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## LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION

## AMENDED MEETING NOTICE

THE LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING AT 10:00 AM ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025 IN THE EVENT CENTER OF DELTA DOWNS RACETRACK, CASINO & HOTEL, 2717 DELTA DOWNS DRIVE, VINTON, LOUISIANA. THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON ONLY.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 29, 2025, MAY 13, 2025 & JUNE 24, 2025 MEETING MINUTES.

# I. ASSOCIATION REQUESTS/REPORTS

## A. BOYD RACING, LLC d/b/a DELTA DOWNS RACETRACK, CASINO & HOTEL

- 1. PROGRESS REPORT
  - a. Update on infrastructure, escrow, and questions from the Commission.

### 2025-2026 THOROUGHBRED MEET

- 2. RACES
  - a. Approval of first condition book for 2025-2026 thoroughbred meet.
  - b. Approval of designated races for 2025-2026 thoroughbred meet:

10/11/25	Gold Cup
10/11/25	Magnolia
10/18/25	Sweet Home Alabama Special (AL Bred)
11/01/25	Louisiana Legacy
11/01/25	Louisiana Jewel
11/08/25	Delta Mile
11/08/25	Treasure Chest
11/25/25	My Trusty Cat
11/26/25	Jean Lafitte
12/22/25	Boyd Rewards
12/23/25	Rosewater
01/17/26	Vulcan (AL Bred)
01/17/26	Sam's Town
01/17/26	Orleans
02/07/26	La. Bred Premier Night Ladies Starter
02/07/26	La. Bred Premier Night Gentlemen Starter
02/07/26	La. Bred Premier Night Ragin Cajun Starter
02/07/26	La. Bred Premier Night Bon Temps Starter
02/07/26	La. Bred Premier Night Distaff
02/07/26	La. Bred Premier Night Championship

02/07/26	La. Bred Premier Night Prince
02/07/26	La. Bred Premier Night Starlet
02/07/26	La. Bred Premier Night Sprint
02/07/26	La. Bred Premier Night Matron

### 3. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

a. Approval of officials for 2025-2026 thoroughbred meet:

John Simon - Director of Racing Operations/Racing Secretary

TBA – Assistant Racing Secretary/Stakes Coordinator

Freddie Carrier, Jr. – Association Steward

Jeff Jerman - Association Steward

Darby Jones - Clerk of Scales

David Gordon - Head Clocker

Jeremy Courville - Head Starter

Melissa Dueitt - Horse Identifier

Steve Nick - Jocks Room Custodian

Baylee Istre – Outrider

Dale Beaty - Outrider

Adriana Vallejo - Outrider

Becky Leblanc - Program Coordinator/Paddock Judge

Christy Hatley - Placing Judge/Entry Clerk

TBA - Placing Judge/Entry Clerk

Savanna Hutson – Placing Judge/Entry Clerk

Mohamed Alikhan – Placing judge/Entry Clerk

Jess Chance - Stall Superintendent

Aaron Pelt – Track Superintendent

b. Approval of Bobby Granger to serve as State Steward for 2025-2026 thoroughbred meet.

# 4. REQUEST BY BOYD RACING, LLC TO AMEND WAGERING APPROVED ON APRIL 29, 2025 (R.S. 4:158A)

a. Approval for all wagers on the following days to be 10% takeout:
November 25, 2025, November 26, 2025, December 22, 2025, December 23, 2025,
December 29, 2025, December 30, 2025.

# 2026 QUARTER HORSE MEET

- 5. LICENSE APPROVALS
  - a. Approval for 2026 quarter horse meet:
    - 1. For 10-year license to own and operate a racetrack, per R.S. 4:158 & R.S. 4:214.
    - 2. For 10-year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211, et seq.
    - 3. To serve as concessionaire.

### 6. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A) AND POST TIMES

- a. Approval for 2026 quarter horse meet:
  - 1. Quarter horse racing on the flat.
  - 2. 46 quarter horse dates (04/24/26 through 07/18/26):

April 24,25,29,30

May 1,2,6,7,8,9,13,14,15,16,20,21,22,23,27,28,29,30

June 3,4,5,6,10,11,12,13,17,18,19,20,25,26,27

July 2,3,4,9,10,11,16,17,18

- 3. Hold a minimum of 8 live quarter horse races on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and a minimum of 9 live quarter horse races on Fridays and Saturdays.
- 4. Dark no live racing on the following Wednesdays: June 24, 2026, July 1, 2026, July 8, 2026, July 15, 2026.
- 5. Daily post time 6:10 PM.

