

House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
April 14, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Debbie Villio, chair of the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, called the meeting to order at 10:07 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 Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Jeffrey Fons "Jeff" Wiley

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Vanessa Caston LaFleur, vice chair

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Riley Fitzmorris, clerk
Janet Anthony, sergeant at arms
Andrea Jerezano, committee administrative assistant

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 343 by Representative Bryant

At the request of Representative Bryant, Representative Villio offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 343, which provides relative to parole eligibility. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 343 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Horton, Knox, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

House Bill No. 491 by Representative Knox

Representative Knox offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 491, which provides for parole eligibility. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 491 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Horton, Knox, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

House Bill No. 523 by Representative Bryant

At the request of Representative Bryant, Representative Villio offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 523, which provides relative to parole eligibility for certain individuals. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 523 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Horton, Knox, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

House Bill No. 676 by Representative Spell

Representative Spell presented House Bill No. 676, which creates the crime of fraudulent patient referrals or "body brokering".

On behalf of Representative Spell, Representative Villio offered amendments to:

- (1) Remove definitions for the terms "health care facility" and "health care provider".
- (2) Clarify the elements of proposed law.
- (3) Provide for an effective date upon the governor's signature or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.
- (4) 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, Chenevert, Cox, Horton, Knox, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Kandyce Cowart, Blue Cross Blue Shield Louisiana, 5525 Reitz Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke in support of House Bill No. 676.

Latisha Mire, Blue Cross Blue Shield Louisiana, 5525 Reitz Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke in support of House Bill No. 676.

Lonnie Granier, Odyssey House Louisiana, 1125 North Tonti Street, New Orleans, LA 70115, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 676.

Representative Knox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 676 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 676 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. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 394 by Representative Chenevert

Representative Chenevert presented House Bill No. 394, which provides relative to conditional parole.

On behalf of Representative Chenevert, Representative Villio offered amendments to:

- (1) Remove proposed law relative to participation and completion of certain rehabilitation programming and the prisoner's appearance before the committee on parole for a final determination regarding the conditional grant of parole.
- (2) Change the maximum length of extension for the release date of a prisoner on parole from twelve months to twenty-four months.
- (3) 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, Chenevert, Cox, Horton, Knox, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Andrew Hundley, Louisiana Parole Project, 319 Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 394.

Representative Chenevert offered a motion to report House Bill No. 394 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 394 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: 9 in support and 3 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 439 by Representative Zeringue

Representative Zeringue presented House Bill No. 439, which provides relative to parole ineligibility.

Representative Zeringue requested amendments to strike the exceptions for parole eligibility provided in R.S. 15:474.27 and to make technical changes. The amendments were not offered.

At the request of the author, Representative Villio offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 439. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 439 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Cox, Horton, Knox, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 426 by Representative Phelps

At the request of Representative Phelps, Representative Villio offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 426, which provides relative to criminal blighting of property. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 426 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Cox, Horton, Knox, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

House Bill No. 622 by Representative Coates

Representative Coates presented House Bill No. 622, which provides relative to the confidentiality of criminal history records.

Representative Boyer offered a motion to report House Bill No. 622 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 622 was reported favorably 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: 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 622.

House Bill No. 396 by Representative McMakin

Representative McMakin presented House Bill No. 396, which provides relative to the admissibility of autopsy photographs in first or second degree murder trials.

On behalf of Representative McMakin, Representative Villio offered amendments to:

- (1) Modify proposed law to provide that photographs taken during an autopsy are admissible in any criminal proceedings, rather than criminal proceedings that allege a violation of first or second degree murder.
- (2) 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, Chenevert, Cox, Horton, Knox, Moore, and Wiley voted yeas.

Representative Villio offered a motion to report House Bill No. 396 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 396 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 yeas.

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

The committee stood at ease at 10:52 a.m. The committee reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

House Bill No. 1025 by Representative Amedee

Representative Amedee presented House Bill No. 1025, which provides relative to a violation of a protective order.

Patti Joy Freeman, Iris Domestic Violence Center, P.O. Box 52809, Baton Rouge, LA 70892, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1025.

Darren Allemand, Jefferson Parish District Attorney's Office, 200 Derbigny Street, Gretna, LA 70053, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1025.

Kathleen Barrios Heap, 16th Judicial District Attorney, 300 South Iberia Street, New Iberia, LA 70560, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1025.

Morgan Lamandre, Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response, 5311 Dion Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1025.

Mariah Wineski, Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, P.O. Box 77308, Baton Rouge, LA 70879, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1025.

At the request of Representative Amedee, Representative Villio offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 1025. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 1025 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

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

Prepared statement were received via email for House Bill No. 1025.

House Bill No. 772 by Representative Martinez

Representative Martinez presented House Bill No. 772, which provides relative to notice for warrant of arrest.

Stephen Adams, Association of Louisiana Bail Underwriters, no address provided, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke in support of House Bill No. 772.

Blaise D'Antoni, Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office, 619 South White Street, New Orleans, LA 70119, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 772.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 772 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 772 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 378 by Representative Bayham

At the request of Representative Bayham, Representative Villio offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 378, which provides relative to using a vehicle to obstruct first responders and law enforcement. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 378 was voluntarily deferred by

a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

House Bill No. 1038 by Representative Boyer

Representative Boyer presented House Bill No. 1038, which provides relative to the authority of a marshal to issue commissions to deputy marshals.

Randal Johnson, Louisiana City Marshals and City Constables Association, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1038.

Marshal Jimmy Dupuis, Breaux Bridge City Marshal, 111 Courville Street, Breaux Bridge, LA 70517, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1038.

Carl Richard, Louisiana City Marshals Association, 1244 Texas Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71101, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1038.

Kevin Reeves, Ward 3 Marshal's Office, 118 West Mill Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1038.

Representative Fontenot offered amendments to:

- (1) Require the minimum amount of insurance coverage be three million dollars.
- (2) Require the marshal to pay any costs associated with properly insuring deputy marshals and clarify that the funding source for these costs are fees collected by the court of the marshal's territorial jurisdiction.
- (3) Clarify that proposed law relative to the issuance of deputy marshal commissions does not apply to any elected city marshal who also serves as the chief of police.
- (4) Make technical changes.

Representative Fontenot 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, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Jim Whitman, Bossier City Marshal's Office, no address provided, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1038.

Representative Boyer offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1038 with amendments, to which Representative Moore objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No.

1038 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 2 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, and Wiley voted yeas. Representatives Horton and Moore voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support and 14 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Adams offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Moore, and Wiley voted yeas.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Debbie Villio
House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice