

House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
April 1, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Debbie Villio, chair of the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in Room 6, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Debbie Villio, chair
Representative Roy Daryl Adams
Representative Doyle Boudreaux
Representative Chad Michael Boyer
Representative Emily Chenevert
Representative Vincent E. Cox, III
Representative Bryan Fontenot
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Alonzo L. Knox
Representative Vanessa Caston LaFleur, vice chair
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Jeffrey Fons "Jeff" Wiley

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Zachary Gonzalez, attorney
Dave Storment, attorney
Ross Richard, committee administrative assistant
Rashida Keith, division director

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Anna Kate Jackson , clerk
Janet Anthony , sergeant at arms
Amelia Carman, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 63 by Representative Horton

Representative Horton offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 63, which provides relative to the placement of a defendant's name into the National Crime Information Center registry. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 63 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

House Bill No. 622 by Representative Coates

At the request of the author, Representative Villio offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 622, which provides relative to the confidentiality of criminal history records. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 622 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

House Bill No. 131 by Representative Bacala

Representative Bacala presented House Bill No. 131, which provides relative to post-conviction relief.

Liz Murrill, attorney general, Louisiana Department of Justice, 1885 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 131.

Zach Faircloth, principal deputy solicitor general, Louisiana Department of Justice, 1885 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke as the designee of an elected official in support of House Bill No. 131.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 131 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 131 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support, 3 in opposition, and 1 designee of an elected official. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 789 by Representative Galle

Representative Galle presented House Bill No. 789, which provides with respect to the seizure of off-road vehicles.

On behalf of the author, Representative Villio offered an amendment to provide for payment of proceeds from seizure and forfeiture to the office of the attorney general when the attorney general acts as the ad hoc district attorney. Representative Villio offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Liz Murrill, attorney general, Louisiana Department of Justice, 1885 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 789.

Larry Frieman, chief deputy attorney general, Louisiana Department of Justice, 1885 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, appeared at the witness table as the designee of an elected official in support of House Bill No. 789.

Representative Fontenot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 789 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 789 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley 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. 91 by Representative Wiley

Representative Wiley presented House Bill No. 91, which provides relative to disclosure of criminal records during trial.

Jared Sandifer, lieutenant, Louisiana State Police, 7919 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 91.

Markus Smith, lieutenant, Louisiana State Police, 7919 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 91.

On behalf of the author, Representative Villio offered an amendment to clarify that disclosure of certain information in present law is not required unless that information is subject to disclosure pursuant to *Brady v. Maryland* and its progeny. Representative Villio offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Meghan Garvey, Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, P.O. Box 83, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 91.

Sarah Whittington, American Civil Liberties Union, P.O. Box 56157, New Orleans, LA 70156, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 91.

Debbie Hudnall, Louisiana Clerks of Court Association, 10202 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 91.

Annette Fontana, Louisiana Clerks, no address provided, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 91.

At the request of Representative Wiley, Representative Villio offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 91. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 91 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support and 3 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Further action was taken by the committee on House Bill No. 91 at a meeting held on April 23, 2026. Please check for the subsequent action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 91.

House Bill No. 305 by Representative Carver

Representative Carver presented House Bill No. 305, which provides relative to child sexual abuse materials.

Larry Frieman, chief deputy attorney general, Louisiana Department of Justice, 1885 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke as the designee of Attorney General Murrill in support of House Bill No. 305.

David Ferris, office of the attorney general, 1885 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke as the designee of Attorney General Murrill in support of House Bill No. 305.

Representative Villio offered a motion to report House Bill No. 305 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 305 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 336 by Representative Mike Johnson

Representative Mike Johnson presented House Bill No. 336, which provides relative to post-conviction relief.

Larry Frieman, chief deputy attorney general, Louisiana Department of Justice, 1885 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke as the designee of Attorney General Murrill in support of House Bill No. 336.

Zach Faircloth, principal deputy solicitor general, Louisiana Department of Justice, 1885 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke as the designee of Attorney General Murrill in support of House Bill No. 336.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 336 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 336 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support and 3 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 98 by Representative Mike Johnson

Representative Mike Johnson presented House Bill No. 98, which provides a penalty for the unlawful disclosure of confidential information relating to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

Laurie Marien, Governor's Office of Women's Policy, 900 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 98.

Mariah Wineski, Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, P.O. Box 77308, Baton Rouge, LA 70879, spoke in support of House Bill No. 98.

Meghan Garvey, Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, P.O. Box 83, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 98.

Representative LaFleur offered a motion to report House Bill No. 98 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 98 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 161 by Representative Mack

Representative Mack presented House Bill No. 161, which provides relative to bail conditions for defendants alleged to have committed certain human trafficking offenses.

On behalf of the author, Representative Villio offered amendments to:

- (1) Remove human trafficking and trafficking of children for sexual purposes as offenses when a consideration of the court is needed for conditions of release.
- (2) Clarify that the defendant is restricted from participating in certain occupations for work, rather than employment.
- (3) Remove the proposed law requirement that the court consider the previous criminal history of the defendant and whether the defendant poses a threat or danger to the public in determining the work restrictions of the defendant.
- (4) Require the court, as a condition of bail, to prohibit a defendant alleged to have committed human trafficking or trafficking of children for sexual purposes from going to the victim's residence or household, school, or place of employment, or from otherwise contacting the victim in any manner.
- (5) Make technical changes.