## 7. WAGERING (LAC 35:X.Ch. 103-127)

- a. Approval for wagering format for 2026 quarter horse meet:
  - 1. \$1 WPS on all races.
  - 2. Exacta on all races.
  - 3. \$1 Rolling Daily Double beginning on Race 1.
  - 4. 50¢ Trifecta on all races with 5 or more entries.
  - 5. 10¢ Superfecta on all races with 6 or more entries.
  - 6. 50¢ Rolling Pick 3 beginning on Race 1.
  - 7. 50¢ Pick 4 on Races 2-5 and the last 4 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4.
  - 8. 50¢ Pick 5 on the first 5 and last 5 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4.

# B. THE OLD EVANGELINE DOWNS, LLC d/b/a EVANGELINE DOWNS RACETRACK & CASINO

#### 1. PROGRESS REPORT

a. Update on infrastructure, escrow, and questions from the Commission.

## 2025 QUARTER HORSE MEET

## 2. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

a. Approval of officials for 2025 quarter horse meet:

Tracey Coonce – Director of Racing Operations

Corey Veazy – Racing Secretary

Ashley Simon - Assistant Racing Secretary/Stakes Coordinator

Frank Rudis – Steward (Representing Evangeline Downs)

Mark Guidry – Steward (Representing Evangeline Downs)

Quantis Tezeno – Track Superintendent

Ashley Courville - Stall Superintendent

Addison Lucero - Identifier

Lily Daugherty – Paddock Judge

Harvey Lourd III - Clerk of Scales

Damon Menard - Jockey Room Custodian

Sandra Calais - Claims Clerk/Alternate Placing Judge

Lacy Torres - Placing Judge

Kaitlyn Jason – Placing Judge

Myrinda Willis – Placing Judge

Brett Poole - Clocker

Ray Sibille - Clocker

Joseph Savoy - Starter

Jacob Deville - Outrider

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John Broussard – Outrider

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b. Approval of Charles Ashy, Jr. to serve as State Steward for 2025 quarter horse meet.

## 2026 THOROUGHBRED MEET

- 3. LICENSE APPROVALS
  - a. Approval for 2026 thoroughbred horse meet:
    - 1. For 10-year license to own and operate a racetrack, per R.S. 4:158 & R.S. 4:214.
    - 2. For 10-year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211, et seq.
    - 3. To serve as concessionaire.

## 4. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A) AND POST TIMES

- a. Approval for 2026 thoroughbred meet:
  - 1. Thoroughbred racing on the flat.
  - 2. 76 thoroughbred dates (04/03/26 through 09/07/26):

April 3,4,8,9,10,11,15,16,17,18,22,23,24,25,29,30 May 1,2,6,7,8,9,13,14,15,16,20,21,22,23,28,29,30

June 4,5,6,11,12,13,18,19,20,25,26,27 July 2,3,4,9,10,11,16,17,18,23,24,25,30,31 August 1,6,7,8,13,14,15,20,21,22,27,28,29

September 3,4,5,7

- 3. Hold a minimum of 8.5 thoroughbred races daily.
- 4. Daily post time 5:30 PM.

## 5. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)

- a. Approval for wagering format for 2026 thoroughbred meet:
  - 1. WPS on all races.
  - 2. Exacta on all races.
  - 3. Daily Double on all races.
  - 4. Trifecta on all races in compliance with LAC 35:XIII.11115.
  - 5. Rolling Pick 3s starting with the 1st race.
  - 6. Early Pick 4 (Races 1-4) and Late Pick Four (Method #4).
  - 7. Pick 5 on first 5 races and last 5 races on the card (Method #4).
  - 8. Superfecta on all races in compliance with LAC 35:XIII.11701.

# C. CHURCHILL DOWNS LOUISIANA HORSERACING COMPANY, LLC d/b/a FAIR GROUNDS RACE COURSE & SLOTS

- 1. PROGRESS REPORT
  - a. Update on infrastructure, escrow, and comments from the Commission.

# 2. REQUEST BY CHURCHILL DOWNS LOUISIANA HORSERACING COMPANY, LLC

a. Discussion/Consideration of Notice of Intent for rules regarding pari-mutuel within sports book lounges per R.S. 4:213.

