

**LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – November 19, 2021 Meeting**  
*As transcribed by Mary E. Lee DiLeo, Certified Court Reporter*

**COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Benjamin J. Guilbeau, Jr., *Chairman*  
Louis Reine, *First Vice Chair*  
Dr. Patrick Bernard, *Second Vice Chair*  
Leslie M. Bouie  
Lane T. Cortez  
K. R. "Ron" Finkelstein, O.D.  
Mike R. McHalfey  
Deano Thornton

**ABSENT**

Thomas B. Calvert  
Donald "Don" Cravins  
Eddie J. Delahoussaye  
Roy Griggs  
Peter J. Hamilton III

The meeting of the Louisiana State Racing Commission (LSRC) was called to order by the Chairman on Friday, November 19, 2021 at 10:00 AM on the Zoom Conference Call. Roll call was taken; a quorum was present.

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Commissioner Reine motions to approve the meeting minutes from the October 18, 2021 meeting; Commissioner Bernard seconds; motion carries.

**I. ASSOCIATION REQUESTS**

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

**2021-2022 THOROUGHBRED MEET**

**1. ACTION TO ADDRESS LIGHTING ISSUES:**

a. Consideration of Further Amendments past November 25, 2021 to Delta Downs' 2021-2022 Thoroughbred Meet due to Lighting Issues.

1. Consideration/Action of moving Friday and Saturday racing from night to day

Mr. Chris Warren, Director of Racing for Delta Downs, informs that Yates Construction should have additional lights installed by the first week of December and are working with a lighting expert to ensure the lights are positioned correctly. He states that Delta Downs is requesting the Commission to approve two more weeks of moving night racing to daytime to last through December 11, 2021.

Commissioner Reine motions to extend authority to move Delta Downs' scheduled night races to daytime through December 11, 2021; Commissioner Bernard seconds; motion carries.

Commissioner Reine states that, if there is further delay of night racing after December 11, 2021 and the Commission revisits this issue, he would suggest mandatory compliance and fines for Delta Downs.

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

**2021 QUARTER HORSE MEET**

1. **REQUEST BY THE OLD EVANGELINE DOWNS, LLC TO ADD DECEMBER 20, 2021 TO AND REMOVE DECEMBER 14, 2021 FROM MEET APPROVED ON APRIL 23, 2021 (R.S. 4:158A) AS PROVIDED IN AGENDA**

Mr. Ed Fenasci, Executive Director of Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (LaHBPA), informs that LaHBPA agrees with this request.

Commissioner Reine motions to approve; Commissioner Bernard seconds; motion carries.

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

**2021-2022 THOROUGHBRED MEET**

1. **STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT**

a. **Approval** of officials for 2021-2022 thoroughbred race meet as provided in Agenda.

Commissioner Bernard motions to approve Item #1 and to add Fair Grounds' 2021-2022 Designated Races to the Agenda under Section C as Item #2 (below) and approve it; Commissioners Reine and Finkelstein second; motion carries.

2. **RACES**

a. **Approval** of designated races for the 2021-2022 thoroughbred meet:

