

# Louisiana State Racing Commission

Member of the  
Association of Racing  
Commissioners  
International, Inc.



Executive Department  
Office of the Governor

## Agenda

Monday, August 26, 2024 – 9:00AM  
The Queen Anne Ballroom  
The Hotel Monteleone  
214 Royal Street  
New Orleans, Louisiana

*Notice of this meeting was duly given in accordance with Law.*

# ROLL CALL

**COMMISSIONERS**

- Mr. Edward J. Koehl, Jr., *Chairman*
- Dr. Patrick Bernard, *Commissioner*
- Mr. Rock M. Bordelon, *Commissioner*
- Ms. Leslie M. Bouie, *Commissioner*
- Dr. Larry L. Findley, Sr., *Commissioner*
- Dr. K. R. “Ron” Finkelstein, *Commissioner*
- Mr. Nathan C. Granger, *Commissioner*
- Mr. Earl A. “Boo” Landry, Jr., *Commissioner*
- Mr. Mike R. McHaffey, *Commissioner*
- Dr. Travis K. Miller, *Commissioner*
- Mr. Deano Thornton, *Commissioner*
- Dr. Vincent V. Tumminello, Jr., *Commissioner*
- Ms. Katherine Winters, *Commissioner*

**QUORUM PRESENT**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

- Mr. Stephen Landry, *Executive Director*

**ATTORNEYS**

- Mr. Brett Bonin, *Asst. Attorney General*
- Ms. Dawn Himel, *Director of Gaming,  
Office of Attorney General*
- Ms. Olga Bogran, *Asst. Attorney General*
- Mr. Jeremy Gathe, *Asst. Attorney General*

**LSRC STAFF**

- Mr. Gerald J. Calogero, *Assistant Executive Director*
- Mr. Michael J. Dildy, *Director of Administration*
- Mr. Patrick Stanley, *Chief Auditor*
- Mr. Tony Magee, *Director of Parimutuel Wagering*
- Mr. Nathan Broussard, *Director of Enforcement*
- Mr. Charles Ashy, *State Steward, EVD/FG*
- Mr. Roy Wood, *State Steward, Louisiana Downs*
- Dr. Matt Cooley, *Equine Medical Director*
- Dr. Catherine Mauberrret, *Asst. Equine MD*
- Ms. Stephanie Matthews, *Executive Assistant*
- Mr. Charles Gardiner, *Director of Policy & Planning*

**STATE POLICE**

- State Police Staff

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 29, 2024, JUNE 4, 2024 & JUNE 7, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

**I. MISCELLANEOUS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**A. MOVE-IN/MOVE-OUT DATES**

- 1. **Discussion/Comments** regarding Fair Grounds move-in and move-out dates.

**B. DISCUSSION/NOTICE OF INTENT:**

- 1. **Discussion/Comments** regarding “House Rules” Notice of Intent, published in the *Louisiana Register* on 7/20/24.
  - LAC 35:III. Chapter 57 – Associations’ Duties and Obligations - §5728. House Rules

**II. ASSOCIATION REQUESTS/REPORTS**

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

**1. PROGRESS REPORT**

- a. **Update** on infrastructure, escrow, and other points.

**2024-2025 THOROUGHBRED MEET**

**2. RACES**

- a. **Approval** of first condition book for 2024-2025 thoroughbred meet.
- b. **Approval** of designated races for 2024-2025 thoroughbred meet:
  - 10/11/2024 Louisiana Legacy
  - 10/11/2024 Louisiana Jewel
  - 10/11/2024 Gold Cup
  - 10/11/2024 Magnolia
  - 10/26/2024 Sweet Home Alabama Special (Alabama Bred)
  - 11/08/2024 Treasure Chest
  - 11/08/2024 Delta Mile
  - 11/08/2024 My Trusty Cat

11/08/2024 Jean Lafitte  
 12/27/2024 Boyd Rewards  
 12/27/2024 Rosewater  
 01/03/2025 Sam's Town  
 01/03/2025 Orleans  
 02/01/2025 La. Bred Premier Night Bon Temps Starter  
 02/01/2025 La. Bred Premier Night Ragin Cajun Starter  
 02/01/2025 La. Bred Premier Night Ladies Starter  
 02/01/2025 La. Bred Premier Night Gentlemen Starter  
 02/01/2025 La. Bred Premier Night Starlet  
 02/01/2025 La. Bred Premier Night Prince  
 02/01/2025 La. Bred Premier Night Matron  
 02/01/2025 La. Bred Premier Night Sprint  
 02/01/2025 La. Bred Premier Night Distaff  
 02/01/2025 La. Bred Premier Night Championship

### 3. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

#### a. Approval of officials for 2024-2025 thoroughbred meet:

John Simon – Director of Racing Operations/Racing Secretary  
 Danielle Birzer – Asst. 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 – Paddock Judge/Program Coordinator  
 TBA - Placing Judge/Entry Clerk  
 TBA - 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 2024-2025 thoroughbred meet.

### 2025 QUARTER HORSE MEET

#### 4. LICENSE APPROVALS

##### a. Approval for 2025 quarter horse meet:

1. 10-year license to own and operate a race track, per R.S. 4:158.
2. 10-year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 et seq.
3. Serve as concessionaire.

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

##### a. Approval for 2025 live quarter horse meet:

1. Quarter horse racing on the flat.
2. 46 quarter horse dates (4/25/25 through 7/12/25):
 

April	25, 26, 30
May	1,2,3,7,8,9,10,14,15,16,17,21,22,23,24,28,29,30,31
June	4,5,6,7,11,12,13,14,18,19,20,21,25,26,27,28
July	2,3,4,5,9,10,11,12
3. Hold minimum of 8 live quarter horse races on Wednesdays and Thursdays and hold a minimum of 9 live quarter horse races on Fridays and Saturdays
4. Post time 6:15 PM

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

##### a. Approval for wagering format for 2025 live quarter horse meet:

1. \$1 WPS
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 races 2-5 & the last 4 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4
8. \$.50 Pick 5 on 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 other points.

**2024 QUARTER HORSE MEET**

**2. STEWARD**

- a. **Approval** of Charles Ashy, Jr. to serve as state steward for 2024 quarter horse meet.

**2025 THOROUGHBRED MEET**

**3. LICENSE APPROVALS**

- a. **Approval** for 2025 thoroughbred meet:

1. 10-year license to own and operate a race track, per R.S. 4:158.
2. 10-year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 et seq.
3. Serve as concessionaire.

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

- a. **Approval** for 2025 thoroughbred horse meet:

1. Thoroughbred horse racing on the flat
2. 76 thoroughbred race dates (4/2/25 through 8/23/25):
 

April	2,3,4,5,9,10,11,12,16,17,18,19,23,24,25,26,30
May	1,2,3,7,8,9,10,14,15,16,17,21,22,23,24,28,29,30,31
June	4,5,6,7,11,12,13,14,18,19,20,21,25,26,27,28
July	3,4,5,10,11,12,17,18,19,24,25,26,31
August	1,2,7,8,9,14,15,16,21,22,23
3. Hold minimum of 8.5 live thoroughbred horse races daily (Wednesday through Saturday)
4. Post time 5:30 PM

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

- a. **Approval** for wagering format for 2025 thoroughbred horse meet:

1. WPS & Exacta on all races
2. Rolling Daily Double on all races
3. Trifecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing* (§11115)
4. Rolling Pick 3 beginning with Race 1
5. Pick 4 on first 4 and last 4 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4
6. Pick 5 on first 5 races and last 5 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4
7. Superfecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing* (§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 other points.
- b. **Address** from Churchill Downs corporate team.

**2024 QUARTER HORSE MEET**

**2. RACES**

- a. **Ratification** of first condition book for 2024 quarter horse meet.

- b. **Ratification** of designated races for 2024 quarter horse meet:

08/16/2024 The Gentilly Dash  
 08/17/2024 The Treme Stakes  
 08/17/2024 The Audubon Stakes  
 08/31/2024 The Faubourg St. John Stakes  
 09/07/2024 The French Quarter Stakes  
 09/07/2024 The Mid-City Stakes  
 09/07/2024 The Lakeview Dash  
 09/07/2024 The Esplanade Stakes  
 09/13/2024 The Big Easy Futurity  
 09/13/2024 The Desaix Stakes  
 09/14/2024 LQHBA Sale Futurity  
 09/14/2024 LQHBA Debutante  
 09/14/2024 LQHBA Juvenile

**3. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT**

**a. Ratification** of officials for 2024 quarter horse race meet:

- Jason M. Boulet - Sr. Director of Racing
  - Scott L. Jones - Racing Secretary
  - Jeffrey Johnston - Paddock Judge/Stakes Coordinator
  - Sean Daniels - Program Coordinator/Claims Clerk
  - Chester Bonnett -Placing Judge/Entry Clerk
  - \*Lisa Gabriel - Placing Judge/Entry Clerk
  - Derek Ducoing - Placing Judge/Entry Clerk
  - Melissa Dueitt - Identifier
  - Robert Burnaman – Placing Judge
  - \*Claire Alyse Hudson – Entry Clerk/Teletimer
  - David P. Wedlake - Association Steward
  - Fred Carrier - Association Steward
  - Robert Mayer - Outrider
  - Tavis Smith - Outrider
  - Garrett Broussard - Clerk of Scales
  - Waverly Parsons - Jockey Room Custodian
  - Mario Torres - Stall Superintendent
  - Julie Daugherty - Clocker
  - Mike Diliberto - Clocker/ Track Handicapper
  - Paul Stutes - Starter
  - Pedro Zavala - Track Superintendent
- \*Denotes first time racing official.

