

Louisiana State Racing Commission

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Executive Department
Office of the Governor

Agenda

Thursday, February 13, 2025 – 9:00AM
The Black Gold Room
Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots
1751 Gentilly Boulevard
New Orleans, Louisiana

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

ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS

- Mr. Edward J. Koehl, Jr., *Chairman*
- Mr. Earl A. "Boo" Landry, Jr., *2nd Vice Chair*
- Dr. Vincent V. Tumminello, Jr., *3rd Vice Chair*
- 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*
- Dr. Travis K. Miller, *Commissioner*
- Mr. Deano Thornton, *Commissioner*
- Mr. William C. Windham, *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*
- Mr. Jeremy Gathe, *Asst. Attorney General*

LSRC STAFF

- 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. Bobby Granger, *State Steward, Delta Downs*
- Dr. Matt Cooley, *Equine Medical Director*
- Dr. Catherine Mauberret, *Asst. Equine MD*
- Ms. Stephanie Matthews, *Executive Assistant*
- Mr. Charles Gardiner, *Director of Policy & Procedure*

STATE POLICE

- State Police Staff

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 26, 2024 & OCTOBER 17, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

APPROVAL OF TRANSITIONING EARL A "BOO" LANDRY FROM 2ND VICE CHAIR TO 1ST VICE CHAIR, AND VINCENT V. TUMMINELLO JR., M.D. FROM 3RD VICE CHAIR TO 2ND VICE CHAIR

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.
- b. **Discussion** of extending the deadline of new barn construction.

2025 QUARTER HORSE MEET

2. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

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

- John Simon – Director of Racing Operations / Racing Secretary
- Danielle Birzer – Assistant Racing Secretary / Stakes Coordinator
- Freddie Carrier, Jr. – Association Steward
- Jeff Jerman – Association Steward
- Darby Jones – Clerk of Scales
- Jeremy Courville – Head Starter
- Melissa Dueitt – Horse Identifier
- Steve Nick – Jocks Room Custodian
- Baylee Istre – Outrider
- Dale Beaty – Outrider
- Adrianna Vallejo – Outrider
- Becky LeBlanc – Paddock Judge / Program Coordinator
- Christy Hatley – Claims Clerk / Entry Clerk
- Amber Lindsay – Placing Judge
- Claire Hudson – Placing Judge / Entry Clerk
- Mohamed Alikhan – Placing Judge / Entry Clerk
- David Gorman – Head Clocker
- Jess Chance – Stall Superintendent

- b. Approval** of Bobby Granger to serve as State Steward for 2025 quarter horse meet.

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.
- b. Discussion** of extending the deadline of new barn construction.

2025 THOROUGHBRED MEET

2. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

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

Tracey Coonce – Director of Racing Operations
Corey Veazey – Racing Secretary
Ashley Simon – Assistant Racing Secretary / Stakes Coordinator
Frank Rudis – Association Steward
Mark Guidry – Association Steward
TBD – Track Superintendent
Ashley Courville – Stall Superintendent
TBD – 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
John Broussard – Outrider
Coplen Bouget – Outrider

- b. Approval** of Charles Ashy, Jr. to serve as State Steward for 2025 thoroughbred meet.

C. CHURCHILL DOWNS LOUISIANA HORSERACING COMPANY, LLC

d/b/a FAIR GROUNDS RACE COURSE & SLOTS

1. PROGRESS REPORT

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

2. CONDITION BOOK APPROVAL RE: HOUSE RULES

- a. Discussion and questions** on house rules in the current condition book of the 2024-25 thoroughbred meet.

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 QUARTER HORSE MEET

2. RACES

- a. Ratification** of first condition book for 2025 quarter horse meet.

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 \$1,800,000 from the Delta Downs Thoroughbred Slots purse account to the Evangeline Downs Thoroughbred Slots purse account for the 2025 Evangeline Downs Thoroughbred Meet.
3. **LaHBPA requests approval** from the LSRC for a September Move-In for the 2025 Fair Grounds Thoroughbred Meet.
4. **LaHBPA requests approval** from the LSRC, with the agreement of Fair Grounds and Delta Downs, to transfer the 2025 Fair Grounds Quarter Horse Meet to Delta Downs, including all associated purse funds.
5. **LaHBPA requests** to amend Evangeline Downs' 2025 thoroughbred dates.

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 Evangeline Downs 2024 QH Hair Testing Results.