Representative Villio offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Cox, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Jill Dennis, Association of Supervised Ankle Monitor Providers, 723 South Dupre Street, New Orleans, LA 70119, spoke in support of House Bill No. 161.

Sarah Whittington, American Civil Liberties Union, P.O. Box 56152, New Orleans, LA 70156, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 161.

Kelly Carmena, Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 504 Lakeland Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 161.

Meghan Garvey, Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, P.O. Box 83, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 161.

Representative Chenevert offered a motion to report House Bill No. 161 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 161 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Horton, Knox, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 320 by Representative Firment

Representative Firment presented House Bill No. 320, which creates the crime of unlawful exposure by an inmate.

On behalf of the author, Representative Villio offered an amendment to clarify that proposed law applies to adult inmates in adult facilities. Representative Villio offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Jay Lemoine, district attorney, Thirty-fifth Judicial District, P.O. Box 309, Colfax, LA 71423, spoke in support of House Bill No. 320.

Meghan Garvey, Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, P.O. Box 83, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 320.

Representative Boudreaux offered a motion to report House Bill No. 320 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 320 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 294 by Representative Firment

Representative Firment presented House Bill No. 294, which provides places of worship the right to remove disruptive individuals.

On behalf of the author, Representative Villio offered amendments to:

- (1) Change "house of worship" to "church or other place of worship" throughout proposed law.
- (2) Define "church or other place of worship".

Representative Villio offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yeas.

Gene Mills, Louisiana Family Forum, 655 Saint Ferdinand Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 294.

Wade Duty, P.O. Box 3801, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, spoke in support of House Bill No. 294.

Dr. Will Hall, Louisiana Baptist Office of Public Policy, 1250 MacArthur Drive, Alexandria, LA 71309, spoke in support of House Bill No. 294.

Sarah Whittington, American Civil Liberties Union, P.O. Box 56157, New Orleans, LA 70156, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 294.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 294 with amendments, to which Representative LaFleur objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 294 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 2 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Moore, and Wiley voted yeas. Representatives Knox and LaFleur voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support and 2 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 1040 by Representative Firmont

Representative Firmont presented House Bill No. 1040, which provides relative to the membership of the board of commissioners for the Central Louisiana Juvenile Detention Center Authority.

Jay Lemoine, district attorney, Thirty-fifth Judicial District, P.O. Box 309, Colfax, LA 71423, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1040.

Representative Villio offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1040 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1040 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yeas.

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. 310 by Representative Carlson

Representative Carlson presented House Bill No. 310, which provides for the reassignment of a defendant's case when the right to a jury trial has been waived.

Liz Murrill, attorney general, Louisiana Department of Justice, 1885 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 310.

Larry Frieman, chief deputy attorney general, Louisiana Department of Justice, 1885 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke as the designee of an elected official in support of House Bill No. 310.

Kelly Carmena, Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 504 Lakeland Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 310.

Meghan Garvey, Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, P.O. Box 83, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 310.

Sarah Whittington, American Civil Liberties Union, P.O. Box 56157, New Orleans, LA 70156, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 310.

Will Snowden, The Juror Project, 7905 Jahncke Road, New Orleans, LA 70128, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 310.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 310 favorably, to which Representative LaFleur objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 310 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, and Wiley voted yea. Representatives Knox, LaFleur, and Moore voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support, 10 in opposition, and 1 designee of an elected official. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 151 by Representative Boyer

Representative Boyer presented House Bill No. 151, which provides relative to expungement of arrest information.

Markus Smith, lieutenant, Louisiana State Police, 7919 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 151.

Sarah Whittington, American Civil Liberties Union, P.O. Box 56157, New Orleans, LA 70156, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 151.

Kelly Carmena, Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 504 Lakeland Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 151.

Jared Sandifer, lieutenant, Louisiana State Police, 7919 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, appeared at the witness table for information only on House Bill No. 151.

Representative Boyer offered a motion to report House Bill No. 151 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 151 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Boudreaux, Boyer, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support and 3 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 108 by Representative Cox

Representative Cox presented House Bill No. 108, which provides relative to juror qualifications.

Darren Allemond, Jefferson Parish District Attorney's Office, 200 Derbigny Street, Gretna, LA 70053, spoke in support of House Bill No. 108.

Meghan Garvey, Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, P.O. Box 83, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 108.

Sarah Whittington, American Civil Liberties Union, P.O. Box 56157, New Orleans, LA 70156, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 108.

Will Snowden, The Juror Project, 7905 Jahncke Road, New Orleans, LA 70128, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 108.

Ronald Marshall, Voice of the Experienced, 4930 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70125, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 108.

Bruce Reilly, 4930 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70125, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 108.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 108 favorably, to which Representative Knox objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 108 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Villio, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, and Wiley voted yea. Representatives Knox, LaFleur, and Moore voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support and 9 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 108.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Debbie Villio
House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice