

# LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION

## MINUTES – August 29, 2025

*As transcribed by Julia D. Harper, Certified Court Reporter*

### COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Edward J Koehl, Jr., Chairman  
Vincent V. Tumminello, Jr., M.D., 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair  
Dr. Patrick Bernard  
Rock M. Bordelon  
Larry L. Findley, Sr., DVM  
Nathan C. Granger  
Deano Thornton

### ABSENT

Earl A. "Boo" Landry, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair  
Leslie M. Bouie  
K. R. "Ron" Finkelstein, O.D.  
Travis K. Miller, DVM  
Katherine L. Winters

# APPROVED

At the Commission Meeting of

*November 17, 2025*

(Date)



Executive Director

Louisiana State Racing Commission

The meeting of the Louisiana State Racing Commission (LSRC) is called to order by the Chairman on Thursday, August 29, 2025, at 10:00 AM in the Event Center of Delta Downs Racetrack, Casino & Hotel, 2717 Delta Downs Drive, Vinton, Louisiana. Roll call is taken; a quorum is present.

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Commissioner Granger motions to approve the April 29, 2025, May 13, 2025, and June 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes; Commissioner Bordelon seconds; motion carries.

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## I. ASSOCIATION REQUESTS / REPORTS

### A. BOYD RACING, LLC d/b/a DELTA DOWNS RACETRACK, CASINO & HOTEL

#### 1. PROGRESS REPORT

##### a. Update on infrastructure, escrow, and questions from the Commission.

Mr. John Simon, Director of Racing and Racing Secretary at Delta Downs, states that the 2025 Delta Downs quarter horse meet ended on July 12<sup>th</sup> with a total of 399 races run and an average of 8.2 starters per race. He notes that as of August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the 2025 Fair Grounds quarter horse meet being held at Delta Downs has averaged 8.6 starters per race and will end on August 30<sup>th</sup> with a total of 136 races run. He informs that new Musco lighting for the Photo Finish will be installed after Fair Grounds' quarter horse meet is finished. He announces that the track will be closed for renovations from August 31<sup>st</sup> to September 4<sup>th</sup> and will open back up for training on September 5<sup>th</sup>. He mentions that stall applications for the 2025-2026 thoroughbred meet, which opens on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, were "very positive." Mr. Simon announces that they will run the same weekly promotions as last year, in addition to a new promotional money give away on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Friday of each month.

Mr. Steve Kuypers, Vice President and General Manager of Delta Downs, adds that the 2 additional bathrooms will be completed in mid-September and the dormitory will be completed in October.

Commissioner Granger asks Mr. Simon if they have filled the Assistant Racing Secretary position, to which Mr. Simon replies that the Placing Judge who had assisted him with the quarter horse meet will be taking on the thoroughbred meet.

**2025-2026 THOROUGHBRED MEET**

**2. RACES**

- a. **Approval** of first condition book for 2025-2026 thoroughbred meet.
- b. **Approval** of designated races for 2025-2026 thoroughbred meet as provided in Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Findley motions to approve Items 2a and 2b; Commissioner Bordelon seconds; motion carries.

**3. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT**

- a. **Approval** of officials for 2025-2026 thoroughbred meet as provided in Meeting Agenda.
- b. **Approval** of Bobby Granger to serve as State Steward for 2025-2026 thoroughbred meet.

Commissioner Tumminello motions to approve Items 3a and 3b; Commissioner Findley seconds; motion carries.

**4. REQUEST BY BOYD RACING, LLC TO AMEND WAGERING APPROVED ON APRIL 29, 2025 (R.S. 4:158A)**

- a. **Approval** for all wagers on the days provided in Meeting Agenda to be 10% takeout.<sup>1</sup>

Commissioner Granger motions to approve; Commissioner Bordelon seconds; motion carries.

**2026 QUARTER HORSE MEET**

**5. LICENSE APPROVALS**

- a. **Approval** for 2026 quarter horse meet as provided in Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Findley motions to approve; Commissioner Bernard seconds; motion carries.

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

- a. **Approval** for 2026 quarter horse meet as provided in Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Findley motions to approve; Commissioner Bordelon seconds; motion carries.

**7. WAGERING (LAC 35:X.Ch. 103-127)**

- a. **Approval** for wagering format for 2026 quarter horse meet as provided in Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Findley motions to approve; Commissioner Bordelon seconds; motion carries.

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Executive Director Landry takes a moment to acknowledge the Louisiana State Racing Commission staff, attorneys, State Stewards, and State Police in attendance.

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<sup>1</sup> See Meeting Transcript for Mr. Simon's comment on request

**B. THE OLD EVANGELINE DOWNS, LLC****d/b/a EVANGELINE DOWNS RACETRACK & CASINO****1. PROGRESS REPORT**

- a. **Update** on infrastructure, escrow, and questions from the Commission.

Ms. Tracey Coonce, Director of Racing at Evangeline Downs, announces that their 2025-2026 thoroughbred meet will close Labor Day night. She states that they are on par with last year. They are paying out 166 in purses daily, whereas last year they paid out 165. She mentions how they were off the turf for 33 days this year because of the rain, which resulted in an increase in scratches compared to last year. However, they have run a total of 277 races this year, which is up from last year's 263. She states that their ship-ins are 22 per night, which is on par with last year. She also notes that they have received a new water truck and turf vacuum, and that their dormitory rooms are open and occupied.

Commissioner Granger asks about drainage issues with the turf track, to which Ms. Coonce replies that they did extensive drain work during their down time. She says they are open to ideas and can bring in their turf track consultant, who she believes is coming down at the end of September. Commissioner Granger states that he would like to be present next time their consultant comes down.<sup>2</sup>

**2025 QUARTER HORSE MEET****2. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT**

- a. **Approval** of officials for 2025 quarter horse meet as provided in Meeting Agenda.  
b. **Approval** of Charles Ashy, Jr. to serve as State Steward for 2025 quarter horse meet.

Commissioner Findley motions to approve Items 2a and 2b; Commissioner Tumminello seconds; motion carries.

**2026 THOROUGHBRED MEET****3. LICENSE APPROVALS**

- a. **Approval** for 2026 thoroughbred meet as provided in Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Findley motions to approve; Commissioner Bordelon seconds; motion carries.

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

- a. **Approval** for 2026 thoroughbred meet as provided in Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Findley motions to approve; Commissioner Bordelon seconds; motion carries.

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

- a. **Approval** for wagering format for 2026 thoroughbred meet as provided in Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Findley motions to approve; Commissioner Bordelon seconds; motion carries.

**C. CHURCHILL DOWNS LOUISIANA HORSERACING COMPANY, LLC****d/b/a FAIR GROUNDS RACE COURSE & SLOTS****1. PROGRESS REPORT**

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<sup>2</sup> See Meeting Transcript for full discussion on Evangeline Downs' turf track and drainage.

- a. **Update** on infrastructure, escrow, and questions from the Commission.<sup>3</sup>  
Mr. Jason Boulet, Director of Racing at Fair Grounds, recognizes the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hurricane Katrina before announcing that Fair Grounds and the LAHBPA have agreed on amended race dates for the 2025-2026 thoroughbred meet, pending Commission review and approval.<sup>4</sup> Ms. Cathy Beeding then discusses Fair Grounds' upcoming special race days.<sup>5</sup> Mr. Boulet provides a status update on the paddock renovations, which they expect to have completed no later than October 5<sup>th</sup>. He mentions that they will begin stall rentals on September 15<sup>th</sup> and training on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Beeding discusses Fair Grounds' other renovation projects, such as those on the casino floor, in the suites, at the on-site OTB, and at the entrance to the clubhouse.<sup>6</sup> She also announces Fair Grounds' upcoming community service events.<sup>7</sup> Mr. Boulet states that they have sent off for soil samples on their dirt spillway sand and turf renovations are on schedule.

**2. REQUEST BY CHURCHILL DOWNS LOUISIANA HORSERACING COMPANY, LLC**

- a. **Discussion/Consideration** of Notice of Intent for rules regarding pari-mutuel within sports book lounges per R.S. 4:213(C)(3).<sup>8</sup>

Commissioner Findley motions to approve; Commissioner Bordelon seconds; motion carries.

**2025 QUARTER HORSE MEET (BEING HELD AT DELTA DOWNS)**

**3. RACES**

- a. **Ratification** of first condition book for 2025 quarter horse meet.
- b. **Ratification** of designated races for 2025 quarter horse meet as provided in Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Findley motions to approve Items 3a and 3b; Commissioner Thornton seconds; motion carries.

**2025-2026 THOROUGHBRED MEET**

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

- a. **Discussion/Approval** of Fair Grounds and LAHBPA's 2025-2026 thoroughbred racing dates agreement.

