, P.O. Box 91154, Baton Rouge, LA, no zip provided, spoke for information only and gave a brief introduction of the commission's development of LANCE (Louisiana Advanced Nuclear Competitive Edge).

Eric Skrmetta, Louisiana Public Service Commission, 453 Metairie Road, Metairie, LA 70005, spoke as the designee of an elected official and further discussed LANCE.

Greg Upton, LSU CES, Energy Coast & Environment Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70805, spoke for information only and gave some broad statistics on nuclear power and potential opportunities moving forward.

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

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Landry offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Geymann, Coates, Dewitt, Domangue, Landry, Mack, Orgeron, Riser, and Zeringue voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Brett F. Geymann
House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment

Date adopted: