

**LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – February 27, 2012 Meeting**  
*As transcribed by Dana Schoultz, Certified Court Reporter*

**COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Jerry F. Meaux, *Chairman*  
Payton R. Covington, *First Vice Chairman*  
Keith W. Babb  
Kevin S. Delahoussaye  
Benjamin J. Guilbeau, Jr.  
David E. Roberts  
Kenneth "Kenu" Romero  
Judy W. Wagner  
Dion Young

**ABSENT**

Bob F. Wright, *Second Vice Chairman*  
Richard M. "Dick" Hollier, Jr.  
William A. Robinson

**APPROVED**

At the Commission Meeting of

*April 23, 2012*

(Date)

*Chris A. Gardiner*

**Executive Director**

Louisiana State Racing Commission

The meeting of the Louisiana State Racing Commission was called to order by the Chairman on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 9:00 AM in the Vieux Carré Room of the Monteleone Hotel, 214 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. Roll call was taken; a quorum was present.

Mr. Young motions to approve the meeting minutes from the previous meeting; Mr. Roberts seconds; motion carries.

Mr. Gardiner informs the agenda has been adjusted to accommodate out-of-state guests.

**I. ASSOCIATION REQUESTS**

**A. EVANGELINE DOWNS RACETRACK & CASINO**

**1. ACCOUNT DEPOSIT WAGERING**

**a. Approval of Evangeline Downs' application for Account Deposit Wagering.**

Mr. Gardiner informs the legislature in the last session amended the account wagering law to allow every track in Louisiana, should they decide, to become an advance deposit wagering center. He informs Sportech would like to make a presentation, on Evangeline Downs behalf, before the Commission today. Ms. Loney informs the Commission that she has reviewed their application and it has met all of the criteria for account deposit wagering. Mr. Steve Darbonne, Director of Operations for Evangeline Downs, asks the Commission for approval of their application. He informs ADW will generate new tax dollars for the state and it will contribute additional revenues. Mr. Andrew Gaughan, Managing Director of Sportech, Inc.'s Interactive Product Service Division, provides a brief background of Sportech and its current involvement with ADW and Internet on-

line wagering. He introduces Frank Chesky, Sportech's general counsel and Louie Skelton who handles information technology (IT). Mr. Gaughan gives a PowerPoint presentation (with the assistance of Louie Skelton) demonstrating how the interactive platform will work when the ADW is launched at Evangeline Downs. He informs they have implemented software to track customers play and offer rewards. He shares more about how the products work and the future direction of the industry along with other features of the website. Mr. Covington asks Mr. Gaughan how much of their business is dedicated to horseracing. Mr. Gaughan responds 30% is horseracing related. Mr. Skelton demonstrates the steps on opening a new ADW account on-line and how to place bets once the user is logged in. Mr. Gaughan states that Sportech would ensure that all elements of the rules and regulations are being adhered to in terms of customer terms and conditions and their contractual obligation to Evangeline Downs. Ms. Wagner asks Mr. Gaughan about a 5% rebate shown on the slide. Mr. Gaughan states that was a rebate strategy specifically for the Illinois market. Ms. Wagner asks if they will provide a rebate for Louisiana. Mr. Gaughan states that it is Evangeline Downs decision and it has been discussed, but not decided upon yet. Mr. Meaux asks Mr. Gaughan if there will be a live TV site. He replies they do not offer that service, but the website streams live video of any race you are going to wager on. Mr. Darbonne informs the races are archived for 7 years so you can view any past race at any time. Mr. Skelton informs Sportech has an extensive library for consumers to use. Ms. Loney states materials provided to commissioners today contain general terms and conditions; which as they move forward, will be updated and provided to the Commission. She further states that as of now they are in compliance with the rules and regulations for account deposit wagering in Louisiana.

Mr. Covington motions to approve Evangeline Downs' proposal for ADW wagering; Mr. Romero seconds; motion carries.

2. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by Mr. Steve Darbonne. Mr. Darbonne informs Evangeline Downs is currently dark. He informs Evangeline Downs is working on the dirt track under the supervision of Dr. Mick Peterson. He states Evangeline Downs is in the process of adding a sand and silt/clay mixture to the surface and hopefully it will build the track up. He states Dr. Peterson will inspect the track next week. He informs he will present the Commission and HBPA with a detailed booklet with pictures and graphs and all of the analysis showing it will be ready for the 2012 meet. Mr. Darbonne reports Mr. Michael DePugh, their turf track consultant along with Dr. Peterson did some testing on the turf track and Evangeline Downs is making a few modifications. He states that the turf track is in good condition. He informs all of the barn area repairs are finished. The John Franks horse sale is scheduled for March 25, 2012. Horses will be leaving on March 27<sup>th</sup> and the horsemen will then come in and bed the stalls on March 28<sup>th</sup>. After that, the horses will move in and start training on the track. The live thoroughbred meet will start on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **2012 THOROUGHBRED MEET**

#### **3. RACES**

a. **Approval** of first condition book for 2012 Thoroughbred meet.

b. **Approval** of designated races for 2012 Thoroughbred meet:

6/30/12	The Louisiana Legends Starters Stakes (La Bred)
6/30/12	The Louisiana Legends Turf (La Bred)
6/30/12	The Louisiana Legends Mile (La Bred C&G)
6/30/12	The Louisiana Legends Mile (La Bred Fillies)

6/30/12	The Louisiana Legends Classic
6/30/12	The Louisiana Legends Distaff
6/30/12	The Louisiana Legends Sprint
6/30/12	The Louisiana Legends Ladies Sprint
7/28/12	D.S. "Shine" Young Memorial Futurity & Trials
7/28/12	D.S. "Shine" Young Memorial Futurity & Trials
8/11/12	Evangeline Mile

Mr. Young motions to approve; Mr. Roberts seconds; motion carries.

**4. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT**

**a. Approval of officials for 2012 Thoroughbred meet:**

- Coleman Lloyd – Racing Secretary
- Corey Veazey – Assistant Racing Secretary/Stakes Coordinator
- Ricky Sackett – Association Steward
- Charles Magee – Association Steward
- Gerald Thomas – Assistant Racing Secretary/Placing Judge
- Julie Gipson – Entry Clerk/Paddock Judge
- Angie Hebert – Entry Clerk/Placing Judge
- Norman Zwak - Clerk of Scales
- Frank Rudis – Identifier
- Brett Poole – Clocker
- A.J. Paretti – Clocker
- Russell Comeaux – Starter
- Kyle Clinton – Outrider
- Kenneth Gipson – Outrider
- Sandra Calais – Claims Clerk
- JoAnn Comeaux – Program Coordinator
- Jacque Bohannon – Colors Coordinator
- Robert Bard – Stall Superintendent
- Garry Gallow – Track Superintendent

Mr. Delahoussaye motions to approve; Mr. Covington seconds; motion carries.

**b. Approval of Brook Hawkins to serve as state steward for 2012 Thoroughbred meet.**

Mr. Roberts motions to approve; Mr. Covington seconds; motion carries.

**B. OTHER**

1. Presentation by Daniel J. Metzger, President of the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA).

Mr. Gardiner informs he will take an item out of order on the agenda to discuss the previously filed notice of intent and emergency rule voted on by the Commission regarding the status of graded races in Louisiana.

Mr. Young motions to move the item and address the matter at this time; Ms. Wagner seconds; motion carries.