Mr. John Duvieilh, counsel for the LAHBPA, explains the specifics of the 2025-2026 Fair Grounds Thoroughbred Meet Race Dates Agreement, which states that Fair Grounds will run a 72-day race meet with the potential to adjust two days at the LAHBPA Board's discretion.<sup>9</sup>

Commissioner Tumminello asks Mr. Duvieilh if the LAHBPA has sole control over whether the two additional days are taken away, which Mr. Duvieilh confirms.<sup>10</sup>

Commissioner Granger motions to approve; Commissioner Tumminello seconds; motion carries.

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<sup>3</sup> Mr. Boulet and Ms. Beeding deliver Fair Grounds' progress report and accompanying slideshow together.

<sup>4</sup> See Meeting Transcript for full discussion on Hurricane Katrina and the effort behind the race dates agreement.

<sup>5</sup> See Meeting Transcript for full discussion of special race days.

<sup>6</sup> See Meeting Transcript for full details on renovations.

<sup>7</sup> See Meeting Transcript for details on community service events.

<sup>8</sup> See Meeting Transcript for Executive Director Landry's explanation of the proposed rules.

<sup>9</sup> See Meeting Transcript for full details on 2025-2026 Fair Grounds Thoroughbred Meet Race Dates Agreement.

<sup>10</sup> See Meeting Transcript for Mr. Duvieilh's full comment.

**D. LOUISIANA DOWNS INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC  
d/b/a LOUISIANA DOWNS CASINO & RACETRACK**

**1. PROGRESS REPORT**

- a. **Update** on infrastructure, escrow, and questions from the Commission.

Ms. Roxanne Tanner, Director of Racing at Louisiana Downs, states that they have averaged 6.5 starts per race this meet, compared to 6.9 last year, however, their handle is up by 13%. She mentions that a few trainers decided to go to a more lucrative spot. She mentions that they are still formulating plans for their training center, making sure stall allotments are at a reduced rate, and looking to bid out some big projects, such as the tote board.

**2025 THOROUGHBRED MEET**

**2. REQUEST BY LOUISIANA DOWNS INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC TO AMEND RACING DATES APPROVED ON APRIL 29, 2025 (R.S. 4:158A) TO ADD 2 RACE DAYS TOTAL**

- a. **Approval** for amended 2025 thoroughbred meet as provided in Meeting Agenda. Commissioner Findley motions to approve; Commissioner Bordelon seconds; motion carries.<sup>11</sup>

**2026 QUARTER HORSE MEET**

**3. LICENSE APPROVALS**

- a. **Approval** for 2026 quarter horse meet as provided in Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Findley motions to approve; Commissioner Bordelon seconds; motion carries.

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

- a. **Approval** for 2026 quarter horse meet as provided in Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Findley motions to approve; Commissioner Tumminello seconds; motion carries.

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

- a. **Approval** for wagering format for 2026 quarter horse meet as provided in Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Findley motions to approve; Commissioner Tumminello seconds; motion carries.

**2026 THOROUGHBRED MEET**

**6. LICENSE APPROVALS**

- a. **Approval** for 2026 thoroughbred meet as provided in Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Findley motions to approve; Commissioner Bordelon seconds; motion carries.

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

- a. **Approval** for 2026 thoroughbred meet as provided in Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Granger motions to approve; Commissioner Findley seconds; motion carries.

<sup>11</sup> September 10<sup>th</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup> are added to the 2025 Louisiana Downs thoroughbred meet.

8. **WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch. 103-127)**
  - a. **Approval** for wagering format for 2026 thoroughbred meet as provided in Meeting Agenda.  
Commissioner Findley motions to approve; Commissioner Bordelon seconds; motion carries.

## II. HBPA UPDATE

### A. LOUISIANA HORSEMEN'S BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION (LAHBPA)

#### 1. PROGRESS REPORT

Mr. Ed Fenasci, Executive Director of the LAHBPA, commends all four tracks on their recent accomplishments.<sup>12</sup>

2. **LAHBPA requests approval** from the LSRC, with the agreement of Delta Downs and Evangeline Downs, to transfer the sum of \$600,000 from the account identified as Fair Grounds Quarter Horse Slots purse account to the Evangeline Downs Quarter Horse Slots purse account, effective August 29, 2025, with the funds to be used at the 2025 Evangeline Downs Quarter Horse Meet.<sup>13</sup>

Commissioner Findley motions to approve; Commissioner Bordelon seconds; motion carries.