## 2025 QUARTER HORSE MEET (BEING HELD AT DELTA DOWNS)

- 3. RACES
  - a. Ratification of first condition book for 2025 quarter horse meet.
  - **b.** Ratification of designated races for 2025 quarter horse meet:

08/07/25 French Quarter
08/07/25 Esplanade
08/08/25 Big Easy Futurity Trials
08/09/25 LQHBA Sale Futurity
08/29/25 Big Easy Futurity
08/29/25 Desaix

08/29/25	Faubourg St. John
08/30/25	LQHBA Sale Futurity (RG 1)
08/30/25	Audubon
08/30/25	Treme Derby
08/30/25	LQHBA Sale Juvenile
08/30/25	LQHBA Sale Debutante
08/30/25	Mid City
08/30/25	Lakeview Dash

## 2025-2026 THOROUGHBRED MEET

- 4. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158) AND POST TIMES
  - a. Discussion/Approval of Fair Grounds and LAHBPA's 2025-2026 thoroughbred racing dates agreement.

# D. LOUISIANA DOWNS INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC d/b/a LOUISIANA DOWNS CASINO & RACETRACK

- 1. PROGRESS REPORT
  - a. Update on infrastructure, escrow, and questions from the Commission.

### 2025 THOROUGHBRED MEET

- 2. REQUEST BY LOUISIANA DOWNS INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC TO AMEND RACING DATES APPROVED ON APRIL 29, 2025 (R.S. 4:158A) TO ADD 2 RACE DAYS TOTAL (changes highlighted and in bold)
  - a. Approval for amended 2025 thoroughbred meet:
    - 1. Thoroughbred racing on the flat.
    - 2. 60 62 thoroughbred race dates (05/03/25 through 09/23/25):

May 3,5,6,11,12,13,17,19,20,25,26,27 June 1,2,3,7,9,10,15,16,17,22,23,24,29,30 July 1,4,5,14,15,16,21,22,23,28,29,30 August 4,5,6,11,12,13,18,19,20,25,26,27,30 September 1,2,6,8,9,10,15,16,17,22,23

- 3. Hold a minimum of 7 live thoroughbred races daily.
- 4. Daily post time 4:05 PM with the following exception: 3:35 PM post time on Saturday, September 6, 2025.

#### **2026 QUARTER HORSE MEET**

- 3. LICENSE APPROVALS
  - a. Approval for 2026 quarter horse meet:
    - 1. For 10-year license to own and operate a racetrack, per R.S. 4:158 & R.S. 4:214.
    - 2. For 10-year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211, et seq.
    - 3. To serve as concessionaire.

## 4. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A) AND POST TIMES

- a. Approval for 2026 quarter horse meet:
  - 1. Quarter horse racing on the flat.
  - 2. 33 quarter horse race dates (01/19/26 through 03/28/26):

January 19,20,21,26,27,28

February 2,3,4,9,10,11,16,17,18,23,24,25

March 5,6,7,11,12,13,14,18,19,20,21,25,26,27,28

3. Hold a minimum of 7 live quarter horse races daily.

4. Daily post time 1:35 PM.

## 5. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch. 103-127)

- a. Approval of wagering format for 2026 quarter horse meet:
  - 1. \$1 WPS on all races.
  - 2. \$1 Rolling Daily Double beginning on Race 1.
  - 3. 50¢ Trifecta on all races complying with the Rules of Racing.
  - 4. 10¢ Superfecta on all races complying with the Rules of Racing.
  - 5. 50¢ Rolling Pick 3 beginning with Race 1.
  - 6. 50¢ Pick 4 Races 1-4 and Races 4-7 using the Pick N Wagering Method Number 1.
  - 7. 50¢ Pick 5 on last 5 races using the Pick N Wagering Method Number 1.

#### 2026 THOROUGHBRED MEET

- 6. LICENSE APPROVALS
  - a. Approval for 2026 thoroughbred meet:
    - 1. For 10-year license to own and operate a racetrack, per R.S. 4:158 & R.S. 4:214.
    - 2. For 10-year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211, et seq.
    - 3. To serve as concessionaire.