**2024-2025 THOROUGHBRED MEET**

**4. STEWARD**

- a. Approval** of Charles Ashy, Jr. to serve as state steward for 2024-2025 thoroughbred meet.

**D. LOUISIANA DOWNS INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC**

**d/b/a LOUISIANA DOWNS CASINO & RACETRACK**

**1. PROGRESS REPORT**

- a. Update** on infrastructure, escrow, and other points.

**2024 THOROUGHBRED MEET**

**2. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT**

**a. Ratification** of officials for 2024 thoroughbred meet:

- Matthew Crawford – Racing Secretary
- Tammy Peck – Assistant Racing Secretary
- Roxanne Tanner – Ambassador
- Mayo “Slim” Newhouse – Horse Identifier/Paddock Judge
- Koleen Karlin – Placing Judge
- Kenneth Loggins – Placing Judge
- Jacque Bohannon – Placing Judge
- Herberto Castillo – Clerk of Scales
- Jordan Jerman – Clerk of Course/Office Manager
- Whitney Pellerito – Program Coordinator/Claims Clerk
- Jacque Bohannon – Clocker
- Cherie Hurlbutt – Clocker
- Jimmy Cordell – Starter
- Mike Phillips – Outrider
- Kevin Melancon – Outrider
- Natalie Ardoin – Stall Superintendent
- John McGary – Announcer
- Billy McKeever – Track Superintendent

**2025 QUARTER HORSE MEET**

**3. LICENSE APPROVALS**

**a. Approval** for 2025 quarter horse meet:

1. 10-year license to own and operate a race track, per R.S. 4:158.
2. 10-year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 et seq.
3. Serve as concessionaire.

**4. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A), RACES AND POST TIMES****a. Approval for 2025 quarter horse meet:**

1. Quarter horse racing on the flat.
2. 46 quarter horse dates (1/10/25 through 4/12/25):
 

January	10,11,16,17,18,23,24,25,30,31
February	1,6,7,8,13,14,15,20,21,22,26,27,28
March	1,5,6,7,8,12,13,14,15,19,20,21,22,26,27,28,29
April	2,3,4,5,11,12
3. Hold minimum of 7 live quarter horse races daily
4. Post time 1:05 PM

**5. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)****a. Approval for 2025 quarter horse meet wagering:**

1. WPS & Exacta on all races
2. Rolling Daily Double beginning with Race 1
3. Rolling Pick 3 beginning with Race 1
4. Trifecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing*
5. Superfecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing*
6. Pick 4 on last 4 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 1
7. Pick 5 on last 5 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 1
8. Pick 6 on last 6 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 7
9. Super Hi-5 on the last race

**6. STEWARD****a. Approval of Roy Wood, Jr. to serve as state steward for 2025 quarter horse meet.****2025 THOROUGHBRED MEET****7. LICENSE APPROVALS****a. Approval for 2025 thoroughbred meet:**

1. 10-year license to own and operate a race track, per R.S. 4:158.
2. 10-year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 et seq.
3. Serve as concessionaire.

**8. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A), RACES AND POST TIMES****a. Approval for 2025 thoroughbred meet:**

1. Thoroughbred racing on the flat
2. 76 thoroughbred race dates (5/1/25 through 9/27/25)
 

May	1,2,3,8,9,10,15,16,17,22,23,24,26,29,30,31
June	5,6,7,12,13,14,19,20,21,26,27,28
July	2,3,4,5,8,9,10,15,16,17,22,23,24,29,30,31
August	5,6,7,12,13,14,19,20,21,26,27,28,30
September	2,3,4,5,9,10,11,12,13,16,17,18,19,20,23,24,25,26,27
3. Hold a minimum of 7 live thoroughbred races daily.
4. Daily post time 4:05 PM

**9. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)****a. Approval for 2025 thoroughbred meet wagering:**

1. WPS & Exacta on all races
2. Rolling Daily Double beginning with Race 1
3. Rolling Pick 3 beginning with Race 1
4. Trifecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing*
5. Superfecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing*
6. Pick 4 on last 4 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 1
7. Pick 5 on last 5 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 1
8. Pick 6 on last 6 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 7
9. Super Hi-5 on the last race

**III. HBPA UPDATE****A. LOUISIANA HORSEMEN'S BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION (LaHBPA)****1. PROGRESS REPORT**

2. **LaHBPA request approval** from the LSRC, with the agreement of Fair Grounds, Evangeline Downs, and the LQHBA, to transfer the three Champion's Day quarter horse races and the corresponding \$300,000 in purse funds from the Fair Grounds 2024-2025 TB Meet to the Evangeline Downs 2024 QH Meet.