Mr. Gardiner informs that the Senate Commerce Committee contacted the Racing Commission to appear in Baton Rouge to discuss the commission's emergency passage of Rule LAC 35:I.1505 Permitted Medication (non-steroidal and/or Anti-Inflammatory Medication). The Senate Commerce Committee, after taking testimony, voted to rescind the emergency passage of the rule which effectively negated its application in the current graded stakes that are running at Fair Grounds. Mr. Gardiner introduces Mr. Daniel J. Metzger who addresses TOBA's position on the status of graded races in Louisiana going forward. Mr. Metzger provides a brief history of TOBA and background of their Graded Stakes Committee. He informs it is the belief of the American Graded Stakes Committee and TOBA that the integrity of these grades are compromised if horses are competing under the influence of prohibited substances. Mr. Metzger gives the history of when the Graded Stakes Committee instituted the drug testing protocol. Mr. Metzger informs the committee will not implement a ban of race-day medication for two-year old graded stakes in 2012, but it will continue to work with racing officials, state regulators and others within the industry to effect positive changes with regard to the responsible use of medication for the benefit of graded stakes races and the preservation of the integrity of those races. He informs that beginning in 2013, listed races will also be assigned by the Committee. He emphasizes the importance of complying with the suggested RCI Model Rules and the threshold requirements which are needed in order to maintain eligibility or add future stakes races for all tracks. He states the Louisiana State Racing Commission is currently abiding by the spirit of the Committee's eligibility requirements and as long as the proposed rules are adopted through the regular rulemaking process prior to the 2012 Super Derby (September 8, 2012) at Louisiana Downs then the criteria will have been met.

Mr. Meaux asks Mr. Metzger for his stance on two-year old graded stakes races as Louisiana has 2. Mr. Metzger responds that it will not apply in 2012 and it's currently off the table as of now, so Lasix is still the same.

Mr. Stanley Seelig, President of the Louisiana HBPA, states the HBPA is concerned that an organization (TOBA) can dictate medication of horses in this state. He believes they have no jurisdiction to do so.

Mr. Guilbeau asks Mr. Seelig of his understanding of where New York and Kentucky are in the process regarding the approval of the TOBA requirements. Mr. Seelig responds he is not sure about New York, but Kentucky had a hearing on the matter and has not acted on the matter. Mr. Metzger informs that New York has a 2 microgram limit already in place. Mr. Meaux says he spoke to the chairman of the Kentucky Racing Commission and he stated Kentucky is in line with TOBA. Mr. Meaux asks Mr. Metzger if that was correct. Mr. Metzger informs that Kentucky is testing two micrograms and fulfilling the spirit of the rule.

Mr. Meaux asks for the track representatives to express their opinions. Mr. Halstrom states the industry has given TOBA authority to issue the standards with regards to graded races and we should accept that fact. He understands the importance of graded races and the relevance it has to the Fair Grounds and the state of Louisiana.

Mr. Meaux asks Mr. Halstrom what would happen to the Louisiana Derby if graded races were lost. Mr. Halstrom responds the graded races assist in the eligibility for horses to qualify for the Kentucky Derby and if they were lost then the Fair Grounds would be left with smaller purses and local horses.

Mr. Romero asks Mr. Halstrom about the Louisiana Derby and purse amounts. Mr. Halstrom responds the purse would be a million dollars regardless of the grading. Mr. Romero asks Mr. Halstrom if horses would come from all over for a million dollars. Mr. Halstrom states he knows for a fact they would not come from out of state because they would not have the grade needed to be eligible to run in the Kentucky Derby.

Mr. McIntosh states Louisiana Downs does not have many graded stakes, but he stresses how important graded stakes are to Super Derby. He states the quality of horses and revenue would go down without graded races.

Mr. Warren states Delta Downs does not want to lose their grade because it is important especially with regards to the Delta Jackpot and they will comply with TOBA to keep in line with everyone else.

Mr. Covington states that we should go along with TOBA and take a vote on complying with their request.

Ms. Loney informs the rule will come up for formal adoption at the next commission meeting in April of 2012.

Mr. Meaux asks Mr. Metzger what would happen if the Commission voted not to adopt the rule at the April Commission Meeting. Mr. Metzger informs that Dr. Richardson, the chairman of the committee, will recommend stripping the graded stakes status from the Louisiana races going forward.

Mr. Guilbeau requests for any party of interest to submit in writing any perspective during the current comment period, in order for the Commission to take proper action at the April meeting.

Mr. Tom Early, of the LTBA, states he agrees with TOBA. Mr. Early disagrees with Mr. Seelig and states this is not just a breeding issue, but a racing industry issue.

