

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF  
WATER WELL CONTRACTORS (DRILLERS) IN LOUISIANA**

Meeting Summary  
February 3, 2026  
11:00 A.M.

Prepared by:  
The Department of Conservation & Energy  
Office of Permitting & Compliance  
Geology Division

### **Advisory Committee members in attendance:**

Commissioner of Conservation, Driller at Large – Scott Bergeron  
Appointed by Governor, Irrigation Driller, Nom of LGWA – Herschel Bourque  
Ex-O; C&E – Jonathan Rice  
Appointed by the Secretary of C&E – Patrick Courreges  
LGWA, Domestic Driller – Terry Suire  
President of the Louisiana Engineering Society, Designee – David Kozan  
Appointed by the Secretary of DHH – Johan Forsman  
Appointed by U.S.G.S. – Angela Robinson  
LGWA, Municipal & Industrial Driller – John Shuman

### **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at **11:00 a.m.** by **Herschel Bourque**. The roll was called and a quorum was established.

### **Public Comments**

No public comments made.

### **Adoption of the November 2025 Meeting Summary**

**John Shuman** made a motion to accept the meeting summary. **Terry Suire** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

**Nicholas Kien** provided a brief update on the C&E reorganization by summarizing job titles and descriptions for Groundwater Resources and the Office of Enforcement, describing the incorporation of Capital Area Groundwater Commission into C&E, and introducing the process of updating C&E rules and regulations. **Nicholas Kien** explained C&E's role in the transferring and renewing licenses with the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors (LSLBC). **Nicholas Kien** discussed statute requirements for continuing the Advisory Committee. **Scott Bergeron** recommended dissolving committee as long as **John Shuman's** concerns of regulations re-write are adhered. **John Shuman** objected to dissolving the committee. **Herschel Bourque** made a motion to table the discussion until next meeting. **John Shuman** seconded the motion.

### **Public Comments**

**Sheldon Forrest** and **Brian Delahoussaye** discussed concerns about licensing requirements. **Jonathan Rice** advised Mr. Forrest and Mr. Delahoussaye to direct questions to the LSLBC.

### **Date for the Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Advisory Committee is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 5, 2026**, at 11:00 a.m. in the Griffon Room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the LaSalle Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by **Scott Bergeron**, seconded by **Terry Suire**. The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:07 p.m.