## III. BREEDER UPDATES

### A. LOUISIANA THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (LTBA)

#### 1. PROGRESS REPORT

Mr. Roger Heitzmann, Executive Director of the LTBA, is not present at the Commission Meeting. Commissioner Granger announces that the LTBA thoroughbred sale at Copper Crowne will be on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

#### 1. PROGRESS REPORT

Ms. Misty Coats, Assistant Executive Director of the LQHBA, provides an update on the annual yearling sale held on August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Kinder, Louisiana. She mentions that they catalogued 519 horses, which is 7% more than last year. She states that they sold 415 of the 497 horses offered but were down about 12% in profit.

- a. **Update** on Delta Downs 2025 Quarter Horse Hair Testing Results.

Mr. Bruce Salard, Executive Director of the LQHBA, informs that (excluding out of competition tests) about 16% of hair tests conducted were positive and 36 of the 97 individual trainers tested has at least 1 positive hair test.

#### 2. LQHBA HAIR TEST POLICY

- a. **Approval** of updated LQHBA Hair Test Policy, effective October 1, 2025.

Mr. Salard announces that the LQHBA Board would like to implement more stringent hair testing rules for quarter horses. The proposed policy states that, effective October 1, 2025, a horse that receives a positive hair test on or before October 1, 2025, will be denied a retest for a period of 120 days after the positive test was performed.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>12</sup> See Meeting Transcript for the LAHBPA's full Progress Report.

<sup>13</sup> Item 2 is addressed before the Progress Report.

<sup>14</sup> See Meeting Transcript for Mr. Salard's full explanation.

Executive Director Landry mentions that the Louisiana Rules of Racing do not have requirements or regulations for hair testing and clarifies that this is a separate agreement that the breeders have come to.

Commissioner Findley asserts that he believes it is a good idea.<sup>15</sup>

Commissioner Findley motions to approve; Commissioner Tumminello seconds; motion carries.

## IV. RULES

### A. PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMENTS ON RULES OF RACING:

1. **In compliance with Act No. 454 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, codified as R.S. 49:964(B), and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Racing Commission will hold a hearing to receive public comment from any interested person regarding the Rules of Racing, LAC Title 35 "Horse Racing" and LAC Title 46, Part XLI "Horseracing Operations."**
  - a. At the public hearing, all interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, either orally or in writing, regarding these rules only. The Racing Commission will consider fully all written and oral comments. Comments must be received in writing in order to be submitted to the legislative oversight committees.
  - b. If reasonable accommodations are required in order to participate in the hearings, please contact Mike Dildy, Director of Administration, at (504) 483-4000 at least five business days prior to the scheduled hearing.
  - c. Written comments may be submitted in advance of the hearing to Brett Bonin, Assistant Attorney General, 320 North Carrollton Avenue, Suite 2-B, New Orleans, Louisiana 70119-5100. Comments must be postmarked no later than Friday, August 22, 2025.

Executive Director Landry informs the audience that the meeting is open for comments. The Commission did not receive any written or verbal comments at the meeting.

## V. LICENSE APPROVALS

### A. REQUEST FOR LICENSE APPROVAL/REINSTATEMENT (LA. R.S. 4:150(B))

#### 1. **Billy C. Patin**

Seeking reinstatement of Exercise Rider license.

Commissioner Findley motions to approve reinstatement of license, with the condition that he be prohibited from entering the jockey locker room; Commissioner Bordelon seconds; motion carries.

#### 2. **Kenneth V. Shows, Jr.**

Seeking reinstatement of Groom license.

Commissioner Findley motions to approve reinstatement of license; Commissioner Bordelon seconds; motion carries.

#### 3. **Jessie J. Zenon**

Seeking reinstatement of Assistant Trainer License.

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<sup>15</sup> See Meeting Transcript for Commissioner Findley's full comment.

Commissioner Findley motions to approve reinstatement of license; Commissioner Bordelon seconds; motion carries.

## VI. ADJUDICATIONS

### A. VIOLATIONS OF LAC § 35:V.7901 (Careless Riding)

1. **David A. Alvarez, Jockey** – Ruling as provided in Meeting Agenda.
2. **Charles J. McMahon, Jockey** – Ruling as provided in Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Findley motions to approve plea agreement; suspended 5 racing days, starting on September 2, 2025; suspension to be served at the 2025 Louisiana Downs thoroughbred meet; jockey will be allowed to ride in the Super Derby on September 6, 2025; Commissioner Bordelon seconds; motion carries.