11/25/21	Thanksgiving Classic	01/22/22	Lecomte Stakes
11/25/21	Joseph R. Peluso Memorial Stakes	01/22/22	Silverbulletday Stakes
11/27/21	Bob F. Wright Memorial Stakes	01/22/22	Duncan F. Kenner Stakes
12/04/21	Pan Zareta Stakes	01/22/22	Louisiana Stakes
12/04/21	Kudzu Juvenile	01/22/22	Colonel E. R. Bradley Stakes
12/11/21	Louisiana Champions Day QH Juvenile	01/22/22	Marie G. Krantz Memorial Stakes
12/11/21	Louisiana Champions Day QH Derby	01/29/22	Frederick P. Aime Memorial Stakes
12/11/21	Louisiana Champions Day QH Classic	02/19/22	Mineshaft Stakes
12/11/21	Louisiana Champions Day Ladies Distaff	02/19/22	Risen Star Stakes
12/11/21	Louisiana Champions Day Juvenile	02/19/22	Rachel Alexandra Stakes
12/11/21	Louisiana Champions Day Sprint	02/19/22	Fair Grounds Stakes
12/11/21	Louisiana Champions Day Ladies Sprint	02/19/22	Colonel Power Stakes
12/11/21	Louisiana Champions Day Lassie	02/19/22	Albert M. Stall Memorial Stakes
12/11/21	Louisiana Champions Day Classic	03/01/22	Mardi Gras Stakes
12/11/21	Louisiana Champions Day Turf	03/05/22	Black Gold Stakes
12/26/21	Tenacious Stakes	03/05/22	Edward J. Johnston Memorial Stakes
12/26/21	Richard R. Scherer Memorial Stakes	03/05/22	Red Camelia Stakes
12/26/21	Blushing KD Stakes	03/12/22	Allen Lacombe Memorial Stakes
12/26/21	Gun Runner Stakes	03/26/22	Tom Benson Memorial Stakes
12/26/21	Untapable Stakes	03/26/22	Costa Rising Stakes
12/26/21	Buddy Diliberto Memorial Stakes	03/26/22	Muniz Memorial Classic
12/27/21	Joseph E. "Spanky" Broussard Memorial Stakes	03/26/22	New Orleans Classic
12/27/21	Woodchopper Stakes	03/26/22	Fair Grounds Oaks
12/27/21	Sugar Bowl Stakes	03/26/22	Louisiana Derby
12/27/21	Letellier Memorial Stakes	03/26/22	Crescent City Derby
12/27/21	Pago Hop Stakes	03/26/22	Crescent City Oaks
12/31/21	Louisiana Futurity – Colt and Gelding	03/27/22	Star Guitar Stakes
12/31/21	Louisiana Futurity – Filly	03/27/22	Shantel Lanerie Memorial Stakes
01/01/22	Nelson J. Menard Memorial Stakes	03/27/22	Page Cortez Stakes

**D. HARRAH'S BOSSIER CITY INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC  
d/b/a HARRAH'S LOUISIANA DOWNS**

**2022 QUARTER HORSE MEET**

**1. STEWARD**

a. **Approval** of Roy Wood, Jr. to serve as state steward for 2022 quarter horse meet.

Commissioner Reine motions to approve; Commissioner Bernard seconds; motion carries.

**II. RULE**

**A. EMERGENCY ADOPTION & NOTICE OF INTENT:**

1. LAC 35:XVII Chapter 131 – "Wagering on Historical Horse Racing" as provided in Agenda.

The Chairman informs that a first draft of these rules created by LSRC staff and its consultant company, Gaming Laboratories International, LLC, was circulated on October 13, 2021 for comments through October 26, 2021. He states that a second draft of these rules was made based on comments from industry participants and was distributed on November 11, 2021 for further comment through November 16, 2021. He says that the current draft of these rules was made based on those comments, and there is still discussion and consideration on Subsection U of §13111 regarding specific application and annual fees related to LSRC's budgetary needs.

The Chairman asks if anyone has additional comments. There are no additional comments for changes to these rules as presented.

Commissioner Reine motions to adopt these rules immediately by Emergency Declaration and to simultaneously approve for Notice of Intent as presented excluding Subsection U of §13111; Commissioner Bernard seconds; motion carries.

**III. OTHER**

**A. APPROVAL OF ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

1. **Approval** to appoint Gerald J. Calogero as Assistant Executive Director of LSRC.

Commissioner Bernard motions to approve; Commissioner Bouie seconds; motion carries.

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Commissioner Reine requests that the Commission take up the issue of trainers who appeal rulings of positive equine drug tests and continue to participate without any action for long periods of time. The Chairman informs that the Commission will try to catch up with hearing outstanding legal cases at the next in-person Commission Meeting.

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**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioners motion to adjourn; Commissioners second; motion carries.



Charles A. Gardiner III  
Executive Director