

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
FOR
GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

APRIL 15, 2009 @ 10:00 A.M.

Present: Richard Chambers, Chairman; Ron Henderson, Board Attorney; Gayle Raby, Executive Director; Josie B. Harris; Candice M. Roche'; Ghirmay S. Ghebreyesus; Quang Nguyen; Donna L. Swanson; Agnes S. Andrews

Mr. Chambers called the meeting to order. Ms. Raby distributed information to all members present. The informational sheet is to be completed for updated information on all members. This information will be forwarded to the Senate office to Ms. Marie Lively for updated information to be posted on the legislative boards' website. Also, given to board members were the copies of the updated Title 22:32-34 and travel reimbursement information.

Mr. Chambers discussed the nomination of officers to the board. Ms. Agnes Andrews was elected President, Ms. Donna Swanson was elected vice president and Ms. Candice Roche' was elected secretary. Duties and responsibilities will be written and presented at the next meeting.

Ms. Raby discussed topics of interest to the board members which includes the current complaints and duties of the board in reference to complaints.

Ms. Raby discussed the details and current status of students working with minority producers and explained the board's responsibilities with respects to that project. Ms. Andrews suggested that the board establish guidelines for producers to follow when employing students for recruitment. The board will develop those guidelines. Mr. Nguyen stated that he has a contact at Loyola University that works with recruitment and he would contact him to participate. Mr. Ghebreyesus said that he currently was involved with offering insurance courses at Southern University in Baton Rouge.

Mr. Ron Henderson, Deputy Commissioner of the Licensing Division and Attorney of the Advisory Board., talked to the board about duties and responsibility of the board and suggested several things for the board to concentrate on to become a strong advising body. He also discussed the reasons for less participation in reference to insurance companies' roles in Louisiana. Mr. Henderson offered his assistance in any way to all board members.

The board scheduled the next monthly meeting for May 20, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. The meeting will be at Drusilla Seafood.

Meeting Adjourned.

Governor's Advisory Board
On Equal Opportunity
Richard L. Chambers, Chairman