

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

Meeting Summary
May 5, 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

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 **11:02 a.m.** by **Herschel Bourque**. The roll was called and a quorum was established.

Public Comments

No public comments made.

Adoption of the February 2026 Meeting Summary

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

Old Business

Committee Members and **C&E staff** discussed current roles of the committee.

- **Arguments for Inactivating the Committee:**
 - o Some members believe the committee has fulfilled its administrative role and should be dissolved
 - o Difficulty achieving quorum for meetings
 - o The Louisiana Ground Water Association (LGWA) could be a stronger advocate for the industry
- **Arguments for Keeping the Committee Active:**
 - o Desire to retain a voice in rulemaking and regulatory processes
 - o Frustration over rule interpretations made without board consultation (e.g., classifying rice fields as potential contamination sources)
 - o The board offers practical, real-world insight from water well drillers

John Shuman made a motion to continue with committee meetings. **Scott Bergeron** opposed. Roll call vote was conducted. The motion to continue with committee meetings failed (3 in favor, 5 opposed). The board will be marked as inactive.

Public Comments

No public comments made.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by **Scott Bergeron**, seconded by **Johan Forsman**. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:25 a.m.