

TENTATIVE MINUTES (PENDING COMMISSION APPROVAL)

MEETING OF THE

STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION

MARCH 19, 2025, 9:30 A.M.

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
VETERANS MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
5825 FLORIDA BOULEVARD
BATON ROUGE, LA 70806**

NOTE: THESE ARE TENTATIVE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 19, 2025, MEETING OF THE LOUISIANA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION. A FINAL VERSION OF THESE MINUTES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AFTER APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION AT ITS NEXT, REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Todd Parker at 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by Kayla Hurst-Toussaint.

Members present: Todd Parker, Dr. Ansel Rankins, Sr., Jarrod Horton, Matthew Kimbrough, and Dr. Aaron Ashbrook

A quorum was present.

Others present: Assistant Attorney General Tanika Starks, Hearing Officer; Tabitha Irvin, LDAF Executive Counsel; Angela Jackson, LDAF Attorney; Jade Saunders, LDAF Attorney; Bethany Gonzales, LDAF Attorney; Kelly Moore, LDAF; Kiara Moore, LDAF; Kayla Hurst-Toussaint, LDAF

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A public comment was made by Jacob Cohn in relation to solicitation and regulations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Kimbrough made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horton and passed unanimously.

ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS

Hearing Officer Tanika Starks conducted the hearing. LDAF Attorney Angela Jackson presented the following cases:

STIPULATED CASES

Case No. 25-SPCC-2581 Herman Mancuso

H & M Pest Control
2001 25th Street
Kenner, LA 70026

The Department charged Herman Mancuso with the following:

One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3371(A)(1); specifically, LAC 7:XXV.107(R)
One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3371(A)(6).

Mr. Mancuso was not present. The department and Mr. Mancuso entered a stipulation in which the Respondent admits to the allegations and agrees to pay the penalty of \$2000.00 within 30 days after receipt of the Commission's acceptance. The stipulation was signed by all parties.

Motion: Dr. Ashbrook made a motion to accept the facts set forth in the stipulation and that the penalty be accepted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ashbrook and passed unanimously.

CONTESTED CASES

LDAF Attorney Angela Jackson presented the following cases:

Case No. 25-SPCC-2589 Cyril Sonnier

Sonnier's Exterminating Co.
P.O. Box 955
Scott, LA 70583

The Department charged Cyril Sonnier with the following:

One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3371(A)(1); specifically, LAC 7:XXV.113(A).

Mr. Sonnier was present. The department and Mr. Sonnier entered a stipulation in which Respondent admits to the allegations and agrees to pay the penalty of \$10000.00 within 30 days after receipt of the Commission's acceptance. The stipulation was signed by all parties.

Motion: Dr. Rankins made a motion to accept the facts set forth in the stipulation and that the penalty be accepted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Parker and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

a. LPMA Report:

Morgan Milling reported the following:

- March 2025 LPMA will hold a Licensee Recertification class
- Lunch & Learn – April 30, 2025
- Alabama Summer Conference – June 3-4 2025
- Reception (Hilton Downtown) – April 15, 2025

b. LDAF Report:

- Rule Changes (EPA Requirement) – Public Hearing – March 24, 2025 9am-12pm
- Testing Platform will be available at the end of the fiscal year
- Place of Business Renewals will be available online beginning of March 2025
- Research Committee Meeting – May 18, 2025
- Pretreat Notification forms will be updated
- Department is hosting its Region 6 EPA Conference May 5-9, 2025
- Internal Training – LDAF Inspectors – Clear
- 5 Inspector Positions open

c. Proposed Rule Changes

- LAC 7:XXV.126 Enforcement

Motion: Mr. Kimbrough made a motion to accept the rule changes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rankins and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

STATUS REPORT

Kelly Moore presented the status report.

- WDIE and WDIR numbers lower because numbers has been lowered.
- The inspection numbers were standard and around the same amount from last year

LICENSEE APPLICATIONS

Kiara Moore presented the 22 licensee applications that were reviewed by staff since the last meeting. Three of the applicants were disapproved because of qualifications were not met.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A public comment was made by LDAF Attorney Angela Jackson to remind commission members to take the sexual harassment and ethics training.

FUTURE MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on July 1, 2025, at 9:30 A.M.

ADJOURMENT

Motion: Dr. Rankins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horton and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned 10:27 a.m.

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