## 7. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A) AND POST TIMES

- a. Approval for 2026 thoroughbred meet:
  - 1. Thoroughbred racing on the flat.
  - 2. 76 thoroughbred race dates (05/02/26 through 09/30/26):

May 2,3,4,5,10,11,12,16,17,18,19,24,25,26,31

June 2,3,4,5,10,11,12,17,18,19,24,25,26,30

July 4,5,6,7,12,13,14,15,19,20,21,22,26,27,28,29

August 2,3,4,9,10,11,16,17,18,23,24,25,30,31

September 1,5,6,7,8,9,14,15,16,19,20,21,22,23,27,28,29,30

- 3. Hold a minimum of 7 live thoroughbred races daily.
- 4. Daily post time 4:05 PM.

#### 8. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch. 103-127)

- a. Approval of wagering format for 2026 thoroughbred meet:
  - 1. \$1 WPS & Exacta on all races.
  - 2. \$1 Rolling Daily Double beginning on Race 1.
  - 3. 50¢ Trifecta on all races complying with the Rules of Racing.
  - 4. 10¢ Superfecta on all races complying with the Rules of Racing.
  - 5. 50¢ Rolling Pick 3 beginning with Race 1.
  - 6. 50¢ Pick 4 Races 1-4 and Races 4-7 using the Pick N Wagering Method Number 1.
  - 7. 50¢ Pick 5 on last 5 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 1.

### II. HBPA UPDATE

# A. LOUISIANA HORSEMEN'S BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION (LAHBPA)

#### 1. PROGRESS REPORT

2. LAHBPA requests approval from the LSRC, with the agreement of Delta Downs and Evangeline Downs, to transfer the sum of \$600,000 from the account identified as Fair Grounds Quarter Horse Slots purse account to the Evangeline Downs Quarter Horse Slots purse account, effective August 29, 2025, with the funds to be used at the 2025 Evangeline Downs Quarter

Horse Meet.

## III. BREEDER UPDATES

## A. LOUISIANA THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (LTBA)

1. PROGRESS REPORT

## B. LOUISIANA QUARTER HORSE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (LQHBA)

- 1. PROGRESS REPORT
  - a. Update on Delta Downs 2025 Quarter Horse Hair Testing Results.
- 2. LQHBA HAIR TEST POLICY
  - a. Approval of updated LQHBA Hair Test Policy, effective October 1, 2025.

#### IV. RULES

#### A. PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMENTS ON RULES OF RACING:

- 1. In compliance with Act No. 454 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, codified as R.S. 49:964(B), and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Racing Commission will hold a hearing to receive public comment from any interested person regarding the Rules of Racing, LAC Title 35 "Horse Racing" and LAC Title 46, Part XLI "Horseracing Operations."
  - a. At the public hearing, all interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, either orally or in writing, regarding these rules only. The Racing Commission will consider fully all written and oral comments. Comments must be received in writing in order to be submitted to the legislative oversight committees.
  - b. If reasonable accommodations are required in order to participate in the hearings, please contact Mike Dildy, Director of Administration, at (504) 483-4000 at least five business days prior to the scheduled hearing.
  - c. Written comments may be submitted in advance of the hearing to Brett Bonin, Assistant Attorney General, 320 North Carrollton Avenue, Suite 2-B, New Orleans, Louisiana 70119-5100. Comments must be postmarked no later than Friday, August 22, 2025.

## V. LICENSE APPROVALS

# A. REQUEST FOR LICENSE APPROVAL/REINSTATEMENT (LA. R.S. 4:150(B))

1. Billy C. Patin

Seeking reinstatement of Exercise Rider license.

2. Kenneth V. Shows, Jr.

Seeking reinstatement of Groom license.

3. Jessie J. Zenon

Seeking reinstatement of Assistant Trainer license.

## VI. ADJUDICATIONS

## A. VIOLATIONS OF LAC § 35:V.7901 (Careless Riding)

1. David A. Alvarez, Jockey
Ruling #DD 25901 of 05/01/25
\*Continued to next Commission Meeting.

(Adjudication Appealed)
Careless Riding

2. Charles J. McMahon, Jockey<br/>Ruling #LD 26068 of 07/23/25(Adjudication Appealed)<br/>Careless Riding

3. Jansen G. Melancon, Jockey<br/>Ruling #ED 25993 of 06/13/25(Adjudication Appealed)<br/>Careless Riding

4. Carlos A. Perez, Jockey
Ruling #ED 26081 of 07/30/25
(Adjudication Appealed)
Careless Riding

5. Jose L. Rodriguez, Jockey (Adjudication Appealed)
Ruling #ED 25922 of 05/14/25 Careless Riding

6. Eddie Sanchez, Jockey
Ruling #DD 25909 of 05/01/25
(Adjudication Appealed)
Careless Riding

## B. VIOLATIONS OF LA. R.S. § 4:175 & LAC § 35:I.1705, et seq. (Electrical Device)

1. **Ricardo Hernandez, Jr., Jockey**Ruling #DD 25965 of 06/04/25
(Adjudication Referred & Appealed)
Possession of Electrical Device

