

TENTATIVE MINUTES (PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL)

**MEETING OF THE
AD HOC COMMITTEE
OF THE
ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PESTICIDES**

JANUARY 28, 2026, 9:00 A.M.

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
VETERANS' MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
5825 FLORIDA BOULEVARD
BATON ROUGE, LA 70806**

NOTE: THESE ARE TENTATIVE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 28, 2026 MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PESTICIDES. A FINAL VERSION OF THESE MINUTES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AFTER APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Billy Guthrie at 9:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by Mr. Jason Starns.

Members present: Mr. Billy Guthrie, Dr. Blaine Viator, Mr. Lyndon Leonards, Mr. Joe Ingrao, and Mr. Brian Gueltig

Members absent: None

A quorum was present.

Others present: Ashley LaBorde – LDAF, Angela Jackson – LDAF, Bethany Gonzales – LDAF, Jade Saunders - LDAF, Charles Gilpin, Mary Sexton – LSU AG Center and Jason Starns – LDAF.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Joe Ingrao made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2025 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lyndon Leonards and passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF AG CONSULTANT EXAM APPLICATIONS

Mr. Joe Ingrao introduced the applications for Agricultural Consultant examinations:

Kenneth Carter Banks – (1a) Agricultural Entomology, (2a) Agricultural Plant Pathology, (3a) Agricultural Weed Control, (4a) Agricultural Field Soil Management, (4b) Agricultural Soil, Water & Tissue Analysis, (4c) Agricultural Soil Reclamation, (4d) Agricultural Water Management

Motion: Dr. Blaine Viator made a motion to deny the application for Agricultural Consultant Examinations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lyndon Leonards and passed unanimously.

Hager Fortenberry – (1a) Agricultural Entomology, (2a) Agriculture Plant Pathology, (3a) Agricultural Weed Control

Motion: Mr. Joe Ingrao made a motion to approve examination for (1a) Agricultural Entomology and deny examination for (2a) Agriculture Plant Pathology and (3a) Agricultural Weed Control for Agricultural Consultant Examinations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brian Gueltig and passed unanimously.

Jacob Broussard – (1a) Agricultural Entomology, (2a) Agriculture Plant Pathology, (3a) Agricultural Weed Control, (4a) Agricultural Field Soil Management

Motion: Dr. Blaine Viator made a motion to approve examination for (1a) Agricultural Entomology, (2a) Agriculture Plant Pathology, (3a) Agricultural Weed Control, and (4a) Agricultural Field Soil Management for Agricultural Consultant Examinations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lyndon Leonards and passed unanimously.

Andrew Tyler Bonaventure – (1a) Agricultural Entomology, (3a) Agricultural Weed Control

Motion: Dr. Blaine Viator made a motion to approve examination for (1a) Agricultural Entomology and (3a) Agricultural Weed Control and pre-approve examination for (2a) Agriculture Plant Pathology and (4a) Agricultural Field Soil Management for Agricultural Consultant Examinations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Joe Ingrao and passed unanimously.

Cole Jude Lacombe – (1a) Agricultural Entomology, (2a) Agricultural Plant Pathology, (3a) Agricultural Weed Control, (4a) Agricultural Field Soil Management, (4b) Agricultural Soil, Water & Tissue Analysis

Motion: Mr. Joe Ingrao made a motion to approve examination for (1a) Agricultural Entomology, (2a) Agriculture Plant Pathology, (3a) Agricultural Weed Control, and (4a) Agricultural Field Soil Management for Agricultural Consultant Examinations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lyndon Leonards and passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Joe Ingrao made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Blaine Viator and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Chairman Signature

Printed Name