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## LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE REVIEWING LEGISLATION

The Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce Legislative Policy Committee is in the process of reviewing the bills filed during the Louisiana Legislative Session. The state legislature has begun its third week of business and is moving through the 1900+ legislative bills that have been filed to date.

The Policy Committee met for the first time on Monday, April 5th and reviewed more than 180 pieces of legislation that may affect the business community and/or Northwest Louisiana. They also heard a presentation by Dr. Philip Rozeman, the Chairman of the newly created Chamber Higher Education Task Force.

Higher Education will be a top priority for the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Rozeman and the Higher Education Task Force has invested a great deal of time and energy prior to the beginning of the Legislative Session exploring the needs of our Northwest Louisiana Higher Education institutions, as well as those of area employers. The Chamber will give the perspective of Northwest Louisiana, in particular to Louisiana lawmakers and higher education governing boards.

Many of the bills reviewed by the Chamber's Legislative Policy Committee deal with higher education and the position recommendations will be presented to the Chamber Board of Directors for approval at their next meeting in late April.

**Murray Viser, of Viser Investments and Chamber Vice Chairman of Public Policy leads the Legislative Policy Committee** through their consideration of prefiled legislation. Committee members are: Eric Barkley – Centerpoint Energy; John Dean – Heard, McElroy and Vestal; Emile Cordaro – AEP SWEPCO; John Frazier – Wiener, Weiss & Madison; Charles Grubb – Caddo Parish; Scott Hughes – Alliance for Education; John Coutret – Ouachita Independent Bank; Joe Kane – The Lamar Companies; Lola Kendrick—Education Consultant; Dr. Vincent Marsala – LSUS; Kent Rogers – Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments; Kim Mitchell – Morgan Hill Sutton & Mitchell Architects, LLC; Libby Murphy – LifeShare Blood Centers; Malcolm Murchison – Bradley, Murchison, Kelly & Shea, LLC; Dr. Phillip Rozeman – Cardiovascular Consultants; Markey Pierre – Southern Strategy Group; Preston Friedley – The UPS Store; Sheryl Ostendorff – Southern Research Company; Bob Hamm, Retired; Stacy Brown – Shreveport Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau; Brian Bond – AEP SWEPCO; and Dr. Juan Watkins – Ear, Nose & Throat Clinic.



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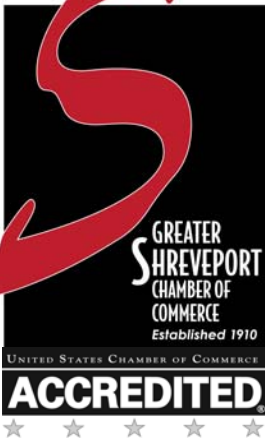
**Lindy Broderick, CCE, CAE**  
Executive Vice President—  
Representing you at the Capitol  
during the 2010 Regular  
Legislative Session

The Legislative Policy Committee will meet again on Monday, April 26th to finalize state policy and position recommendations for the Chamber Board of Directors.

If you would like to make the committee aware of legislation that you think the Chamber should become involved in by taking a position and actively working during the current legislative session, **LET US KNOW THIS WEEK.**

We will need to provide the Committee specific bill numbers and the name of the legislator who is the author of that bill. (This information can be found on the Louisiana Legislature's website at [www.legis.state.la.us](http://www.legis.state.la.us) ) We would also like to share with the committee a short summary of why this legislation is important to the overall business community and the affect it will have on you and your business. This opportunity is open to Chamber members only.

Send your suggestions to our Public Policy Department Manager, [kimfarquhar@shreveportchamber.org](mailto:kimfarquhar@shreveportchamber.org) before 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 24th.



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