3. **Jansen G. Melancon, Jockey** -Ruling as provided in Meeting Agenda.
4. **Carlos A. Perez, Jockey** – Ruling as provided in Meeting Agenda.
5. **Jose L. Rodriguez, Jockey** – Ruling as provided in Meeting Agenda.
6. **Eddie Sanchez, Jockey** – Ruling as provided in Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Granger motions to remand Items 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 to the Stewards; Commissioner Bordelon seconds; motion carries.

### B. VIOLATIONS OF LA. R.S. § 4:17 & LAC § 35:I.1705, *et seq.* (Electrical Device)

1. **Ricardo Hernandez, Jr., Jockey** – Ruling as provided in Meeting Agenda.  
*\*Continued to the next Commission Meeting.*
2. **Martin Osuna, Jockey** – Ruling as provided in Meeting Agenda.  
*\*Continued to the next Commission Meeting.*

### C. VIOLATIONS OF LAC § 35:I.1797 (Equine Positives)

1. **Andre Brooks, Trainer** – Ruling as provided in Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Findley motions to accept plea agreement; Stewards' rulings upheld and amended; no fine; 1-year-4-month in globo suspension covering both rulings; 4 months active suspension, July 29, 2025 through November 28, 2025; 1 year suspended suspension to be served on probation, November 29, 2025 through November 28, 2026; any Category I, II, III equine medication violation(s) while on probation will result in a 1-year suspension; Commissioner Tumminello seconds; motion carries.

2. **Jeremy W. Derozin, Trainer** – Ruling as provided in Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Findley motions to accept plea agreement; Stewards' rulings upheld and amended; \$5,000 fine; 5-year in globo active suspension covering all 3 rulings, July 11, 2025 through July 10, 2030. Upon completion of the suspension and payment of the fine, Trainer will have the ability to reapply to the Commission for a license. This is not the guarantee of a license. Commissioner Bordelon seconds; motion carries.

3. **John P. Fox, Sr., Trainer** – Ruling as provided in Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Findley motions to amend plea agreement; Stewards' ruling upheld and

amended; no fine; horse disqualified, purse redistributed; 1 year active probation, August 29, 2025 through August 28, 2026; any Category I, II, or III equine medication violation(s) while on probation will result in a 1-year suspension in addition to the penalties for the violation; Commissioner Granger seconds; motion carries.<sup>16</sup>

**4. Guillermo Martinez, Trainer – Ruling as provided in Meeting Agenda.**

Commissioner Findley motions to approve plea agreement; Stewards' ruling upheld and amended; \$1,000 fine; horse disqualified, purse redistributed; 60-day suspended suspension; 14-month active probation, April 29, 2025 through June 28, 2026; any Category I, II, III, Extra-ordinary or Gross Category IV or V, or more than 3 Category IV and/or V equine medication violation(s) while on probation will result in a 60-day suspension in addition to the penalties for the violation; Commissioner Tumminello seconds; motion carries.

**5. Juan M. Montoya, Trainer – Ruling as provided in Meeting Agenda.**

Commissioner Findley motions to approve plea agreement; Stewards' ruling upheld and amended; no fine; horse disqualified, purse redistributed; 60-day suspension; 30-day active suspension, August 31, 2025 through September 30, 2025; 30-day suspended suspension; active probation, October 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; any Category I, II, or III equine medication violation(s) while on probation will result in a 30 day suspension in addition to the penalties for the violation; Commissioner Bordelon seconds; motion carries.

**6. Edith A. Mojica, Trainer – Ruling as provided in Meeting Agenda.**

Commissioner Tumminello motions to approve reduced sentence; Stewards' ruling upheld and amended; fined \$2,500; horse disqualified, purse redistributed; 1 year active probation, August 29, 2025 through August 28, 2026 ; any Category I, II, III, or Gross Category IV equine medication violation while on probation will result in a 6 month suspension in addition to the penalties for the violation; Commissioner Granger seconds; motion carries.<sup>17</sup>

**7. Dustin Rhodes, Trainer – Ruling as provided in Meeting Agenda.**

Commissioner Findley motions to approve amended plea agreement; Stewards' ruling upheld and amended; no fine; horse disqualified, purse redistributed; 15-day active suspension, August 31, 2025 through September 15, 2025; 6 month active probation, September 16, 2025 through March 15, 2026; any Category I, II, III, or Gross Category IV equine medication violation(s) while on probation will result in a 6 month suspension; Commissioner Granger seconds; motion carries.<sup>18</sup>

**8. Donald R. Watson, Jr., Trainer – Ruling as provided in Meeting Agenda.**

Commissioner Findley motions to approve plea agreement; Stewards' rulings upheld and amended; no fine; 5-year in globo active suspension covering both rulings, May 29, 2025 through May 28, 2030. After serving 3 years of suspension without incident, Trainer will have the ability to reapply to the Commission for a license and seek to have the remaining suspension amended into a probation. This is not a guarantee of probation or a license; Commissioner Tumminello seconds; motion carries.

