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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
DRUG POLICY

**Kristy Miller**  
Director, Drug Policy

**DRUG POLICY BOARD**  
**Special Meeting – 2022 Regular Session Legislative Preview**  
**March 9, 2022; 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

## MINUTES

### **Call to Order**

Kristy Miller, Director of the Governor's Office of Drug Policy and Chair of the Drug Policy Board, called the meeting to order at 2:32 PM.

### **Welcome and Roll Call**

Kristy welcomed everyone and conducted roll call of voting members. Thirteen (13) members were confirmed as present so Kristy declared quorum was reached.

### **Business**

Kristy immediately dived into the content for today's meeting which consisted of a review of 2022 drug-policy related bills. She referenced the email she sent on March 7 which included the entire list of bills she is tracking, including bill instrument numbers, authors, status, and abstracts.

Kristy explained that there are 49 bills included on the list, but she will not provide a preview of each bill. Instead, she offered highlights of some of the most relevant bills. Of the 49 bills, 43 are House bills and 6 are Senate bills. The bills breakdown in the following manner: Tobacco – 1; Hemp – 2; Opioids – 4; Impaired Driving – 4; Controlled Substances/Illicit Drugs – 7; Alcohol – 9; Marijuana – 8; and Medical Marijuana – 14. Kristy then touched on approximately half the bills, either specifically or in reference to a package of similar bills. The entire list of bills and the powerpoint slides used for the briefing are available upon request.

After she presented her bills of interest, Kristy asked the members about any bills not included on her list. No one offered any additional bills to track.

### **Public Comments**

Kristy called for any members of the public to introduce themselves and offer comments to the Board. After three calls for public comment and no comments offered, the public comment period concluded. Kristy stated that no public comments were submitted by email prior to the meeting either.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Kristy reminded everyone that the next regular business meeting of the Drug Policy Board is scheduled for April 21 at 10:00 AM. Kristy will update the calendar notice with information about the meeting's location based on the results of the Governor's upcoming decision on whether to lift the Public Health Emergency. If it is lifted, public bodies will have to return to in-person meetings to comply with Open Meetings Laws.

### **Adjournment**

With all business concluded, Kristy stated that she would entertain a motion to adjourn. Warren Montgomery, LDAA Representative, made a motion to adjourn. Ed Carlson, Odyssey House Louisiana (private org) Representative, seconded the motion. By voice vote, all members approved, none opposed, none abstained. Kristy declared the meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM.

## MEETING ATTENDEES

### VOTING MEMBERS

Member Agency	Appointee/Designee	In Attendance
Alcohol industry representative	Kody Thompson (proxy for Charles "Buddy" Schilling)	Yes
Attorney General's Office	Chris Alderman	Yes
Board of Pharmacy	Malcolm Broussard	Yes
District Court Judge	Judge Scott Schlegel	No
Federal agency with AOD ed/ treatment/prev responsibilities	Vacant	--
Governor's Office of Drug Policy	Kristy Miller	Yes
House member, Committee on Health and Welfare	Representative Bob Owen	Yes
Louisiana Commission on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse	Vacant/Commission no longer exists	--
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement	Linda Gautier	No
Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services	Vacant	--
Louisiana Department of Education	Michael Comeaux	Yes
Louisiana Department of Health	Dr. Janice Williams	Yes
Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections	Blake LeBlanc	Yes
Louisiana District Attorneys Association	Warren Montgomery	Yes
Louisiana Highway Safety Commission	Lisa Freeman	Yes
Louisiana Office of Alcohol & Tobacco Control	Ernest Legier	No
Louisiana Public Defenders Board	Remy Starns	Yes
Louisiana Sheriffs' Association	Shannon Dirmann	No
Louisiana State Police	Rebecca Chaisson	Yes
National Guard	Major Marshall Snowden	No
Physician	Dr. Joseph Kanter	No
Private organization involved in substance abuse prevention	Edward Carlson	Yes
Senate member, Committee on Health and Welfare	Senator Gerald Boudreaux	No