

**LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – August 19, 2019 Meeting**  
*As transcribed by Mary E. Lee DiLeo, Certified Court Reporter*

**COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Bob F. Wright, *Chairman*  
Judy W. Wagner, *First Vice Chairperson*  
Dr. Patrick Bernard  
Donald "Don" Cravins  
R. Hamilton "Hammy" Davis  
K. R. "Ron" Finkelstein, O.D.  
Benjamin J. Guilbeau, Jr.  
Mike R. McHalfey  
Kenneth "Kenu" Romero  
Mike Shelton

**ABSENT**

Thomas B. Calvert  
Eric G. Johnson  
Louis Reine

**APPROVED**

At the Commission Meeting of

10-28-19

(Date)



Executive Director  
Louisiana State Racing Commission

The meeting of the Louisiana State Racing Commission (LSRC) was called to order by the Chairman on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Queen Anne Ballroom of the Monteleone Hotel, 214 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. Roll call was taken; a quorum was present.

**I. ASSOCIATION REQUESTS**

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

1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by *Mr. Eric Halstrom, Vice President of Operations*. Mr. Halstrom informs that total handle is down 15% and on-track handle is down 10% for Louisiana Downs' 84-day 2019 Thoroughbred Meet. He states that Super Derby Day happens on September 7, 2019. He says that Louisiana Downs' Hall of Fame Day was a successful event honoring people who have been instrumental in the race track's success. He informs that Louisiana Downs, along with Caesars Entertainment's other three race tracks, raised \$50,000 for Empire of Hope Day, which was a race horse retirement fundraiser. He states that Louisiana Downs also held a fundraiser for the Shantel Lanerie Breast Cancer Foundation. He says that they have an average of 6.7 starters per race, which is down from last year, but that they should get some horses coming soon from the end of the thoroughbred meet at Evangeline Downs.
2. **Harrah's Bossier City Investment Company June 21, 2019 Preliminary Application for Bossier Parish OTB pursuant to**
  - a. **Approval** of Preliminary Application for Commission to request Bossier Parish Police Jury to authorize and include a referendum to be on the ballot of its next regularly scheduled election pursuant to La. R.S. 4:214 *et. seq.* and LAC 35:XV.12507.

Mr. Halstrom informs that, if the Commission approves this application, Louisiana Downs will try to get on the October or November ballot in Bossier Parish and try to open an OTB in Bossier City in the first quarter of 2020.

Commissioner Guilbeau motions to approve Harrah's Bossier City Investment Company's Preliminary Application for a Bossier Parish OTB and to request the Bossier Parish Police Jury to authorize a referendum election to be held for the purpose of approving the establishment of such a facility within the parish; Commissioners McHalfey and Finkelstein second; motion carries.

**2020 QUARTER HORSE MEET / 2020 THOROUGHBRED MEET**

**3. LICENSE APPROVALS**

a. **Approval** for 2020 quarter horse meet & 2020 thoroughbred meet as provided in Agenda.

**4. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A), RACES AND POST TIMES**

a. **Approval** for 2020 quarter horse meet as provided in Agenda.

b. **Approval** for 2020 thoroughbred meet as provided in Agenda.

**5. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)**

a. **Approval** for 2020 quarter horse meet & 2020 thoroughbred meet wagering as provided in Agenda.

Mr. Charles Gardiner III, Executive Director of LSRC, informs that Items #4(a) and #4(b) seeks to combine multiple quarter horse and thoroughbred racing dates on the same calendar days. Ms. Rhea Loney, Attorney for LSRC, advises that the application does not meet the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statute 4:214.1 of having 130 racing days within a 52-week period. Ms. Loney also advises that the affected industry participants may have input on the matter.

Mr. Halstrom informs that this application is an attempt to meet the Commission's request to reduce overlapping thoroughbred race days between Louisiana Downs and Evangeline Downs. He says that they would want to spread out thoroughbred races differently to hold more races when they don't overlap with Evangeline Downs and hold less races when they do overlap. He states that moving the typical quarter horse meet would also be beneficial because January and February are hard months to host their quarter horse races due to the cold and rainy weather and because two-year-olds aren't eligible to start running until March.

