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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR DRUG POLICY

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DRUG POLICY BOARD January 22, 2026; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM LA State Capitol Building, 4th Floor Press Room, 900 N. Third St., Baton Rouge

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM

Welcome and Introductions

Members and attendees introduced themselves.

Old Business

- A. The minutes from the October 2025 meeting were presented for review.
A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

New Business

- A. **2026 Office of Drug Policy and the Drug Policy Board Overview – Dr. Shayla Polk**
Dr. Shayla Polk provided an overview of 2025 activities for the Office of Drug Policy, including Substance Misuse, Mental Health, and Suicide Prevention Day at the Capitol, now in its third year, and the upcoming youth conference scheduled for June 12 in partnership with community programs.
- B. **Recommended Revisions and Voting on Revised statutes R.S. 14:334, R.S. 14:98.2, R.S. 14:98.3 and 14:98.4 to Amend for the 2026 Legislative Session - Norma Duboise**
Norma Duboise presented the proposed revisions to R.S. 14:334, R.S. 14:98.2, R.S. 14:98.3, and R.S. 14:98.4 for the 2026 Legislative Session.
A motion was made and seconded regarding the proposed revisions.

Other Business

- A. Office of Drug Policy updates
Dr. Shayla Polk provided a brief update on the Office of Drug Policy, including work on end-of-year reports and development of the 2027–2030 strategic plan.
- B. Member Agency updates
Member agencies provided updates on ongoing initiatives and activities within their respective agencies.

Public Comment

Public comments were received.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM

DRUG POLICY BOARD VOTING MEMEBERS

Member Agency	Appointee/Designee	In Attendance	Not in Attendance	Proxy
Alcohol industry representative	Kody Thompson	Yes		
Attorney General's Office	Michael Dupree, Public Protection Division (John Kelley Proxy-Complex Litigation Officer)			Yes
Board of Pharmacy	Marty McKay (Joe Fontenot proxy)			Yes
District Court Judge	Shayna Beevers Morvant		No	
Federal agency with AOD ed/treat/Prev responsibilities	Dr. Leslie Faulkner	Yes		
Board of Regents	Dr. Allison Smith		No	
Governor's Office of Drug Policy	Dr. Shayla Polk, Director and Chair of the Drug Policy Board	Yes		
House member, Committee on Health and Welfare	Rhonda Butler, LA State Representative, Dist. 38		No	
O'Brien House	Dr. Emily Tilley	Yes		
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement	Jim Craft	Yes		
Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services	Dr. Rebecca Hook (Amy Holland)			Yes
Louisiana Department of Education	Stephen Guccione	Yes		
Louisiana Department of Health	Quinetta Womack(Proxy Leslie Freeman)	Yes		
Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections	Shelley Edgerton	Yes		
Louisiana District Attorneys Association	J. Collin Simms (Elizabeth Authement as Proxy)	Yes		
Louisiana Highway Safety Commission	Lisa Freeman, JD	Yes		
Louisiana Office of Alcohol & Tobacco Control	Vacant	-		
Louisiana Public Defenders Board	Remy Starns, JD		No	
Louisiana Sheriffs' Association	Shannon Dirmann		No	
Louisiana State Police	Rebecca Chiasson	Yes		
National Guard	Lt. Colonel Beverly Coutto, Coordinator, Counterdrug Program (MSgt Amy Thomas as proxy)	Yes		
Physician	Peter W. Croughan, MD, LA Department of Health		No	
Louisiana Supreme Court Drug and Specialty Court Office	Fletcher D. Hyacinth	Yes		
Senate member, Committee on Health and Welfare	Senator Bob Owens- District 1		No	
Avenues Recovery	Matt Engler	Yes		
TOTAL PRESENT		16(Quorum was achieved)		

OF-COUNCIL MEMBERS

Member Agency	Appointee/Designee	In Attendance
LA State Board of Medical Examiners	Dr. Vincent Culotta	No
North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory	Joseph O. Jones, System Director	Yes
Baton Rouge Field	Steven Hofer, Asst. Special Agent in Charge	Yes
ADAPT, Inc.	Thomas R. "Rusty" Fornea, Executive Director	Yes
Seymore D'Fair Foundation-Ofc	Dara Lemoine-Johnson (Craig Wiles Proxy)	Yes
Drug Enforcement Administration, NOLA Office	Keith Bakewell	No
Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area	Greg Lowther	Yes

STAFF

Cortalya Muse, Governor's Office

GUESTS

Catherine Childers -Louisiana Highway

Safety Commission David Johnson-

Seymore's Foundation

Dr. Jameliah Castleberry – Open Health

Lakesha Farmer – Open Health

David Meche – Open Health

Jennifer Moore – Open Health

Richard Indovina - LA,. Board of Pharmacy

Melinda Williams – OBH

Ashley Tilleson -LSU SREC

Kristina Little – LSU SREC

Cather Childers – LHSC

Tranetta William – LDH OPH/BHI

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