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The Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus Elects its Executive Board Officers

Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus Elects its Executive Board Officers for the 2018-2019 year. Representative Randal L. Gaines of LaPlace was elected as Chairman of the Caucus. Other elected officers include Representative Edward "Ted" James of Baton Rouge, Vice Chairman; Representative Jeffrey "Jeff" Hall of Alexandria, First Vice Chairman; Senator Wesley Bishop of New Orleans, Senate Whip; Representative Edmond Jordan, Secretary; Representative Patricia Haynes Smith of Baton Rouge, Treasurer; Representative Barbara West Carpenter of Baton Rouge, Parliamentarian; Representative Kenny Cox of Mansfield, Sergeant-At-Arms; and Representative Patrick O. Jefferson of Homer, Chaplain.

All terms for the elected executive board officers of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus are effective immediately through January 2019.

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Established in 1977, the primary purpose of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus is to raise the quality of life for those underrepresented, the indigent and working people through legislation, education and economic development.