Commissioner Guilbeau informs that this proposal would create overlap between Delta Downs and Louisiana Downs quarter horse race days. Mr. Halstrom states that Louisiana Downs would need some cooperation from Delta Downs to possibly move their meet earlier into March and work with them on avoiding overlapping quarter horse race days for this proposal to work.

Commissioner Davis asks if Louisiana Downs has researched other jurisdictions' successes and failures with blending meets between multiple racing breeds. Mr. Halstrom responds that he used to work for Canterbury Park, which used the mixed meet format to its advantage by keeping its races per day high using both its thoroughbred and quarter horse populations to fill races. He says that the handle would be much better in the summer than in the beginning of the year, especially competing against the Super Bowl.

Mr. Chris Kane, Counsel for Louisiana Downs, states that the proposal meets the requirements per his interpretation of Louisiana Revised Statute 4:214.1. He says that there is no language that prohibits counting race days for each breed separately on the same calendar days, so the application does have the statutorily-required 130 race days total.

Mr. Benard Chatters, President of Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (LaHBPA), and Mr. Ed Fenasci, Executive Director of LaHBPA, informs that the LaHBPA received this proposal on Thursday afternoon, which does not meet the legal requirement of giving the LaHBPA 30-days notice of a race meet application, and that the LaHBPA does not support this application.

Mr. Bruce Salard, Executive Director of Louisiana Quarter Horse Breeders Association (LQHBA), informs that the quarter horse trainers do not support this application. He says that Delta Downs' quarter horse futurity schedule is already set and would be disrupted if Louisiana Downs had overlapping quarter horse race days. He states that the quarter horse trainers are concerned that a mixed meet run on the same track would leave the inside post positions torn up by thoroughbreds turning for the finish.

Mr. Chris Warren, Director of Racing at Delta Downs, informs that they declined the idea of starting the next Delta Downs' quarter horse meet earlier due to logistical issues and the overlapping of dates with Louisiana Downs. He says that they are willing to look at the idea further for the following quarter horse meet.

Mr. Roger Heitzmann, Secretary-Treasurer of the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association (LTBA), states that LTBA is against this application

Commissioner Guilbeau motions to deny Items #4(a) and #4(b); Commissioner Bernard seconds; motion carries.

Mr. Halstrom submits an amendment to Item #4(a) of Louisiana Downs' 2020 Quarter Horse Meet application, which seeks 46 quarter horse racing days from January 4, 2020 through March 18, 2020, with a post time of 1:00 p.m. and minimum of seven live quarter horse races daily.

Commissioner Guilbeau motions to approve Items #3, #5, and the amendment to Item #4(a); Commissioner Wagner seconds; motion carries

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Mr. Halstrom submits an amendment to Item #4(b) of Louisiana Downs' 2020 Thoroughbred Meet application, which seeks 84 thoroughbred racing days from May 2, 2020 through September 23, 2020, with a post time of 3:15 p.m. and minimum of seven live thoroughbred races daily.

Commissioner Guilbeau motions to approve Items #3, #5, and the amendment to Item #4(b); Commissioner Bernard seconds; motion carries.

**6. STEWARD**

a. **Approval** of Noble Hay to serve as state steward for 2020 quarter horse meet.

Commissioner Guilbeau motions to add Item #6 to the Agenda; Commissioner Davis seconds; motion carries.

Commissioner Wagner motions to approve Item #6; Commissioner Davis seconds; motion carries.

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

1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by *Mr. Chris Warren, Director of Racing*. Mr. Warren informs that Delta Downs' 44-day 2019 Quarter Horse Meet ended on July 6, 2019 with positive overall handle. He states that Delta Downs' 84-day 2019-2020 Thoroughbred Meet starts on October 8, 2019 with a 4:55 p.m. daily post time. He says that the track, horse paths on the backside, and stalls are being refurbished to be ready by the September 7, 2019 move-in date. He informs that Louisiana Premier Night will be on February 8, 2020.

Commissioner Wagner asks if they have abandoned the Delta Downs Jackpot Stakes, which was a great advertisement of Louisiana racing with the highest two-year-old purse in the country. Mr. Warren responds that the horsemen don't want the Jackpot Stakes back because they would rather put that purse money into the overnight races that go to Louisiana horsemen.

Commissioner Wagner asks if Delta Downs has researched information about the optimum times to entice simulcast wagering. Mr. Warren responds that they have looked at the other race tracks that they compete with for simulcast wagering and came to agreements with six national competitor race tracks to work out 30-minute gaps between their post times. He states that they looked at California race tracks, which have more simulcast wagering on Louisiana races when they are also racing, so the earlier post time takes advantage of that.

**2019-2020 THOROUGHBRED MEET**

2. **RACES**
  - a. **Approval** of first condition book for 2019-2020 thoroughbred meet.
3. **STEWARD**
  - a. **Approval** of Tom Davis to serve as state steward for 2019-2020 thoroughbred meet.

**2020 QUARTER HORSE MEET**

4. **LICENSE APPROVALS**
  - a. **Approval** for 2020 quarter horse meet as provided in Agenda.
5. **RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A), RACES AND POST TIMES**
  - a. **Approval** for 2020 quarter horse meet as provided in Agenda.
6. **WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)**
  - a. **Approval** for 2020 quarter horse meet wagering as provided in Agenda.

Commissioner Guilbeau motions to approve Items #2, #3, #4, #5, and #6; Commissioners Shelton and Wagner second; motion carries.

**C. THE OLD EVANGELINE DOWNS, LLC****d/b/a EVANGELINE DOWNS RACETRACK & CASINO**

1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by *Mr. Chris Warren, Director of Racing*. Mr. Warren informs that Evangeline Downs' 82-day 2019 Thoroughbred Meet ends on August 29, 2019 and is down 2% handle. He states that they added two race days to make up for the race days lost earlier in the meet due to mechanical issues. He says that it has been hard filling races and that very few horses ship-in. He states that the turf and dirt tracks have held up well through the meet, with only minimal issues with the dirt track. He informs that Evangeline Downs' 46-day 2019 Quarter Horse Meet starts on September 27, 2019 with move-in date set on September 12, 2019. He says that the LQHBA \$1,000,000

Futurity will be on December 7, 2019 and the Evangeline Downs Futurity and Evangeline Downs Derby will be on closing night, December 14, 2019.

Commissioner Romero asks what is contributing to the low number of starters per race. Mr. Warren responds that the closing of Evangeline Training Center, the lower foal count, people who left horseracing, and lack of new people joining horseracing are the biggest issues.

Commissioner McHalfey asks what is Evangeline Downs' plan for reducing overlapping race days. Mr. Warren responds that they worked out shifting Evangeline Downs and Louisiana Downs throughbred meets so that there would only be two months of overlap between them. He says that Louisiana Revised Statute 4:214.1 limits their options and ability to reduce overlapping race days. He states that there will be more competition for the horse population from Texas race tracks due to the extra \$25,000,000 the state will put into purses.

Mr. Chatters informs that the purse transfer from Delta Downs to Evangeline Downs would keep horsemen in state year-round and bring back people who left horseracing. He says that decreasing overlapping race days would ultimately lead to cutting race days, which would add extra expenses and burdens on the horsemen who currently benefit from the statutorily required race days. He states that the LaHBPA plans to push for Legislation that would require Louisiana businesses that own a race track and casinos in one market to pay 18% tax from their casinos to their racetrack.

Commissioner Cravins asks what the long-term plan would be if the Commission approved a purse transfer. Mr. Chatters responds that the purse transfer would sustain the industry for the short-term and the LaHBPA works on legislation to help its membership every year. Commissioner Cravins states that piecemeal solutions will not solve the industry's problems.

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Mr. John Duvieilh, counsel for LaHBPA, informs that the horsemen are trying to convince the LTBA to open up the breeding rules because the currently restrictive rules are affecting the horse population negatively.

**2019 THOROUGHBRED MEET**

**2. REQUEST BY LAHBPA**

- a. **Amendment** of 2019 thoroughbred meet to add race dates on August 28 & 29, 2019 per Evangeline Downs' request.

Commissioner Wagner motions to approve; Commissioner Davis seconds; motion carries.

**2019 QUARTER HORSE MEET**

**3. STEWARD**

- a. **Approval** of Brook Hawkins to serve as State Steward for 2019 quarter horse meet.

Commissioner Wagner motions to approve; Commissioner Davis seconds; motion carries.

**2020 THOROUGHBRED MEET**

4. **LICENSE APPROVALS**
  - a. Approval for 2020 thoroughbred meet as provided in Agenda.
5. **RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A), RACES AND POST TIMES**
  - a. Approval for 2020 thoroughbred meet as provided in Agenda.
6. **WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)**
  - a. Approval for 2020 thoroughbred meet wagering as provided in Agenda.

Mr. Fenasci requests that Evangeline Downs amends Item #5(a)(3) of this application to be "Hold a minimum of 9 live thoroughbred races daily". Mr. Warren offers to amend the minimum races to 8.5 daily to reflect 8 minimum daily races two days a week and 9 minimum daily races the remaining two days a week. Mr. Chatters agrees to Mr. Warren's proposed amendment.

Commissioner Guilbeau motions to approve Items #4, #5, and #6 with an amendment to #5(a)(3) to reflect "Hold minimum of 8.5 live thoroughbred races daily"; Commissioner Romero seconds; motion carries.

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

1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by *Mr. Jason Boulet, Senior Director of Racing*. Mr. Boulet informs that Fair Grounds' 10-day 2019 Quarter Horse Meet started on August 16, 2019 with slightly positive on-track handle. He states that there are currently between 500 and 550 horses allotted to their stalls and about 70 horses shipped in for the first two race days. He says that the Department of Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency are touring Fair Grounds right now for a two-day compliance site visit. He informs that the Plaquemines Parish Council voted in favor of adding the referendum to authorize off-track wagering facilities to Plaquemines Parish's November ballot. He says that Fair Grounds is up for the National Thoroughbred Racing Association's Safety and Integrity Alliance accreditation and requests an update on lab accreditation from Dr. Levent Dirikolu, Director of the Equine Medication Surveillance Laboratory (EMSL) at Louisiana State University, because that plays a critical role in Fair Grounds' accreditation.

Mr. Boulet states that Fair Grounds has made an agreement with the LaHBPA to allow thoroughbreds to move into stalls in early September in order to help horses displaced by the closing of Evangeline Training Center. He says that Fair Grounds is starting its thoroughbred application process this week and will be going on recruiting trips to fill up their thoroughbred meet. He informs that the racing secretaries at Fair Grounds and Delta Downs are working with each other and Mr. Heitzmann to coordinate the thoroughbred races between the race tracks for better field sizes, especially the Louisiana-bred program.

**2019 QUARTER HORSE MEET**

2. **RACES**
  - a. **Ratification** of first condition book for 2019 quarter horse meet.
  - b. **Ratification** of designated races for the 2019 quarter horse meet as provided in Agenda.
3. **STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT**
  - a. **Ratification** of officials for the 2019 quarter horse meet as provided in Agenda.

**2019-2020 THOROUGHBRED MEET**

**4. STEWARD**

a. **Approval** of Roy Wood to serve as state steward for 2019-2020 thoroughbred meet.

Commissioner Wagner motions to approve Items #2, #3, and #4; Commissioner Shelton seconds; motion carries.

**II. BREEDER UPDATES**

**A. LOUISIANA THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (LTBA)**

1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by *Mr. Roger Heitzmann, Secretary-Treasurer*. Mr. Heitzmann informs that Louisiana Cup Day at Louisiana Downs had good field sizes and a hefty crowd and was a successful day. He says that the LTBA Board of Directors will be going on a retreat October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss possible new rules and functions. He states that foals crops are down nationally and that the Jockey Club estimates 2019 will be down about 30,000 foals as compared to 2014. He says that Louisiana was down about 100 foals, though the quality of foals has improved. He informs that they are urging race tracks to increase the purses of maiden races using some purse money from lower-end races to encourage people to buy yearlings. He invites everyone to Louisiana Champions Day at Fair Grounds on December 14, 2019. He says that he will also invite state legislators, politicians, the Commissioner of Agriculture, and the Governor.

**B. LOUISIANA QUARTER HORSE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (LQHBA)**

1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by *Mr. Bruce Salard, Executive Director*. Mr. Salard thanks Delta Downs for allowing quarter horses to stall there until they could move in to Fair Grounds for the quarter horse meet. He informs that Delta Downs' Louisiana Showcase night on July 6, 2019 was highly successful. He says that their yearline sale set several LQHBA records, including highest selling horse at \$605,000 and highest selling filly at \$240,000. He states that the average price was up 18% for Louisiana-bred quarter horses and the gross sale was \$7,600,000, which is 15% higher than last year. He invites the Commission to the \$428,475 LQHBA Sale Futurity on September 7, 2019 at Fair Grounds and informs that they will give away two scholarships that night.

Commissioner Romero asks if quarter horse foal numbers are up or down this year. Mr. Salard responds that the final number will either be flat or slightly up from last year. Commissioner Guilbeau compliments the LQHBA and Delta Downs on the successful Louisiana Showcase night.

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. MEDICATION COMMITTEE**, by *Committee Chairperson Judy W. Wagner*

Commissioner Wagner requests Dr. Levent Dirikolu to give an update on lab accreditation. Dr. Dirikolu states that EMSL has an A2LA site visit scheduled for August 26, 2019. Commissioner Wagner asks if EMSL can obtain A2LA Accreditation by the end of this year. Dr. Dirikolu responds that they should be able to get the accreditation by the end of the year and that he should be able to get more detailed information about an accreditation time frame after the site visit.

**B. RULES COMMITTEE**, by *Committee Chairman R. Hamilton "Hammy" Davis*

Commissioner Davis informs that he has gathered information regarding penalties for medication violations from other racing jurisdictions and proposals for updated medication rules from national organizations, which he will be forwarding to the Rules Committee for further research and discussion.

**C. LEGAL COMMITTEE**, by *Committee Chairman Benjamin J. Guilbeau, Jr.*

No Report.

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

Commissioner Romero compliments the Louisiana State Police for their work on the race tracks.

**E. RACETRACK/HBPA LIAISON COMMITTEE**, by *Committee Chairman Donald "Don" Cravins*

Commission Cravins challenges the LaHBPA to create a long-term plan to improve and sustain the Louisiana racing industry and present that plan at the next Commission Meeting.

**F. FINANCE COMMITTEE**, by *Committee Chairman Louis Reine*

Commission Reine is absent. No Report.

#### IV. OTHER

**A. DISCUSSION REGARDING TEST CLEARANCES****1. Request** by LaHBPA to discuss test clearances via August 6, 2019 letter.

Mr. Fenasci states that, increasingly over the last six to eight months, multiple LaHBPA members are upset that their horses' drug test results have been put on extension without a time frame for resolution, which is holding up purse money. He requests that the Commission expedite the process to resolve these issues.

Dr. Dirikolu informs that there has been some delays in test results due to heavy workload from an increased number of suspect samples, unusual suspect drugs that EMSL has to research, and complicated drugs like Methamphetamine that require more tests. He says that EMSL has also been preparing for A2LA Accreditation and was recently subject to AORC proficiency testing. He states that their system for extracting drugs from urine broke down and took six weeks to replace. He informs that they are catching up with those issues and will improve the timing of delivery of clearance reports.

#### V. RULES

**A. DISCUSSION/NOTICE OF INTENT:****1. LAC 35: I Chapter 15 – Permitted Medications**

*§1506. Permitted Medications in Quarter Horses [amend]*

**a. Discussion of amendment requiring 60-day Stewards List for horses with Clenbuterol positives.**

Commissioner Davis motions to approve for Notice of Intent; Commissioner Guilbeau seconds; motion carries.

**B. PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMENTS ON RULES OF RACING:**

- 1. In compliance with Act No. 454 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature as provided in Agenda.**

Mr. Kenneth Weaver, LSRC-licensed Owner, hands out informational packets and informs that Methamphetamine has become a drug of choice for human abusers and can become part of the environment of race horses, which would yield trace urinary Methamphetamine positives. He says that there have been many notable trainers whose horses were tested to have Methamphetamine positives at 3.79 nanograms or less and that an article from the Canadian Veterinarian Journal recommended a threshold of 15 nanograms for Methamphetamine positives while further studies are conducted on Methamphetamine contamination of horses. He states that a scientific panel met in New Orleans and discussed the existence of environmental contamination and the need to recognize it. He requests that the Commission research further and establish a Methamphetamine threshold to account for environmental contamination.

Chairman Wright requests Dr. Dirikolu to research the possibility of Methamphetamine contamination in race horses and possible thresholds. Dr. Dirikolu responds that Methamphetamine exists in the environment but the ARCI rules currently has zero tolerance for Methamphetamine. He says that he will research how other racing jurisdictions are handling thresholds for Methamphetamine positives.

The Commission opens the floor to any other oral or written comments regarding the Rules of Racing. No other comments are given.

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A 15-minute recess is taken.

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**VI. ADJUDICATIONS**

**A. CARELESS RIDING APPEALS (LA. REV. STAT. 4:154)**

- 1. Carlos Quinones, Jockey.**  
Ruling#ED23509 of 06/28/19 – *Careless Riding*.

Appeal Withdrawn. Not present for hearing.

Commissioner Guilbeau motions to suspend Mr. Quinones for 7 calendar days from October 5, 2019 through October 11, 2019; if Mr. Quinones participates in a designated race day not subject to suspension, he shall be required to make up the suspension day on the first following race day after the designated day of racing; Commissioner Davis seconds; motion carries.

- 2. Heriberto Aguilar-Orozco, Jockey.**  
Ruling#DD23500 of 06/22/19 – *Careless Riding*.

Appeal Withdrawn. Not present for hearing.

Commissioner Guilbeau motions to suspend Mr. Quinones for 7 calendar days from September 27, 2019 through October 3, 2019; if Mr. Aguilar-Orozco participates in a designated race day not subject to suspension, he shall be required to make up the suspension day on the first following race day after the designated day of racing; Commissioner Davis seconds; motion carries.

**B. VIOLATIONS OF LAC 35:I.1797 (Equine Positives)**

- 1. Rosendo Valdez, Jr., Trainer.** *(Adjudication Referral)*  
Ruling#DD23389 of 04/27/19 – *Albuterol (ARCI Category III)*

Not present for hearing. Ms. Loney, Attorney for LSRC, indicates that she spoke with Mr. Valdez and that he understood and wanted LSRC to proceed. Notice provided.

Commissioner Guilbeau motions to uphold the Stewards' ruling upheld, suspend Mr. Valdez for 120 days effective August 26, 2019 through December 24, 2019 to run consecutive to Stewards' Ruling DD23381, and redistribute the purse; Mr. Valdez will be denied access to all racetracks, off-track wagering facilities and recognized training tracks under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana State Racing Commission; Commissioner Shelton seconds; motion carries.

- 2. Barbara J. Alcantara, Owner/Trainer.** *(Adjudication Appeal)*  
Ruling#DD23387 of 04/26/19 – *Clenbuterol (ARCI Category III)*

Attorney – Edmond L. Guidry, III., Esq.

Ruling DD23387, Ruling DD23340, and Ruling DD23342 consolidated for the purposes of hearing and adjudication. Represented by Counsel at hearing.

Commissioner Guilbeau motions to uphold Stewards' Rulings DD23387, DD23340, and DD23342, amend Ms. Alcantara's suspension to 90 days total, and redistribute all purses; Commissioners Cravins and McHalfey second.

Commissioner Shelton makes a substitute motion to uphold the Stewards' Rulings DD23387, DD23340, and DD23342, suspend Ms. Alcantara for 1 year total, and redistribute all purses; Commissioner Wagner seconds; motion does not carry.

Commissioner Guilbeau motions to uphold Stewards' Rulings DD23387, DD23340, and DD23342 upheld, amend Ms. Alcantara's suspension to 90 days total, effective August 25, 2019 through November 22, 2019, and redistribute all purses; Ms. Alcantara will be denied access to all racetracks, off-track wagering facilities and recognized training tracks under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana State Racing Commission; Commissioner McHalfey seconds; motions carries with opposition from Commissioners Shelton and Wagner.

- 3. Barbara J. Alcantara, Owner/Trainer.** *(Adjudication Appeal/Referral)*  
Ruling#DD23340 of 05/30/19 – *Clenbuterol (ARCI Category III)*

Attorney – Edmond L. Guidry, III., Esq.

Please see Ruling DD23387 case above for consolidated adjudication.

- 4. Barbara J. Alcantara, Owner/Trainer.** *(Adjudication Appeal/Referral)*  
Ruling#DD23342 of 05/30/19 – *Clenbuterol (ARCI Category III)*

Attorney – Edmond L. Guidry, III., Esq.

Please see Ruling DD23387 case above for consolidated adjudication.

5. **Eliseo G. Celestino, Trainer.** (*Adjudication Referral*)  
Ruling#DD23499 of 06/21/19 – *Stanozolol (ARCI Category III)*

Commissioner Guilbeau motions to uphold the Stewards' ruling, fine Mr. Celestino \$1,000, suspend him for 60 days (credit for time served beginning June 30, 2019), effective June 30, 2019 through August 28, 2019, and redistribute the purse; Mr. Celestino will be denied access to all racetracks, off-track wagering facilities and recognized training tracks under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana State Racing Commission; Commissioner Bernard seconds; motion carries.

6. **Eliseo G. Celestino, Trainer.** (*Adjudication Referral*)  
Ruling#DD23523 of 07/04/19 – *D-Methamphetamine (ARCI Category I)*

Commissioner Wagner motions to continue this case to next Commission Meeting; Commissioner Cravins seconds; motion carries.

7. **Joseph Rideaux, Trainer.** (*Adjudication Referral*)  
Ruling#DD23437 of 05/30/19 – *D-Methamphetamine (ARCI Category I)*

Commissioner Wagner motions to continue this case to next Commission Meeting; Commissioner Cravins seconds; motion carries.

8. **Willie J. Simien, Jr., Owner/Trainer.** (*Adjudication Referral*)  
Ruling#DD23397 of 05/02/19 – *Dexamethasone (ARCI Category IV; Gross Violation)*

Commissioner Shelton motions to uphold the Stewards' ruling, fine Mr. Simien \$1,000 total, and redistribute the purse; Commissioner Guilbeau seconds; motion carries.

#### C. VIOLATION OF LAC 35:I.1743 (Possession of Drugs, Syringes or Needles)

1. **Willie J. Simien, Jr., Owner/Trainer.** (*Adjudication Referral*)  
Ruling#DD23504 of 06/26/19 – *Possession of prohibited drugs, hypodermic needles & syringes*

Commissioner Shelton motions to uphold the Stewards' ruling, suspend Mr. Simien for the remainder of the 2019 Delta Downs Quarter Horse Meet plus 10 days (credit for time served beginning May 17, 2019), effective May 17, 2019 through July 16, 2019.

#### D. VIOLATION OF LA. REV. STAT. 4:175(E) (Unnatural Stimulation of Horses)

1. **Guadalupe A. Lucio, Jr., Jockey.** (*Adjudication Appeal/Referral*)  
Ruling#DD23454 of 06/05/19 – *Possession of Electrical Device*

Attorney – Edmond L. Guidry, III., Esq.

Commissioner Guilbeau motions to amend the agenda to proceed with this case earlier in the Agenda; Commissioner Shelton seconds; motion carries.

Represented by Counsel at hearing.

Commissioner Cravins motions to approve the Consent to Adjudication pursuant to a stipulation by all parties, which upholds the Stewards' ruling, amends Mr. Lucio's suspension from 6 months to 5 years (credit for time served beginning July 7, 2019), effective July 7, 2019 through July 6, 2024, and denies him access to all racetracks, off-

track wagering facilities and recognized training tracks under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana State Racing Commission; waiver of any right to Appeal. Following 1 year of suspension, Mr. Lucio has the opportunity to provide documented evidence for Chairman to consider placement on Agenda; Commissioner Guilbeau seconds; motion carries.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Davis motions to adjourn; Commissioner Guilbeau seconds; Chairman Wright adjourns the meeting.



Charles A. Gardiner III  
Executive Director