

## **House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice**

Minutes of Meeting  
2026 Regular Session  
April 28, 2026

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Vanessa LaFleur, vice 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:**

Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms

Riley Fitzmorris, clerk  
Amelia Carman, clerk

### **III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**

#### **House Bill No. 374 by Representative Wyble**

At the request of the author, Representative LaFleur offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 374, which provides relative to bail hearings and conditions for certain persons. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 374 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

#### **Senate Bill No. 46 by Senator Reese**

Senator Reese presented Senate Bill No. 46, which creates the crime of unlawful operation of a group home.

Matthew Stafford, office of attorney general, 1885 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke as the designee of Attorney General Liz Murrill in support of Senate Bill No. 46.

Monique Blossom, Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center, 1340 Poydras Street, Suite 710, New Orleans, LA 70115, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 46.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 46 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 46 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives 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: 2 in support and 1 designee of an elected official. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for Senate Bill No. 46.

#### **House Bill No. 276 by Representative Carpenter**

Representative Carpenter presented House Bill No. 276, which provides relative to the imposition of a statewide bail schedule for individuals arrested for certain sexual offenses involving children.

Danette M., victim testimony, no address provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 276.

Dr. Willie Brooks, 2704 South Street, Baker, LA 70714, spoke in support of House Bill No. 276 and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Zach Daniels, Louisiana District Attorneys Association, 2525 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 276.

Representative Fontenot offered an amendment to change the minimum initial bail amount from \$50,000 to \$1,000,000. Representative Fontenot offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Representative Cox offered an amendment to add human trafficking as an offense for which a minimum initial amount of bail is required. Representative Cox offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Representative Knox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 276 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 276 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives 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: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **Senate Bill No. 42 by Senator Edmonds**

Senator Edmonds presented Senate Bill No. 42, which prohibits using artificial intelligence to create child sexual abuse materials.

Larry Frieman, chief deputy attorney general, 1885 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke as the designee of Attorney General Liz Murrill in support of Senate Bill No. 42.

David Ferris, office of the attorney general, 1885 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke as the designee of Attorney General Liz Murrill in support of Senate Bill No. 42.

Audrey Wascome, 9503 Cabernet Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70817, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 42.

Representative Adams offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 42 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 42 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives 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: 10 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 998 by Representative Freeman**

Representative Freeman presented House Bill No. 998, which provides relative to the examination and medical care of victims of human trafficking-related offenses and domestic violence offenses involving strangulation.

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

- (1) Remove the references to human trafficking-related offenses.
- (2) Provide for an implementation time period of not later than six months from the effective date of proposed law for the following to occur:
  - (a) The Crime Victims Reparations Board within the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice to establish a statewide domestic violence forensic protocol and implement procedures for processing the reimbursement of forensic medical examinations pursuant to present law (R.S. 46:1822).
  - (b) The Louisiana Department of Justice, office of the attorney general, to work with other state agencies and stakeholders to develop and approve a standardized statewide forensic medical examination.
- (3) Provide for an effective date upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.
- (4) Make technical changes.

Representative Knox offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Boudreaux, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Mariah Wineski, Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, P.O. Box 77308, Baton Rouge, LA 70879, spoke in support of House Bill No. 998.

Monica Taylor, office of the governor, 900 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 998.

Mary Claire Landry, New Orleans Family Justice Center, 701 Loyola Avenue, Suite 201, New Orleans, LA 70113, spoke in support of House Bill No. 998.

Kimberly Young, Louisiana Alliance of Children Advocacy Centers and Hearts of Hope, 210 Coolidge Street, Lafayette, LA 70501, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 998.

Representative Knox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 998 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 998 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives 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: 20 in support and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **Senate Bill No. 51 by Senator Kleinpeter**

On behalf of Senator Kleinpeter, Representative Knox presented Senate Bill No. 51, which creates the crime of fraudulent representation of military service or awards.

Connor Junkin, Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 51.

Representative Knox offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 51 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 51 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives 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.

#### **Senate Bill No. 110 by Senator Cloud**

On behalf of Senator Cloud, Larry Frieman, chief deputy attorney general, 1885 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, presented Senate Bill No. 110, which prohibits using a child's image to train artificial intelligence to produce child sexual abuse materials.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 110 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 110 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Boudreaux, Boyer, Cox, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yeas.

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

**House Bill No. 323 by Representative Newell**

Representative Newell presented House Bill No. 323, which provides relative to notification and reporting procedures pertaining to inmate deaths.

Blake Corley, Daly and Black, 400 Poydras Street, Suite 1400, New Orleans, LA 70130, spoke in support of House Bill No. 323.