2. CEA BUDGET REQUESTS

- a. **Approval** to enter into Cooperative Endeavor Agreements with and for Budget Request from LQHBA for Hair Testing Programs during the 2025 Delta Downs QH Meet through June 30, 2025 and during all QH Meets during the fiscal year from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

IV. OTHER

A. ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1. **Ratification** of Katie White as Assistant Executive Director of the LSRC.

B. "CLAIMING RULE"

1. **Clarification** on Void Claiming Rule, per LAC § 9901.

C. HHR

1. **Approval** to set June 30, 2025 as the Expiration Date for all HHR Temporary License Approvals.

V. LICENSE APPROVAL

A. REQUEST FOR LICENSE APPROVAL (LA. REV. STAT. 4:150(B))

1. Ryan C. Keith, Casino Employee

Seeking permanent license approval.

VI. ADJUDICATIONS

A. DENIAL OF ENTRY (Matter continued at Fair Grounds Attorney's request; to be heard on, or before, the Commission meeting to be scheduled in April.)

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

1. **Kenneth L. Roberts, Sr., Trainer** (*Adjudications Appealed*)
Ruling #LD 25344 of 03/28/24 Albuterol (ARCI Category III)
Ruling #LD 25345 of 03/28/24 Albuterol (ARCI Category III)

Continued from August 26, 2024 & October 17, 2024 Commission Meetings.

Attorney – Edmond L. Guidry, III, Esq.

2. **Richard G. Washington, Trainer** (*Adjudication Referred*)
Ruling #LD 25511 of 08/06/24 Boldenone (ARCI Category III) & Dexamethasone (ARCI Category IV)
3. **Dwayne Breaux, Trainer** (*Adjudication Referred*)
Ruling #FG 25537 of 08/24/24 Dexamethasone (ARCI Category IV)
4. **Keith Bourgeois, Trainer** (*Adjudication Appealed*)
Ruling #ED 25637 of 10/25/24 Hydromorphone (ARCI Category I)
Attorney – Edmond L. Guidry, III, Esq.
5. **Danny R. Hoda, Trainer** (*Adjudication Referred*)
Ruling #DD 25587 of 09/18/24 Flunixin (ARCI Category IV)
6. **Shane B. Wilson, Trainer** (*Adjudication Referred*)
Ruling #FG 25721 of 12/13/24 Dexamethasone (ARCI Category IV)

C. VIOLATION OF LAC § 35:I.303, LAC § 35: I.1709, LAC § 35:III.2111, LA. R. S. § 46:1905, & LA. R.S. 46:1905 (Possession of a Firearm)

1. **Jonathan Dillard, Exercise Person** (*Adjudication Referred*)
Ruling #FG 25239 of 01/05/24 Possession of a Firearm

D. VIOLATION OF LA. R. S. § 35:I.9901 (Claiming a Horse)

1. **Areli Gutierrez, Owner** (*Adjudication Referred & Appealed*)
Ruling #DD 25639 of 10/29/24 Claiming Violation
Attorney – Edmond L. Guidry, III, Esp.

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

1. **Marlon Del-Cid, Jockey** (*Adjudication Referred & Appealed*)
Ruling #LD 25434 of 06/19/24 Possession of Electrical Device
2. **Martin Osuna, Jockey** (*Adjudication Referred & Appealed*)
Ruling #ED 25705 of 12/04/24 Possession of Electrical Device
Ruling #ED 25706 of 12/04/24 Impermissible Conduct
Attorney – Edmond L. Guidry, III, Esq.

F. VIOLATIONS OF LAC § 35:I.7901 (Careless Riding)

1. **Joel Dominquez, Jockey** (*Adjudication Appealed*)
Ruling #LD 25569 of 09/09/24 Careless Riding
2. **Ubaldo Luna, Jockey** (*Adjudication Appealed*)
Ruling #ED 25704 of 12/04/24 Careless Riding

G. REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF SENTENCE

1. **Jose D. Barron, Trainer** (*Adjudication Referred & Appealed*)
Ruling #DD 24849 of 05/05/22 Zilpaterol (ARCI Category II)
Ruling #DD 24971 of 07/16/22 (*Adjudication Referred*)
Zilpaterol (ARCI Category II)

Revisit November 24, 2022 Adjudication

Attorney – Edmond L. Guidry, III, Esq.

VII. ADJOURNMENT