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

1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by *Mr. Chris Warren*. Mr. Warren informs Delta Downs 2011-2012 thoroughbred meet began on October 19<sup>th</sup>. He informs the Princess and Jackpot Stakes ran on November 19<sup>th</sup> and the handle was up from \$3.8 million in 2010 to \$4.4 million in 2011. He states the handle is down 8%-10% and tracks taking Delta Downs' signal is up a little over 4%. He states there has been a lot of rain in Vinton in the last 6 months which has hurt some, but February has been a good month and it's starting to pick up. He informs overall revenue is up 7%. He informs the 2011-2012 thoroughbred meet will end on March 17<sup>th</sup> and the quarter horse meet will begin on April 27<sup>th</sup>. He informs they plan to do some work on the racetrack to get it in top shape for the quarter horses. He informs they have a couple of new stakes races this year for quarter horses. These races will be for the open horses as preps for the Firecracker, Delta Downs' signature 2 year old race.

**2011/2012 THOROUGHBRED MEET**

**2. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT**

- a. **Ratification of \*Galen Boutte as paddock judge, effective 12/28/11 through 3/17/12.**

*\*new official*

Mr. Romero motions to approve; Mr. Roberts seconds; motion carries. (Approved out-of-order after Evangeline Down's Progress Report.)

**2012 QUARTER HORSE MEET****3. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT**

a. **Approval** of Sam Lato to serve as state steward for 2012 quarter horse meet.

Mr. Covington motions to approve; Mr. Delahoussaye seconds; motion carries.

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

1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by *Mr. Eric Halstrom*. Mr. Halstrom informs the Fair Grounds is three-quarters through the 2011-2012 thoroughbred meet. He informs the race meet started a bit slow. February has been a good month. He informs they are running 4 or 5 days less this year based on the calendar. He reports on volume they are down a little, but on a per day basis they are good. They are down about 5% per day. He reports they have the horse of the year, Havre de Grace, on their backside and training very well. She will run at Fair Grounds on March 17<sup>th</sup>. The Starlight nights have been another big success. He informs the numbers are not quite as big, however, it is still a good decision. The Starlight nights in March should be excellent. The track surface is in fantastic shape. The horsemen have been very complimentary of the surface. He reports they have put a lot of money into the turf course and they are very happy with the results. The new wagers have been successful and in December, the winning ticket on the Black Gold Pick 5 wager was \$330,000.

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

1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by *Mr. Trent McIntosh* informs Louisiana Downs is 29 days into the 46-day quarter horse meet. He informs that January and February have been very strong months and the handle is up 15% so far. He informs the 2012 thoroughbred meet starts on May 4<sup>th</sup>. He states the new Holiday Inn Express that is located in Louisiana Downs parking lot opens today. He informs that a Comfort Inn and Suites has already broken ground on their property. He expects the hotel to be ready in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2012. Mr. McIntosh informs of a marketing initiative towards horseplayers which ties every offer to their total rewards card. He informs that strategy was implemented last May and it has reflected positively on the 2012 quarter horse meet as well as on the previous thoroughbred meet.

**2012 QUARTER HORSE MEET****2. RACES**

a. **Ratification** of first condition book for 2012 Quarter Horse meet.

b. **Ratification** of designated races for 2012 Quarter Horse meet:

1/7/12	Harrah's Dash
1/7/12	Harrah's Distaff
1/21/12	Marathon
1/21/12	Billy Montgomery
1/28/12	Swift
2/4/12	Party Girl
2/11/12	Magnolia
2/25/12	Mr. Jess Perry
3/10/12	Mardi Gras Futurity
3/10/12	Mardi Gras Derby

3/17/12 Streakin La Jolla  
3/18/12 Harrah's Futurity

TRIAL DATES

2/21/12 Mardi Gras Futurity Trials  
2/25/12 Mardi Gras Derby Trials  
3/3/12 Harrah's Futurity Trials

Mr. Babb motions to approve; Mr. Covington seconds; motion carries.

