

Louisiana Emergency Response Commission
March 11, 2026
Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Commission (LERC) was called to order at 1005 hours on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, by Committee Chair John Porter. The meeting was held at the Louisiana State Police Headquarters located at 7919 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806.

At the direction of Chairman Porter, Mark Morrison with the Louisiana State Police (LSP) Right-to-Know Unit called roll with the following results:

John Porter – PRESENT
Jerry Lang – ABSENT
Collette Duhe – ABSENT
Mark Ward – PRESENT
Christopher Adams – PRESENT
Jason Tastet – PRESENT
Dustin Kleinpeter – PRESENT
Philip Taylor – PRESENT
Dawson Primes – PRESENT
Terry Guidry – PRESENT
Travis Perrilloux – PRESENT
Robert Moore – PRESENT
Rodger McConnell – PRESENT
Environmental Interests – n/a
Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association – n/a
Louisiana Motor Transport Association – n/a

Chairman Porter next asked Committee members to review the minutes from the December 10, 2025, meeting. Once members reviewed the minutes, a motion to approve was made by Perrilloux and seconded by Dawson Primes. Motion passed without opposition.

Morrison advised the Chair that a quorum had been reached with 11 voting members present.

Moving on to ‘Old Business’, Chairman Porter asked Adams to provide an update to an initiative by industry to revise the Tier II inventory reporting threshold to mirror Federal reporting requirements. Adams reminded Commission members that the Commission wanted feedback from local stakeholders regarding the change to reporting thresholds. A brief discussion then followed regarding an effort on the part of LSP to transition to a more reliable inventory reporting platform. Morrison then provided a brief description of the process used to amend the Louisiana Administrative Code necessary to change the reporting threshold amount.

Next, Chairman Porter reminded commission members that a request-to-amend Executive Order JML-24-121 to correctly name the Louisiana Motor Transport association and the Louisiana Fire & Emergency Training Academy as member agencies was forwarded to the Boards and Commissions Office. Morrison also reminded members of the vacant ‘environmental interests’ seat.

Dawson Primes provided a brief introduction of Chief Denial Folks (Hammond Fire Department) who has been identified as a possible Commission member representing the Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association. The Commission then discussed the remaining vacancies.

Chairman Porter next offered for discussion proposed changes to the Commission by-laws. Philip Taylor offered a definition for the Service and Public Information subcommittees. After a brief discussion motions were made to accept the proposed definitions of each.

Service Committee – motion to accept by Philip Taylor, second by Dawson Primes – motion passed without opposition

Public Information Committee – motion to accept by Dustin Kleinpeter, second by Robert Moore – motion passed without opposition

Once the responsibility of the standing committees was defined, Chairman Porter asked for a motion to accept the revised bylaws. A motion was made by Commissioner Primes and seconded by Philip Taylor. The motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Porter then asked the Commission to consider chairpersons for each subcommittee. He asked that nominations be submitted via email to Morrison.

Under ‘New Business’, Chairman Porter asked the members to review the following new LEPC appointments:

i. Calcasieu

1. Mike Estes, (SWLA Mutual Aid President)
2. Martin Johnson (Lake Charles Police Department)

ii. Acadia

1. Terry Romero (Lyons Point Volunteer Fire Dept.)
2. Rene Guilbeau (DEQ)
3. KP Gibson (Acadia Parish SO)
4. Louis Romero (Crowley FD)
5. Beau Petitjean (Acadia Parish Police Jury)
6. Charles Robicheaux (City of Rayne)
7. John Dubose (Acadian Ambulance)
8. Deborah Spell (Ochsner Acadia General)
9. Nickey Guillory (LDH)
10. Wayne Hensgens (Simplot)
11. Shane Moreaux (Acadia Parish Police Jury)

12. Steve Bandy (Crowley Post-Signal Newspaper)

Phillip Taylor made motions to accept the new appointments; motions were seconded by Robert Moore. Motions passed without opposition.

Chairman Porter next asked members for any announcements or comments.

Chairman Porter then announced that the next LERC meeting will be held on June 10, 2026. Porter then asked for a motion to adjourn – motion made by Travis Perrilloux and seconded by Dawson Primes. Motion passed without opposition. Meeting adjourned.