

LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION

MINUTES – June 24, 2025

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

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Edward J. Koehl, *Chairman*
Earl A. "Boo" Landry, *1st Vice Chair*
Vincent V. Tumminello, Jr., M.D., *2nd Vice Chair*
Leslie M. Bouie
Larry L. Findley, Sr., DVM
Nathan C. Granger
Travis K. Miller, DVM
Katherine Winters

ABSENT

Dr. Patrick Bernard
Rock M. Bordelon
K. R. "Ron" Finkelstein, O.D.
Deano Thornton

APPROVED

At the Commission Meeting of
August 29, 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 Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 11:00 AM in the Queen Anne Ballroom of the Hotel Monteleone, New Orleans, Louisiana. Roll call is taken; a quorum is present.

Commissioner Landry motions to change the order of the two items on the Meeting Agenda; Commissioner Findley seconds; motion carries.

I. ASSOCIATION REQUEST/RACING CALENDAR

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

1. **Update** on paddock renovations. Mr. Jason Boulet, Director of Racing at Fair Grounds, states that they have a company, Recycled Services, visiting the Fair Grounds on Monday, June 30th, and they hope to have the evaluation process done then.

Chairman Koehl asks Mr. Boulet if the Fair Grounds committed to start the paddock renovation by June 2025 at the February meeting and mentions that the Commission has already given Fair Grounds other extensions on the completion of the paddock.¹

Chairman Koehl asks the Commission to consider a fine of \$10,000 per day, beginning on June 1, 2025, and if the paddock is completed by November 6, 2025, then the fine will be rescinded.²

Commissioner Findley motions to approve the notice of intent to fine Fair Grounds per the Chairman's request; Commissioner Landry seconds; motion carries.³

¹ See Meeting Transcript for full discussion on paddock renovations.

² Assistant Attorney General, Brett Bonin, requests that this fine be issues as a Notice of Intent to fine.

³ Cathy Beeding requests that the record clearly reflect that "Jason does not recall committing to a date of June 1st, and "fining us in the off season for something doesn't seem appropriate."

2. Racing Calendar for 2025-2026 thoroughbred meet.⁴

Chairman Koehl asks Fair Grounds and the Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (LaHBPA) to confirm that Fair Grounds' 2025-2026 thoroughbred meet was previously set to have 76 race dates with a minimum of 9 races per day, starting on November 20, 2025, and ending on March 22, 2026, with a move-in date of September 16, 2025.


Ms. Cathy Beeding, President and General Manager of Fair Grounds, and Mr. Ed Fenasci, Executive Director of the LaHBPA, confirm this is true.⁵

Executive Director Landry invites the public to comment before the commission takes a vote.⁶

Commissioner Landry motions to approve; Commissioner Tumminello seconds; motion carries.⁷

II. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Tumminello motions to adjourn; Commissioner Landry seconds; motion carries.



Stephen Landry
Executive Director

⁴ The Racing Calendar was discussed before the update on paddock renovations.

⁵ The Fair Grounds and Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association are still in negotiations about race dates.

⁶ Mr. Harry Bruns is the only person to deliver a public comment. See Transcript for his comments.

⁷ The amended calendar starts on November 20, 2025, ends on March 22, 2026, and has a move-in date of September 16, 2025.