*Chair Villio in the chair.*

Chandra Shae Foster, Southern Poverty Law Center, 201 Saint Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70130, spoke in support of House Bill No. 323.

Amelia Herrera, 251 Florida Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, spoke in support of House Bill No. 323.

Jennifer Kinberger, 3904 Lake Larouge Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70816, spoke in support of House Bill No. 323.

Monica Lafayette, 5318 Adams Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke in support of House Bill No. 323.

Ron C. Hicks, East Baton Rouge Parish Prison Reform Coalition, no address provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 323.

Jehane Draper Hicks, no address provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 323.

Tykeisha Jordan, Justice for Deavon Foundation, 110 North 21 Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, appeared at the witness table in support of House Bill No. 323.

Denise Scott, 110 North 21st Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke in support of House Bill No. 323.

Linda Franks, 1235 Waverly Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke in support of House Bill No. 323.

Henry Henderson, 4103 Thomas Lane, Brusly, LA 70719, spoke in support of House Bill No. 323.

Charlene Henderson, 4103 Thomas Lane, Brusly, LA 70719, spoke in support of House Bill No. 323.

Jonathan Vining, executive counsel, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, 504 Mayflower Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 323.

Randy Lavespere, Department of Corrections, 504 Mayflower Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 323.

Stacye Rodriguez, Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, 504 Mayflower Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 323.

Professor Andrea Armstrong, Loyola Law School, 803 9th Street, New Orleans, LA 70115, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 323 and provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Knox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 323 favorably, to which Representative Fontenot objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 3 yeas and 8 nays. Representatives Knox, LaFleur, and Moore voted yeas. Representatives Villio, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, and Wiley voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 46 in support and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 323.

#### **Senate Bill No. 154 by Senator Kleinpeter**

Senator Kleinpeter presented Senate Bill No. 154, which provides that functions of the West Baton Rouge Parish jury commission be performed by the clerk of court.

Representative Villio offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 154 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 154 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yeas.

#### **Senate Bill No. 87 by Senator Mizell**

Representative Villio offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on Senate Bill No. 87, which provides for a consistent definition of "commercial sexual activity". Without objection, action on Senate Bill No. 87 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yeas.

#### **House Bill No. 1204 by Representative Lyons**

Representative Lyons presented House Bill No. 1204, which provides relative to the Back on Track Youth Pilot Program.

Representative LaFleur offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1204 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1204 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, 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. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 656 by Representative Bryant**

Representative Bryant presented House Bill No. 656, which creates a pilot program that provides certain Department of Public Safety and Corrections programming and services to inmates.

Representative LaFleur offered a motion to report House Bill No. 656 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 656 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, 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 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 85 by Representative Bayham**

Representative Villio offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 85, which creates a statewide registry for individuals convicted of certain felony offenses involving animals. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 85 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

#### **House Bill No. 94 by Representative McCormick**

Representative McCormick presented House Bill No. 94, which provides relative to the right to carry a firearm.

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

- (1) Provide an exception for any law enforcement officer in his official capacity while in the performance of his official duties.
- (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, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

At the request of the author, Representative Horton offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 94. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 94 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, LaFleur, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support and 2 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 94.

### **House Bill No. 586 by Representative Cox**

Representative Cox presented House Bill No. 586, which creates the crime of allowing a minor child to access a readily dischargeable firearm.

Dr. Jillian Ploof, 724 Woodview Court, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, spoke in support of House Bill No. 586.

Ashlyn Carraway, 33351 Bayou Sorrel Road, Plaquemine, LA 70764, spoke in support of House Bill No. 586.

Jeanie Donovan, New Orleans Health Department, 1300 Perdido Street, New Orleans, LA 70112, spoke in support of House Bill No. 586.

Erin Sims, Via Link, 5712 Oxford Place, New Orleans, LA 70131, spoke in support of House Bill No. 586.

Charmaine Caccioppi, United Way of Southeast Louisiana, 9401 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70119, spoke in support of House Bill No. 586 and provided a handout, Exhibit C, which is included in the committee records.

Dan Zelenka, Louisiana Shooting Association, 11 Carolina Court, Covington, LA 70433, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 586.

Amir Sports, National Rifle Association, 11250 Maples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 586.

Everett C. Baudean, Louisiana Shooting Association, 704 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 586.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 586 favorably, to which Representative Fontenot objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 3 yeas, 6 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Cox, LaFleur, and Moore voted yea. Representatives Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Fontenot, Horton, and Wiley voted nay. Representative Villio abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 586.

#### **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Debbie Villio  
House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice