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**HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING**  
**9 a.m. ■ Saturday, January 18, 2025**  
**Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel**

**MINUTES**

President Patrick A. Talley, Jr. called the meeting of the House of Delegates of the Louisiana State Bar Association to order at 9:08 a.m., Saturday, January 18, 2025. He reminded everyone that the meeting would be hybrid, with many in attendance in person and others via Zoom. He also reminded participants of the following special rules adopted and circulated for the hybrid meeting:

- Candidates for the position on the House of Delegates Liaison Committee member had to have qualified in advance of the meeting; and
- Salmon slips to speak for or against any resolution had to have been submitted in advance.

He also reminded all members that they must use their MeetingPulse login to register their attendance for the meeting and to cast votes.

Mr. Talley announced the names of the members of the 2024-25 Leadership LSBA Class and asked them to stand to be recognized.

Business was conducted in accordance with the agenda below.

**A G E N D A**

- I. **Certification of Quorum by the Secretary**  
*Secretary Valerie T. Schexnayder announced that there was a quorum. A participation roster is attached as an addendum to these minutes.*
- II. **Recognition of Deceased Members of the House of Delegates**  
*Mr. Talley asked for a moment of silence for the following deceased members of the HOD:*
  - *Charles E. Hamilton III, 41st JD, served from 2007-2008*
  - *Shelley Hammond Provosty, 41st JD, served from 2008-2009. She also served as District 1 Representative on Board of Governors from 1999 to 2002.*
  - *John A. Stassi II, 24th JD, served from 2008-2019**In addition, he included the following former LSBA President:*
  - *John C. Combe, who served in 1979-1980*

**III. Reports of Standing Committees of the House**

*Mr. Talley announced that any reports had been emailed to House members.*

**IV. Reports of Officers, Board of Governors, Standing Committees and Sections of the Louisiana State Bar Association**

1. Patrick A. Talley, Jr., President

*Mr. Talley reported that United States Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett, who is originally from New Orleans, would present at Lecture at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law in April. He also noted that the AI Task Force is continuing to study the impact of Artificial Intelligence on the legal profession.*

2. Edward J. Walters, Jr., President-Elect

*Mr. Walters waived his report.*

3. Valerie T. Schexnayder, Secretary

*Ms. Schexnayder waived her report.*

4. C.A. “Hap” Martin III, Treasurer

*Mr. Martin reported that the LSBA was in excellent financial position.*

**V. Reports of Special Committees of the Louisiana State Bar Association\***

1. Shannon Seiler Dartez, Task Force to Study the House of Delegates

*Ms. Dartez gave a brief report on the task force’s study of the role and efficacy of the House in light of the McDonald and Boudreaux cases and noted that interest in becoming a member of the House has waned over the last few years. She advised that members of the Task Force would be personally contacting every member of the House for their opinions and feedback. Mr. Talley encouraged members to reach out to Ms. Dartez and other members of the Task Force.*

2. Graham H. Ryan, Strategic Planning Committee

*Mr. Ryan reported that the Committee consisting of the Board of Governors, Past Presidents, LSBA Staff and a facilitator (who is the Director of the ABA Center for Bar Leadership) would conduct a daylong meeting to develop the next strategic plan after the House meeting adjourns.*

**VI. Other Reports\***

1. J. Christopher Zainey Jr., JLAP Thrive in 2025 Task Force on Wellness in the Legal Profession

*Mr. Zainey announced that together with JLAP and its director Angela White-Bazile, PhD, the Task Force will host the first of a series of free one-hour webinars at noon on Tuesday, January 21. The webinar will focus on the effects that a demanding profession can have on mental health. He provided an email address for registration purposes but added that the impending winter storm could cause postponement.*

**Activities of the House of Delegates**

**VII. Old Business**

*There was no old business to come before the House.*

**VIII. Approval of Minutes**

Consideration of approval of the Minutes of the June 6, 2024 meeting of the House of Delegates, held in Miramar Beach, Florida.

*Upon motion by Robert A. Kutcher of the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District and second by Ann S. Siddall of the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, the House unanimously approved the minutes as presented.*

**IX. Elections**

1. Election of one member to serve a three-year term on the House of Delegates Liaison Committee, to commence at the conclusion of the 2025 Annual Meeting and end at the conclusion of the 2028 Annual Meeting. This member shall be elected from House of Delegates members representing the 1<sup>st</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Districts.

*Mr. Talley announced that the following nominations were received in advance and no additional nominations could be made from the floor:*

- *Mr. Jared Elijah-Akeem Nelson, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District*
- *Mr. Larry E. Pichon, 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial District*

*He announced that voting was open, and members should vote for one candidate using Meeting Pulse.*

*Mr. Talley announced that voting was closed, and that Mr. Pichon had been elected.*

2. Election, from the three Liaison Committee members, of a Chair of the House of Delegates Liaison Committee for 2025-2026, whose term will commence at the conclusion of the 2025 Annual Meeting. The Chair of the Liaison Committee is a voting member of the Board of Governors.

*Mr. Talley announced that there would be an election for the Committee Chair, who serves as a voting member of the Board of Governors. He further advised that the following members were eligible to run:*

- *Mr. Larry E. Pichon, 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial District*
- *Ms. Shannon Seiler Dartez, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District*
- *Mr. Aaron R. Wilson, 26<sup>th</sup> Judicial District*

*He opened the floor for nominations. Robert A. Kutcher of the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District nominated Shannon Seiler Dartez of the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, which nomination was duly seconded. There being no further nominations, Mr. Talley announced that Ms. Dartez was elected by acclamation.*

**X. Resolution**

*Mr. Talley reminded members that only those who had completed salmon slips in advance or eligible individuals who had requested privileges of the floor in advance would be allowed to speak on resolutions.*

**Section Resolution**

1. Resolution from the Consumer Protection Section proposing to dissolve the section.  
*Mr. Talley called upon 29th Judicial District Representative and Section Council Chair Ms. Paula A. Ates to introduce the resolution and move its adoption, which was seconded by Ann S. Siddall of the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.*

*There being no salmon slips, Mr. Talley announced that voting was open, and members would have roughly 60 seconds to vote for or against the resolution using Meeting Pulse.*

*Mr. Talley announced that voting was closed, and that the resolution was APPROVED by the following vote:*

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| <i>Approve</i> | <i>111</i> |
| <i>Reject</i>  | <i>6</i>   |
| <i>Abstain</i> | <i>4</i>   |

**XI. Other Business**

Consideration of any other business to come before the House of Delegates.

*There was no further business to come before the House.*

*Mr. Talley thanked House members for their participation and reminded Board members that they would immediately reconvene in the front of the room to consider ratification of the action of the HOD.*

*There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.*

Sincerely,

*Valerie T. Schexnayder*

Valerie T. Schexnayder

**APPROVED BY HOUSE OF DELEGATES  
JUNE 6, 2025  
MIRAMAR BEACH, FL**

**ADDENDUM  
2024-2025 HOUSE OF DELEGATES  
ATTENDANCE ▪ 2025 MIDYEAR MEETING**

**FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT (14 seats) Parish of Caddo**

PRESENT Stephen T. Collins  
Jasmine Carlette Cooper  
Valerie A. DeLatte  
James L. Fortson, Jr.  
Stephen Christopher Fortson  
PRESENT W. James Hill III  
Trinicia S. Leonard  
Stacey Smith Melerine  
Kevin R. Molloy  
PRESENT Amy Michelle Perkins  
PRESENT Maliyah Monique Shavers  
PRESENT Joseph L. Shea, Jr.  
PRESENT Scott R. Wolf  
PRESENT Paul L. Wood

**SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parishes of Bienville, Claiborne & Jackson**

**THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parishes of Lincoln & Union**

PRESENT Albert Carter Mills IV  
PRESENT Tyler G. Storms

**FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (11 seats) Parishes of Morehouse & Ouachita**

PRESENT Brandon Wade Creekbaum  
PRESENT April Martin Hammett  
PRESENT Jimmie Curtis Herring, Jr.  
PRESENT Kaleb Morgan Livingston  
Spencer Kirby Moore  
PRESENT Ramsey L. Ogg  
Alicia Reitzell  
PRESENT William Michael Street  
PRESENT Justin Wooley  
PRESENT Thomas G. Zentner, Jr.

**FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parishes of Franklin, Richland, & West Carroll**

PRESENT John Clay Hamilton

**SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parishes of East Carroll, Madison & Tensas**

**SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parishes of Catahoula & Concordia**

PRESENT Alexandra E. LeTard  
PRESENT Ann S. Siddall

**EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Winn**

**NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (7 seats) Parish of Rapides**

Bernetta Yvette Bryant  
PRESENT Charles D. Elliott  
PRESENT Derrick Javon Johnson  
Amber Leanne LaBorde  
PRESENT Robert G. Levy  
PRESENT Monique Y. Metoyer  
PRESENT Alainna R. Mire

**TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Natchitoches**

PRESENT Howard Earl Conday, Jr.  
PRESENT Keenan K. Kelly

**ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Sabine**

PRESENT Joseph R. Stevens

**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Avoyelles**

PRESENT Douglas Lee Bryan

**THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Evangeline**

PRESENT Christopher Michael Ludeau

**FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (10 seats) Parish of Calcasieu**

Andrew M. Casanave  
PRESENT Todd S. Clemons  
Harry Pierre Fontenot, Jr.  
Brent Alan Hawkins  
Rebecca J. Hunter  
PRESENT Jonathan Lane Johnson  
Derrick D. Kee  
PRESENT Larry E. Pichon  
PRESENT Michael H. Schwartzberg  
PRESENT Robert James Sheffield

**FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (13 seats) Parishes of Acadia, Lafayette & Vermillion**

PRESENT Shannon Seiler Dartez  
Luke Anthony Dupre  
Cristie Gautreaux Gibbens  
PRESENT Katherine L. Hurst  
Karen Julian King  
PRESENT Pamela Ann Lemoins  
Brian Joseph Lindsey  
Jared E. Nelson  
PRESENT Dona Kay Renegar  
Julie Des Ormeaux Rosenzweig  
PRESENT Mandy Ann Simon  
PRESENT Michael D. Skinner  
PRESENT Juliette B. Wade

**SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (8 seats) Parishes of Iberia, St. Martin & St. Mary**

PRESENT Shentell Walker Brown  
Robert Kirk Chevalier  
PRESENT Adolph B. Curet III  
Eric P. Duplantis  
PRESENT Seanice Minnette Etienne  
Marsha McNulty  
PRESENT Daniel A. Rees  
PRESENT Maggie Trahan Simar

**SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (5 seats) Parish of Lafourche**

Eugene G. Gouaux, Jr.  
George J. Ledet, Jr.  
Nicholas J. Zeringue

**EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (4 seats) Parishes of Iberville, Pointe Coupee & West Baton Rouge**

Andretta Breaux Atkins  
John Lane Ewing, Jr.  
Stephen P. Jewell  
Deidre Deculus Robert

**NINETEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (21 seats) Parish of East Baton Rouge**

PRESENT B. Scott Andrews  
PRESENT Jesse H. Bankston, Jr.  
PRESENT Valerie B. Bargas  
PRESENT Brandi Alexis Barze  
Elizabeth Bailly Bloch

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PRESENT James E. Boren  
Dana B. Brown  
PRESENT Gideon T. Carter III  
Donald J. Cazayoux  
Douglas J. Cochran  
PRESENT Renee C. Crasto  
PRESENT John Christopher Dippel, Jr.  
PRESENT Theresa Jessica Dorcelus  
PRESENT Jean M. Faria  
PRESENT Maya Guntz Flowers  
PRESENT Christopher B. Hebert  
PRESENT Craig F. Holthaus BY PROXY TO Garret Wick  
PRESENT Rusty M. Messer  
PRESENT Julie Baxter Payer  
PRESENT Mary E. Roper  
PRESENT David Abboud Thomas

**TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parishes of East Feliciana & West Feliciana**

PRESENT Samuel Christopher D'Aquila  
Stewart B. Hughes

**TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT (9 seats) Parishes of Livingston, St. Helena & Tangipahoa**

Erik L. Burns  
PRESENT Anthony Todd Caruso  
Colt Justin Fore  
PRESENT Ivy Landry Graham  
D. Blayne Honeycutt  
PRESENT Amanda Kay Kinchen-Gros  
Christopher Paul Leger  
PRESENT Robert W. Morgan  
PRESENT Sherrye Kay Palmer

**TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (12 seats) Parishes of St. Tammany & Washington**

PRESENT Clayton J. Borne IV  
PRESENT Shiena Marie Normand Burke  
PRESENT Ben E. Clayton  
PRESENT Joshua P. Clayton  
PRESENT Michelle Mayne Davis  
Michael E. Holoway  
Andrew B. Joyner  
PRESENT Robert C. Lehman

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PRESENT Charlton J. Meginley  
PRESENT Mitchell D. Monsour  
PRESENT Brett Paul Percle  
Todd C. Taranto

**TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (5 seats) Parishes of Ascension, Assumption &  
St. James**

PRESENT Christopher J. Bridges  
PRESENT Lana O. Chaney  
PRESENT Tonya Blanchard Clark  
PRESENT Mark S. Riley  
Lesia H. Warren

**TWENTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (19 seats) Parish of Jefferson**

PRESENT Jason D. Asbill  
PRESENT Thomas M. Brahney  
Thomas C. Cerullo  
PRESENT Meredith E. Chehardy  
PRESENT Sandra K. Cosby  
PRESENT Craig Stephen Daste, Jr.  
PRESENT S. Guy deLaup  
Michael R. Delesdernier  
PRESENT Christen E. DeNicholas  
Jeremy D. Dwyer  
Edwin R. Fleischmann, Jr.  
PRESENT Paul C. Fleming, Jr.  
PRESENT Kerth Joshua Gravener  
PRESENT Christy M. Howley  
PRESENT Robert A. Kutcher  
PRESENT Richard K. Leefe  
Sowmya Mandava  
Roy A. Raspanti  
Colby F. Wenck

**TWENTY-FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Plaquemine**  
S. Jacob Braud

**TWENTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (6 seats) Parishes of Bossier & Webster**

PRESENT Ingrid J. James  
PRESENT Ross E. Shacklette  
PRESENT Meredith Smith  
Gregory Trompe  
Aaron R. Wilson

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**TWENTY-SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (4 seats) Parish of St. Landry**

Delynsha Trevelle Brown  
PRESENT Scherri N. Guidry  
PRESENT Halli Kennerson  
PRESENT Randy Wagley

**TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of LaSalle**

**TWENTY-NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parish of St. Charles**

PRESENT Paula Adams Ates  
Don Paul Landry  
Joseph B. Rochelle

**THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parish of Vernon**

**THIRTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Jefferson Davis**

PRESENT Richard M. Arceneaux

**THIRTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (5 seats) Parish of Terrebonne**

PRESENT Alexis M. Connell  
Teresa D. King

**THIRTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Allen**

Kevin P. Fontenot  
Michael B. Holmes

**THIRTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (5 seats) Parish of St. Bernard**

Elizabeth Borne Kott  
PRESENT Tracy Helen Duplantier  
PRESENT Cherish A. Kenner  
PRESENT Gregory J. Noto  
PRESENT Paul A. Tabary III

**THIRTY-FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Grant**

PRESENT Jared G. Price

**THIRTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Beauregard**

F. Steve Landreneau  
PRESENT Kyle T. Townsley

**THIRTY-SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Caldwell**

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**THIRTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Cameron**

PRESENT Max Emile Guthrie

**THIRTY-NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Red River**

**FORTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parish of St. John the Baptist**

PRESENT Toni Sutton Becnel

Alicia I. McDowell

PRESENT William D. O'Regan III

**FORTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT (32 seats) Parish of Orleans**

PRESENT Glenn B. Adams

PRESENT Francis J. Barry, Jr.

PRESENT Ashley L. Belleau

Evan J. Bergeron

Joe McCaleb Bilbro

Nicole T. Bowyer

PRESENT Thomas A. Casey, Jr.

PRESENT Justin M. Chopin

Thomas L. Colletta, Jr.

PRESENT Michael J. Ecuyer

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Ronald J. Sholes, Jr.

PRESENT Bradley J. Tate

PRESENT Edward D. Wegmann

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PRESENT Mekisha Smith Creal

PRESENT Adrienne Danielle White

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