

House Committee on Retirement

Minutes of Meeting
2024-2025 Interim
January 29, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Tony Bacala, chair of the House Committee on Retirement, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Tony Bacala, chair
Representative Roy Daryl Adams
Representative Stephanie H. Berault
Representative Josh Carlson
Representative R. Dewith Carrier
Representative Peter F. Egan, Sr.
Representative Timothy P. Kerner
Representative Dixon Wallace McMakin
Representative Brach Jerad Myers
Representative Sylvia Elaine Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Delisha Boyd
Representative Kendricks "Ken" Brass
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman
Representative John R. Illg, Jr., vice chair
Representative Polly Thomas

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joey David, legislative analyst
Jennifer Watson, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Rebecca Marshall, sergeant at arms

III. BUSINESS

To review possible benefits available to the beneficiaries of a member of a state retirement system killed in the line of duty by an intentional act of violence pursuant to House Study Request No. 4 of the 2024 Regular Session

Marsha Pemble, office of risk management, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only.

Karen C. Jackson, Louisiana office of risk management, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only.

Katherine Whitney, Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, 8401 United Plaza, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only.

Charles Bujol, Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System, 8660 United Plaza Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only.

Margaret Michel, Louisiana State Police Retirement System, 9204 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only.

Trey Boudreaux, Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, 8401 United Plaza, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only.

Representative Myers offered a motion to amend statutes that survivors of a member in a state or statewide retirement system shall be entitled to 100% of the member's benefit if the member was killed by an intentional act of violence. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, Adams, Berault, Carlson, Carrier, Egan, Kerner, Myers, and Taylor voted yea.

Representative Berault offered a motion that any survivor of public employees killed in an intentional act of violence in the line of duty shall be entitled to \$250,000, subject to appropriation. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, Adams, Berault, Carlson, Carrier, Egan, Kerner, Myers, and Taylor voted yea.

Representative Taylor offered a motion that any survivor of a member of a state retirement shall be eligible for 100% of the member's retirement benefit. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bacala, Adams, Berault, Carlson, Carrier, Egan, Kerner, Myers, and Taylor voted yea.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Tony Bacala
House Committee on Retirement

Date adopted: