

LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION MINUTES – JUNE 4, 2024 Emergency Meeting

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COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Edward J. Koehl, Jr., *Chairman*
Mike R. McHalfey, *First Vice Chair*
Earl A. "Boo" Landry, Jr., *Second Vice Chair*
Vincent V. Tumminello, Jr., M.D., *Third Vice Chair*
Dr. Patrick Bernard
Dr. Larry L. Findley, Sr., DVM
Dr. K.R. "Ron" Finklestein, O.D.
Nathan C. Granger
Travis K. Miller, DVM
Deano Thornton
Katherine Winters

ABSENT

Rock M. Bordelon
Leslie P. Bouie

The meeting of the Louisiana State Racing Commission (LSRC) was called to order by the Chairman on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 4:00 PM on the Zoom Conference Call. Roll call was taken; a quorum was present.

I. RULES

A. EMERGENCY ADOPTIONS/NOTICES OF INTENT:

1. LAC 35:I Chapter 17 – Corrupt and Prohibited Practices
§1725. Controlled Medication [amend]

Commissioner Findley makes a motion to remove the dosages and withdrawal times for Depo-Medrol and Ventipulmin from the proposed emergency and notice of intent rule amendment, which would revert those thresholds to LSRC's currently adopted Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) Controlled Therapeutic Medication Schedule. Commissioner Bernard seconds.

The Chairman requests anyone from the public that has comments on the proposed rule to speak. Commissioner Miller discusses the timing of the adoption with reference to upcoming races. Mr. Stephen Landry, Executive Director of LSRC, states that LSRC will ensure that the medication thresholds in question are set to the best standard of equine safety and recognizes the interim period.

Mr. Oz Shariff, Counsel for Churchill Downs, Mr. Gary Palmisano, Vice President of Racing at Churchill Downs, and Dr. Will Farmer, Equine Medical Director of Churchill Downs, commented. Each stated that they would have preferred the normal rulemaking process rather than emergency adoption to allow for public comment and review of the proposed rule. See transcript for details of their comments.

Poll Vote conducted by Executive Director Landry, in which Yea means to remove medication thresholds for Depo-Medrol and Ventipulmin from the proposed rule and Nay means to leave the proposed rule unchanged; 10 – Yea, 0 – Nay; motion carries.

II. ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman motions to adjourn; Commissioner Findley seconds; motion carries.



Stephen Landry
Executive Director