2. Martin Osuna, Jockey
Ruling #ED 25705 of 12/04/24
\*Continued to next Commission Meeting.

(Adjudication Referred & Appealed)
Possession of Electrical Device

## C. VIOLATIONS OF LAC § 35:I.1797 (Equine Positives)

1. Andre Brooks, Trainer
Ruling #ED 25886 of 04/17/25
Ruling #ED 25887 of 04/17/25
Clenbuterol (ARCI Category IV-Gross)
Clenbuterol (ARCI Category III)

2. Jeremy W. Derozin, Trainer<br/>Ruling #DD 26049 of 07/11/25<br/>Ruling #DD 26050 of 07/11/25(Adjudications Referred)<br/>Carmoterol (ARCI Category I)<br/>Carmoterol (ARCI Category I)

3. John P. Fox, Sr., Trainer
(Adjudication Referred & Appealed)
Ruling #DD 25897 of 04/25/25
7-Hydroxy-Chlopromazine (ARCI Category I)

4. Guillermo Martinez, Trainer (Adjudication Referred)
Ruling #ED 25882 of 04/10/25 Betamethasone (ARCI Category IV)

5. Juan M. Montoya, Trainer (Adjudication Appealed)
Ruling #DD 26035 of 07/04/25 Boldenone (ARCI Category III)

6. Edith A. Mojica, Trainer Ruling #DD 25916 of 05/09/25

(Adjudication Appealed)
Caffeine (ARCI Category II)

7. Dustin Rhodes, Trainer Ruling #DD 26018 of 06/27/25 (Adjudication Appealed)
Albuterol (ARCI Category III)

8. Donald R. Watson, Jr., Trainer Ruling #DD 25935 of 05/22/25

(Adjudications Referred & Appealed)
Boldenone (ARCI Category III) &
Methamphetamine (ARCI Category I)
D-Methamphetamine (ARCI Category I)

Ruling #DD 25946 of 05/29/25

(Adjudication Appealed)
Ractopamine (ARCI Category II)

9. Janine M. Winslow, Trainer Ruling #DD 25880 of 05/08/25

D. VIOLATIONS OF LAC § 35:I.303 (Impermissible Conduct)

1. Donald Boxie, Exercise Person Ruling #LD 26033 of 07/04/25 (Adjudication Referred)
Impermissible Conduct

2. Juan F. Garcia, Jockey Ruling #DD 26015 of 06/27/25 (Adjudication Referred)
Impermissible Conduct

3. Martin Osuna, Jockey Ruling #ED 25706 of 12/04/24 (Adjudication Referred)
Impermissible Conduct

(Adjudication Referred)

\*Continued to the next Commission Meeting.

4. Bobby Ransom, Jockey Ruling #ED 25733 of 12/18/24

ED 25733 of 12/18/24 Impermissible Conduct \*Continued from April 29, 2025 Commission Meeting.

5. Ismael Solis-Guevara, Trainer Ruling #DD 26016 of 06/27/25

(Adjudication Referred)
Impermissible Conduct

E. VIOLATIONS OF LAC § 35:XI.9901 (Claiming a Horse)

1. Jeremy W. Derozin, Trainer Ruling #DD 26005 of 06/18/25 (Adjudication Referred & Appealed)
Claiming Violation

2. Jailinne Venzor, Trainer Ruling #DD 26004 of 06/18/25

(Adjudication Referred)
Claiming Violation

F. STEWARDS' DECISION NOT TO DISQUALIFY HORSE

LAC § 35:III.21111 (Powers)

LAC § 35:V.7901, et seq. (Right to the Track; Swerve)

LAC § 35:V.7903, et seq. (Striking Another; Appearance of Foul)

1. Earl & Keith Hernandez and John Duvieilh (Adjudication Appealed)
Evangeline Downs, Race 2, 05/17/25

## VII. OTHER

#### A. LSRC PERSONNEL MATTER

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Stephen Landry
Executive Director