#### IV. BREEDER UPDATES

- A. LOUISIANA THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (LTBA)
  - 1. PROGRESS REPORT
- B. LOUISIANA QUARTER HORSE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (LQHBA)
  - 1. PROGRESS REPORT

#### V. OTHER

- A. HHR
  - 1. **Approval** to designate BMM Testlabs as an independent testing laboratory for Historical Horse Racing operations in Louisiana.

#### VI. ADJUDICATIONS

##### A. VIOLATION OF LAC 35:7901 (Careless Riding)

- 1. **Juan Vargas, Jockey** *(Adjudication Appealed)*  
 Ruling #ED25419 of 06/06/24 Careless Riding  
*Appeal Withdrawn*

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

- 1. **Gilberto Rosales, Trainer** *(Adjudications Referred & Appealed)*  
 Ruling #LD25329 of 03/22/24 Boldenone (ARCI Category III)  
 Ruling #LD25339 of 03/27/24 Testosterone (ARCI Category III)  
 Ruling #LD25340 of 03/27/24 Testosterone (ARCI Category III)  
 Ruling #LD25341 of 03/27/24 Testosterone (ARCI Category III)  
 Ruling #DD25372 of 05/03/24 Ractopamine (ARCI Category II)
- 2. **Kenneth L. Roberts, Sr., Trainer** *(Adjudications Appealed)*  
 Ruling #LD25344 of 03/28/24 Albuterol (Category III)  
 Ruling #LD25345 of 03/28/24 Albuterol (Category III)  
*Continued to Next Commission Meeting.*

- 3. **Jason H. Magnon, Trainer** *(Adjudications Referred)*  
 Ruling #ED25215 of 12/18/23 D-Methamphetamine (Cat. I)  
 Ruling #ED25225 of 12/19/23 D-Methamphetamine (Cat. I)  
*Continued to Next Commission Meeting.*

##### C. VIOLATIONS OF LAC 35:I.1801 (Animal Neglect/Cruelty)

- 1. **Thomas W. Sam, Jr., Trainer** *(Adjudications Referred & Appealed)*  
 Ruling #DD23687 of 10/24/19  
 Ruling #DD23756 of 12/06/19
- 2. **Keith T. Sam, Owner/Groom** *(Adjudications Referred & Appealed)*  
 Ruling #DD23688 of 10/24/19  
 Ruling #DD23757 of 12/06/19

**D. APPEALS OF STEWARDS' DISQUALIFICATION; LAC 35:V.7901, *et seq.*  
(Right to the Track; Swerve; Disqualification of Offending Horse)**

1. **Carrol Castille, Trainer** *(Adjudication Appealed)*  
Delta Downs, October 13, 2023, Race 8 Appeal of Disqualification
  
2. **Clyde Taylor, Owner** *(Adjudication Appealed)*  
Fair Grounds, March 13, 2024 Race 8 Appeal of Disqualification  
*Appeal Withdrawn*

**VII. LICENSE APPROVAL**

- A. REQUEST FOR LICENSE APPROVAL (La. R.S. 4:150(B))**
1. **Ezequiel Villarreal, Trainer.** Convicted Felon.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. PERSONNEL MATTERS**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**



**NOTICE OF INTENT**  
**Office of the Governor**  
**Division of Administration**  
**Racing Commission**

House Rules (LAC 35:III.5728)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and through the authority granted in R.S. 4:148, notice is hereby given that the Racing Commission proposes to adopt LAC 35:III.5728. The proposed Rule establishes that an association's house rules cannot contradict the commission's rules, regulations, and directives and specifies requirements for commission approval of an association's proposed house rules.

**Title 35**  
**HORSE RACING**  
**Part III. Personnel, Registration and Licensing**

**Chapter 57. Associations' Duties and Obligations**

**§5728. House Rules**

A. An association shall not have house rules that are inconsistent with and/or contrary to the commission's rules, regulations, and directives.

1. All association house rules in place when this rule is promulgated will remain in place until the end of the association's current active race meet.

2. New association house rules shall first be submitted to the Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association for their review and then submitted to the commission for approval noting whether or not the Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association is in agreement or disagreement with the proposed new house rules.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:147 and R.S. 4:148.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission, LR 50:

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