

**MEETING OF THE
ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PESTICIDES**

AUGUST 27, 2025, 9:30 A.M.

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
VETERANS' MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
5825 FLORIDA BOULEVARD
BATON ROUGE, LA 70809**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Billy Guthrie at 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mr. Billy Guthrie, Mr. George Bragg, Dr. Richard Costello, Ms. Jenny Buller, Mr. Floyd Fowler, Mr. Scotty Meador, Mr. Roby Shields, and Ms. Rebecca Triche

Members absent: Mr. Johnny Landry

A quorum was present.

Others present: Dr. Ansel Rankins – LDAF, Tanika Starks – Hearing Officer, Tabitha Irvin – LDAF Executive Counsel, Angela Jackson – LDAF Attorney, Lyndon Leonards – LDAF, Kiara Moore – LDAF, Joe Ingrao – LDAF, Ashley LaBorde – LDAF, Bethany Gonzales – LDAF, Ryan Hackett – LDAF, Brian Gueltig – LSU AG Center, and Jason Starns – LDAF.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Chuck Gilpin, Gulf States Clean Guard, discussed enforcement of the requirement for businesses to have a license to apply chemicals in the treatment of mold. Mr. Gilpin requested that enforcement of the license requirement be placed on the agenda of the next Advisory Commission on Pesticides meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Roby Shields made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2025 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scotty Meador and passed unanimously.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

Mr. Billy Guthrie discussed future meeting dates. After discussion future meeting dates were scheduled for January 28, 2026 and August 19, 2026.

EXAMINATION APPEAL

Case No. 25-ACP-0806 Jonathan Guidry

Ms. Angela Jackson introduced the appeal of Mr. Jonathan Guidry to appeal the administrative decision to void his exam. Ms. Jackson stated that a stipulation was agreed to by Mr. Guidry providing that Mr. Guidry would be allowed to take all future exams at the Baton Rouge District Office beginning after September 25, 2025. The exams would be proctored and videoed by Baton Rouge District Office staff.

Mr. Guidry was present and agreed to the terms of the stipulation.

Motion: Mr. George Bragg made a motion to approve the stipulation as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Richard Costello and passed unanimously.

ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS

Hearing Officer Ms. Tanika Starks conducted the adjudicatory hearings. LDAF Attorney, Ms. Angela Jackson, presented the following matters:

STIPULATED CASES

Case No. 25-ACP-0106 Simplot Grower Solutions - Rayville

89 Industrial Loop
Rayville, LA 71269

The Department charged Simplot Grower Solutions - Rayville:
Ten (10) violations of La. R.S. 3:3252(A)(7) and La. R.S. 3:3252(A)(8)

The stipulation was presented by Ms. Angela Jackson.

Simplot Grower Solutions - Rayville was not present. The department and Simplot Grower Solutions - Rayville entered a stipulation in which Respondent admits to the allegations and agrees to pay the penalty of \$10,000.00 within 30-days after receipt of the Commissioner's acceptance. The stipulation was signed by all parties.

Ms. Starks admitted LDAF Exhibits 1, 2, 3, and 4 into the record.

Motion: Mr. George Bragg made a motion to approve the stipulation as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rebecca Triche. Mr. Scotty Meador recused. The motion passed unanimously.

LDAF Attorney, Ms. Bethany Gonzales, presented the following matters:

Case No. 25-ACP-0801 Edmond McCollam

121 Acadia Point Drive
Thibodaux, LA 70301

The Department charged Mr. McCollam with:
One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3252(A)(16), specifically R.S. 3:3243(B)
One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3252(A)(6)

The stipulation was presented by Ms. Bethany Gonzales.

Mr. McCollam was not present. The department and Mr. McCollam entered a stipulation in which Respondent admits to the allegations and agrees to pay the penalty of \$1,250.00 within 30-days after receipt of the Commissioner's acceptance. The stipulation was signed by all parties.

Ms. Starks admitted LDAF Exhibits 1 and 2 into the record.

Motion: Mr. Floyd Fowler made a motion to accept the facts set forth in the stipulation and that the penalty be accepted. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jenny Buller and passed unanimously.

Case No. 25-ACP-0802 Tyler Boyett

33 Graves Trail
Rayville, LA 71269

The Department charged Mr. Boyett with:
One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3252(A)(2)

The stipulation was presented by Ms. Bethany Gonzales.

Mr. Boyett was not present. The department and Mr. Boyett entered a stipulation in which Respondent admits to the allegations and agrees to pay the penalty of \$500.00 within 30-days after receipt of the Commissioner's acceptance. The stipulation was signed by all parties.

Ms. Starks admitted LDAF Exhibits 1 and 2 into the record.

Motion: Dr. Richard Costello made a motion to accept the facts set forth in the stipulation and that the penalty be accepted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scotty Meador and passed unanimously.

Case No. 25-ACP-0804 George Harper

152 Memory Lane
Wisner, LA 71378

The Department charged Mr. Harper with:
One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3252(A)(2)
One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3252(A)(18), specifically LAC 7:XXIII.1101(I)

The stipulation was presented by Ms. Bethany Gonzales.

Mr. Harper was not present. The department and Mr. Harper entered a stipulation in which Respondent admits to the allegations and agrees to pay the penalty of \$1,000.00 with \$500.00 being suspended within 30-days after receipt of the Commissioner's acceptance. The stipulation was signed by all parties.

Ms. Starks admitted LDAF Exhibits 1 and 2 into the record.

Motion: Mr. Goerge Bragg made a motion to accept the facts set forth in the stipulation and that the penalty be accepted. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jenny Buller and passed unanimously.

Case No. 25-ACP-0805 Zachary LaHaye

4472 Vidrine Road
Ville Platte, LA 70586

The Department charged Mr. LaHaye with:
One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3252(A)(2)
One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3252(A)(18), specifically LAC 7:XXIII.1101(I)

The stipulation was presented by Ms. Bethany Gonzales.

Mr. LaHaye was not present. The department and Mr. LaHaye entered a stipulation in which Respondent admits to the allegations and agrees to pay the penalty of \$1,000.00 with \$500.00 being suspended within 30-days after receipt of the Commissioner's acceptance. The stipulation was signed by all parties.

Ms. Starks admitted LDAF Exhibits 1 and 2 into the record.

Motion: Mr. Roby Shields made a motion to accept the facts set forth in the stipulation and that the penalty be accepted. The motion was seconded by Mr. George Bragg and passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF AG CONSULTANT EXAM APPLICATIONS CASES

Mr. Joe Ingrao presented to the commission the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Advisory Commission on Pesticides for approval of the AG Consultant Exam Applications for Elizabeth Little in categories (1a) Agricultural Entomology, (2a) Agricultural Plant Pathology, and (4a) Agriculture Field Soil Management; John Reid Rivet in categories (2a) Agricultural Plant Pathology and (4a) Agricultural Field Soil Management; David White in categories (1a) Agricultural Entomology, (2a) Agricultural Plant Pathology, (3a) Agricultural Weed Control, and (4a) Agriculture Field Soil Management; Nicholas Daigle in categories (3a) Agricultural Weed Control and (4a) Agricultural Field Soil Management; Aaron Michael Beatty in categories (1a) Agricultural Entomology, (2a) Agricultural Plant Pathology, (3a) Agricultural Weed Control, and (4a) Agriculture Field Soil Management.

Motion: Mr. George Bragg made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee. The motion was seconded by Dr. Richard Costello and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

LDAF Report:

Mr. Lyndon Leonards discussed staffing updates.

Mr. Leonards updated the commission on the Unwanted Pesticide Program. A pesticide pick-up disposal event was held on February 18, 2025 at Simplot Grower Solutions in Crowley, LA.

Mr. Leonards discussed registration updates for Section 18 requests.

Mr. Leonards discussed a two-day training that occurred in April 2025 for AES Administration and District staff in investigations to enhance the skills in investigative techniques and writing and improve the quality of AES investigative reports.

Mr. Leonards discussed the three-day EPA Region 6 inspector training workshop. The workshop was attended by inspectors from five states.

Mr. George Bragg asked for an update on the online testing platform. Dr. Ansel Rankins updated the commission on the status of the online testing platform that it should be available in the next couple of months.

Ms. Jenny Buller discussed the EPA requirement for Paraquat training and where individuals would go to take the tests and certifications.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

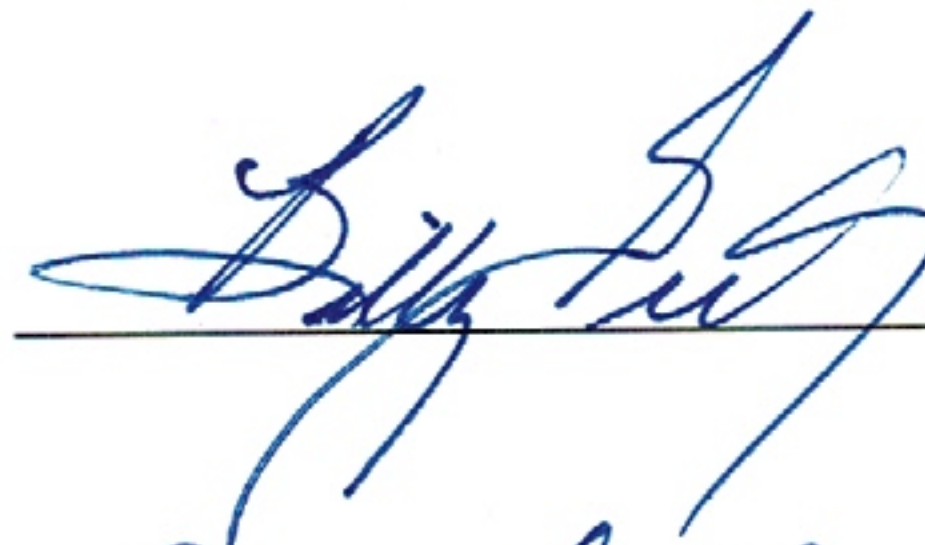
Mr. George LaCour discussed Private Pesticide Certification for H-2A labor employees and the March 31st recertification date. He requested if the recertification date could be moved. Mr. LaCour requested a Spanish version of the exam for individuals to become certified.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Ms. Rebecca Triche moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. George Bragg and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.



Chairman Signature



Printed Name