**9. Janine M. Winslow, Trainer – Ruling as provided in Meeting Agenda.**

Commissioner Findley motions to approve reduced sentence; Stewards ruling upheld and

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<sup>16</sup> The plea agreement was amended at the suggestion of Commissioner Findley.

<sup>17</sup> See Meeting Transcript for examination of Ms. Mojica.

<sup>18</sup> The amended plea agreement was proposed by Mr. Rhodes' attorney, Mr. Eddie Guidry, III. See Meeting Transcript for examination of Mr. Rhodes.

amended; no fine; horse disqualified, purse redistributed; 6-month active probation, August 29, 2025 through February 28, 2026; any Category I, II, or III equine medication violation(s) while on probation will result in a 6 month suspension; Commissioner Tumminello seconds; motion carries.

#### **D. VIOLATIONS OF LAC § 35:I.303 (Impermissible Conduct)**

##### **1. Donald Boxie, Exercise Person – Ruling as provided in Meeting Agenda.**

Commissioner Findley motions to institute lifetime ban; Commissioner Bordelon seconds; motion carries.<sup>19</sup>

##### **2. Juan F. Garcia, Jockey – Ruling as provided in Meeting Agenda.**

Commissioner Findley motions to approve plea agreement; Stewards' ruling upheld; \$500 fine; Commissioner Tumminello seconds; motion carries.

##### **3. Martin Osuna, Jockey – Ruling as provided in Meeting Agenda.**

*\*Continued to the next Commission Meeting.*

##### **4. Bobby Ransom, Jockey Ruling as provided in Meeting Agenda.**

Commissioner Findley motions to approve plea agreement; Stewards' ruling upheld and amended; 10-month active suspension, October 30, 2024 through August 29, 2025; lifetime probation prohibiting any acts of violence; Commissioner Bordelon seconds; motion carries.

##### **5. Ismael Solis-Guevara, Trainer – Ruling as provided in Meeting Agenda.**

Commissioner Findley motions to approve plea agreement; Stewards' ruling upheld; \$500 fine; Commissioner Bordelon seconds; motion carries.

#### **E. VIOLATIONS OF LAC § 35:XI.9901 (Claiming a Horse)**

##### **1. Jeremy W. Derozin, Trainer – Ruling as provided in Meeting Agenda.<sup>20</sup>**

##### **2. Jailinne Venzor, Trainer – Ruling as provided in Meeting Agenda.**

Commissioner Findley motions to approve plea agreement; Stewards' ruling upheld; 6-month active suspension, June 19, 2025 through December 19, 2025; Commissioner Bordelon seconds; motion carries.

#### **F. STEWARDS' DECISION NOT TO DISQUALIFY HORSE**

**LAC § 35:III.21111 (Powers)**

**LAC § 35:V.7901, et seq. (Right to the Track; Swerve)**

**LAC § 35:V.7903, et seq. (Striking Another; Appearance of Foul)**

##### **1. Earl & Keith Hernandez and John Duvielh**

Evangeline Downs, Race 2, 05/17/25

The Stewards' decision not to disqualify #2, MY SWEET PAL, the first-place finisher on May 17, 2025, Race 2, at Evangeline Downs was upheld by a Commission vote of 5-to-1.<sup>21</sup>

### **VII. OTHER**

<sup>19</sup> See Meeting Transcript for examination of Mr. Boxie.

<sup>20</sup> See Item C2 for in globo plea agreement.

<sup>21</sup> Item F1 was adjudicated first. See Meeting Transcript pages 88-171 for examinations and testimonies.

**A. LSRC PERSONNEL MATTER**

Chairman Koehl proposes a motion that the Executive Director to get a 9% raise. Commissioner Tumminello motions to approve; Commissioner Granger seconds; motion carries.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Bordelon motions to adjourn; Commissioner Granger seconds; motion carries.



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Stephen Landry  
Executive Director