**3. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT**

**a. Ratification of officials for 2012 Quarter Horse meet:**

David Heitzmann - Racing Secretary  
Matthew Crawford – Assistant Racing Secretary/Paddock Judge  
David Wedlake – Association Steward  
William Coleman – Association Steward  
Charles Magee – Placing Judge  
\*Kerry Ruff – Placing Judge  
Allan Bridewell – Stakes Coordinator/Placing Judge  
Tammy Peck – Identifier  
Charlotte Miles – Program Coordinator/Claims  
Jeffrey Williams – Clerk of Scales  
Jimmy Cordell – Starter  
Betty Fetters – Clocker  
\*Herbert Lambert – Clocker  
Laura Hollowoa – Outrider  
Juan Roman – Outrider  
*\*new official*

Mr. Delahoussaye motions to approve; Mr. Roberts seconds; motion carries.

2012 THOROUGHBRED MEET

**4. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT**

**a. Approval of Roy Wood to serve as state steward for 2012 Thoroughbred meet.**

Mr. Roberts motions to approve; Mr. Delahoussaye seconds; motion carries.

\*\*\*Recess\*\*\*

**II. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. MEDICATION COMMITTEE, by Committee Chairman Payton R. Covington**

Request from American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) for Louisiana to create a 30-day withdrawal time for the bronchodilator Clenbuterol (for quarter horses only).

Mr. Gardiner informs the AQHA has deferred discussion on their request to set a different withdrawal time on Clenbuterol until the April meeting.

**B. RULES COMMITTEE**, by *Committee Chairman Keith W. Babb*

Mr. Babb informs the Training Track Rules are in the posture for formal adoption.

Mr. Guilbeau motions to formally adopt LAC 46: XLI. Chapter 19 "Training Tracks" (§1903-§1907); Ms. Wagner seconds; motion carries.

**C. LEGAL COMMITTEE**, by *Committee Chairman Bob F. Wright*

No report. Mr. Wright was absent.

**D. SECURITY COMMITTEE**, by *Committee Chairman Kenneth "Kenu" Romero*

Mr. Romero reports all approvals have been finalized and the Louisiana State Police will provide security at all of the Louisiana racetracks. Major Michael Noel, Commander over the Gaming Enforcement Division for the Louisiana State Police, informs that they have made a number of visits to the Fair Grounds and other race tracks to get a better understanding of horseracing. They will provide some security on the backstretch and work very closely with the stewards at the track. Lieutenant Sheldon Perkins will be the primary point of contact. He states the state police appreciate the opportunity and look forward to working with the Commission for many years to come.

**E. RACETRACK/HBPA LIAISON COMMITTEE**

No report.

**F. COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE**

No report.

### III. OTHER

**A. For Discussion/Approval:**

1. **Approval** of Longhorn Training Center application for training track license – facility located at 2374 Highway 109 South, Vinton, Louisiana.

The Representative from Longhorn Training Center was not present. The matter was deferred until the next meeting.

2. **Approval** of Louisiana State Police as out-of-box stewards.

Mr. Gardiner informs the list of out-of-box stewards is in conjunction with the agreement with State Police to provide security on the backstretch of all Louisiana racetracks. As part of the legal requirement to empower the State Police to conduct investigations and searches on the backstretch, they must be designated by the Commission as out-of-box stewards.

Mr. Guilbeau motions to approve; Mr. Romero seconds; motion carries.

### IV. RULES

**A. Formal Adoption:** (See Rules Committee Report page 6)

1. LAC 46: XLI. Chapter 19 - Training Tracks

§1903. License Information

§1904. License Renewal

§1905. Authority and Jurisdiction

§1906. Production of Books, Memorandum, or Documents; Removal of Official or Employee; Manner of Keeping Books; Witnesses; Penalty

§1907. Grounds for Denial or Termination of Training Track License

**B. Notice of Intent**

1. Open hearing for comments on LAC 35: I.1505 Notice of Intent – Permitted Medication (Nonsteroidal and/or Anti-Inflammatory Medication). (See pages 3,4 & 5.)
2. Presentation by Daniel J. Metzger, President of the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA). (See pages 3,4,5.)

**V. LICENSES**

(In order heard)

**License Approval Request (La.R.S. 4:150)**

**Trenette R. Ware, Groom/Hotwalker.** Convicted felon. Ms. Wagner motions to defer action until more information is gathered on the applicant's criminal history; Mr. Young seconds; motion carries.

**Permittee Seeking Reduction Of Sentence**

**Donald Boxie, Exercise Rider.** Multiple human drug positives. Mr. Guilbeau motions to approve his Exercise Rider's license being reinstated conditioned upon submitting a negative hair and urine test prior to 3/6/12 at his own expense. Thereafter, he must provide a negative urine test every 90 days for 1 year at his own expense; Mr. Covington seconds; motion carries.

**License Review**

**Joseph W. Patin, Jr., Jockey.** Mr. Romero motions to approve his Exercise Rider's license conditioned upon providing a negative hair and urine test prior to 3/6/12 at his own expense. Thereafter, he must provide a negative urine and alcohol test twice a month for 6 months at his own expense. He may reapply to the full Commission for a Jockey's license after meeting all conditions provided by the Racing Commission; Mr. Delahoussaye seconds; motion carries.

**VI. ADJUDICATIONS**

(In order heard)

**Appeals (La.R.S.4:154)**

**Charles J. McMahon, Apprentice Jockey.** Ruling#FG19178 of 1/15/12 – *Careless Riding*. (Appeal Withdrawn.) & Ruling#FG19179 of 1/15/12 – *Careless Riding*. (Appeal Withdrawn.) Mr. Covington motions to uphold the Stewards' rulings; suspend 14 calendar days total; from 3/3/12 through 3/6/12 & 3/8/12 through 3/17/12; Mr. Guilbeau seconds; motion carries.

**Jose "Miguel" Mena, Jockey.** Ruling#FG19125 of 12/26/11 – *Careless Riding*. (Appeal Withdrawn.) Mr. Covington motions to uphold the Stewards' ruling; suspend 7 calendar days total from 3/3/12 through 3/6/12 & 3/8/12 through 3/10/12; Mr. Romero seconds; motion carries.

**Chris R. Rosier, Jockey.** Ruling#DD19209 of 1/21/12 – *Careless Riding*. (Appeal Withdrawn.) Mr. Covington motions to uphold the Stewards' ruling; suspend 7 calendar days from 3/4/12 through 3/10/12; Mr. Roberts seconds; motion carries.

**Adjudication Referred (La. R. S. 4:172)**

**Doris R. Hebert, Trainer.** Ruling#DD19155 of 1/7/12 – *Flunixin & Phenylbutazone (ARCI Category IV, Level I)(3<sup>rd</sup> offense in a 12-month period.)* Ms. Wagner motions to uphold the Stewards' ruling; suspend 60 days effective 3/4/12 through 5/2/12; purse is ordered redistributed; Mr. Covington seconds; motion carries.

**Appeal/Referred (La. R. S. 4:154, 4:172)**

**Trevino Clark, Jockey.** Ruling#LD19221 of 1/30/12 – *Refused to submit a urine sample.* (Attorney Present, Mr. Harry E. Cantrell) Mr. Covington motions to uphold the Stewards' ruling; suspend 6 months effective 2/28/12 through 8/27/12. Denied access to all race tracks, off-track wagering facilities and recognized training tracks under the jurisdiction of the Racing Commission; Mr. Roberts seconds; motion carries.

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Mr. Seelig informs the Fair Grounds tote board malfunctioned a few weeks ago. He states the Fair Grounds Stewards handled the situation very professionally. He informs two races were run without wagering because of the malfunction, but fortunately the problem was resolved and the rest of the card continued as normal. He states this was not a safety issue with wind, lightning, rain, unsafe surface or a power outage. Seelig states, the rules require that no wagers be taken if the tote board at the racetrack is not working. He states the horsemen's position was the horses were medicated; ready to run and people who had shipped-in wanted their opportunity to run that particular day. He states he would like the Commission to address this matter in the future perhaps with a rule. Mr. Wood informs it was not a tote board malfunction, the whole tote system was down. He says there are so many variables and many circumstances to consider, so it is not a black and white issue. Mr. Seelig states he wants a uniform policy, but he does not have the right answer and he just wants the matter to be discussed further. Mr. Halstrom informs that day was tough, but nobody made a wrong decision.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Meaux adjourns the meeting.



Charles A. Gardiner III  
Executive Director