

**MEETING OF THE
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION**

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2025, 9:30 A.M.
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
VETERANS MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
5825 FLORIDA BOULEVARD
BATON ROUGE, LA 70806**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Todd Parker at 9:31 a.m.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by Kayla Hurst-Toussaint.

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

A quorum was present.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Dr. Rankins made a motion to approve the minutes of July 1, 2025, meeting with changes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kimbrough and passed unanimously.

ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS

Hearing Officer Tanika Starks conducted the hearing. The following cases was presented:

STIPULATED CASES

Case No. 25-SPCC-2597 – Ira Hays
Hawx Services, LLC

11940 Industriplex Drive, Suite 1
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

The Department charged Ira Hays with the following:

One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3371(A)(14); specifically, LAC 7.XXV.117(K) and LAC 7.XXV.119(D)

One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3371(A)(14); specifically, LAC 7.XXV.117(L) and LAC 7.XXV.119(E)

Mr. Hays was not present. The department and Mr. Hays entered a stipulation in which the Respondent admits to the allegations and agrees to pay the penalty of \$1200.00 with \$600.00 suspended within 30 days after receipt of the Commission's acceptance. The stipulation was signed by all parties.

Motion: Mr. Kimbrough 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.

Case No. 25-SPCC-2598 – Wendell Delatte

Pelican Pest Control, LLC.
P.O. Box 813
Prairieville, LA 70814

The Department charged Wendell Delatte with the following:

One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3371(A)(14); specifically, LAC 7.XXV.117(K) and LAC 7.XXV.119(D)

One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3371(A)(14); specifically, LAC 7.XXV.117(L) and LAC 7.XXV.119(E)

Mr. Delatte was not present. The department and Mr. Delatte entered a stipulation in which the Respondent admits to the allegations and agrees to pay the penalty of \$1200.00 with \$600.00 suspended 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 Dr. Ashbrook and passed unanimously.

Case No. 25-SPCC-2599 – James Cripps

Nick's Pest Defense
203 Hwy 146
Choudrant, LA 71227

The Department charged James Cripps with the following:

One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3371(A)(14); specifically, LAC 7.XXV.117(K) and LAC 7.XXV.119(D)

One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3371(A)(14); specifically, LAC 7.XXV.117(L) and LAC 7.XXV.119(E)

Mr. Cripps was not present. The department and Mr. Cripps entered a stipulation in which the Respondent admits to the allegations and agrees to pay the penalty of \$1200.00 with \$600.00 suspended within 30 days after receipt of the Commission's acceptance. The stipulation was signed by all parties.

Motion: Mr. Kimbrough 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.

Case No. 25-SPCC-2601 – Bret Cook

Cotton's Pest Control
12366 Hwy 44
Gonzales, LA 70737

The Department charged Bret Cook with the following:

- One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3371(A)(14); specifically, LAC 7.XXV.117(H)
- One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3371(A)(3); specifically, per the Taurus SC Label
- One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3371(A)(3); specifically, per the Bora-Care label, per the Taurus SC Label
- One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3371(A)(14); specifically, LAC 7.XXV.117(H)(1)
- One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3371(A)(14); specifically, LAC 7.XXV.117(H)
- One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3371(A)(14); specifically, LAC 7.XXV.107(R)

Mr. Cook was not present. The department and Mr. Cook entered a stipulation in which the Respondent admits to the allegations and agrees to pay the penalty of \$1200.00 with \$600.00 suspended within 30 days after receipt of the Commission's acceptance. The stipulation was signed by all parties.

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

Case No. 25-SPCC-2602 – Arrow Exterminators dba Stark Exterminators

3867 Plaza Tower Dr.
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

The Department charged Arrow Exterminators with the following:

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

A representative from Arrow Exterminators was present. The department and Arrow Exterminators entered a stipulation in which the Respondent admits to the allegations and agrees to pay the penalty of \$1200.00 with \$600.00 suspended within 30 days after receipt of the Commission's acceptance. The stipulation was signed by all parties.

**Mr. Parker recused himself from the vote due to him being related to the homeowner.*

Motion: Mr. Kimbrough 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

Case No. 25-SPCC-2600 – Carl A. Thompson, Jr.

6237 Cambridge Court
New Orleans, LA 70131

The Department charged Carl Thompson Jr. with the following:

One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3371(A)(1); specifically, LAC 7.XXV.105(A)(1) and LAC 7.XXV.107(A)

Mr. Thompson was present and pleaded not guilty.

LDAF Exhibits 1, 2 and 3 were offered, filed and introduced into evidence.

Kiara Moore, LDAF Assistant Director of Structural Pest Control, Kelly Moore, LDAF Director of Structural Pest Control and Alexander Sabo, LDAF AES Manager – New Orleans was called as witnesses on behalf of the department

Motion: Mr. Kimbrough made a motion to find Mr. Thompson guilty of violation 1 charge. The motion was seconded by Mr. Parker and passed unanimously.

Motion: Mr. Kimbrough made a motion to assess a penalty of \$2500. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rankins, Sr. and passed unanimously.

Case No.25-SPCC-2603 – Jacob Cohn

Arrow Pest of Baton Rouge
4720 Jones Creek Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70817

The Department charged Jacob Cohn with the following:

One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3371(A)(6)

One (1) violation of La. R.S. 3:3371(A)(14); specifically, LAC 7.XXV.119(A)

Mr. Cohn was present and pleaded not guilty.

LDAF Exhibits 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were offered, filed and introduced into evidence.

Kiara Moore, LDAF Assistant Director of Structural Pest Control, Kelly Moore, LDAF Director of Structural Pest Control and Adley Bunch, LDAF AES Inspector was called as witnesses on behalf of the department

Motion: Mr. Kimbrough made a motion to dismiss all charges. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rankins and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Licensee Request

- Mr. Sherman Hill will have to retest for his certification.

Motion: Dr. Rankins made a motion to explore the rules of lapsed certifications. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kimbrough and passed unanimously.

b. Albaugh Specialty Products - Labels

- Motion: Dr. Ashbrook made a motion to approve the labels. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kimbrough and passed unanimously.

c. Proposed SPC Rule Change

Motion: Mr. Kimbrough made a motion to approve the increase for monthly reports. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ashbrook and passed unanimously.

d. Contract Review Committee Nomination

- Jeff Hargrave was nominated to the Contract Review Committee

Motion: Dr. Rankins made a motion to approve the nomination. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ashbrook and passed unanimously.

e. LPMA Report:

Morgan Milling reported the following:

- Holding a monthly WDIR training online
- Master Termite Course – September 24-25 and Basic Termite Course October 1-2
- Winter Conference – January 27-28

f. LDAF Report:

- Online testing will have an additional fee and expected to be available in October

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Bora-Care

Motion: Dr. Rankins made a motion to have Bore Care research study done in Louisiana. The motion was seconded by Mr. Parker and passed unanimously.

b. Contract – Hilbun Pest Control

- Pre-Construction Contract for the Treatment of Subterranean Termites
- Post-Construction Contract for the Treatment of Subterranean Termites – Damage Repair Warranty

Motion: Dr. Rankins made a motion to approve both contracts. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ashbrook and passed unanimously.

c. **Proposed SPC Rule Change – Revision**

- LAC 7:XXV.126 – Enforcement

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

STATUS REPORT

Kelly Moore presented the status report.

- WDIE and WDIR numbers are 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 20 licensee applications that have been reviewed by staff since the last meeting. Two of the applicants were disapproved because qualifications were not met.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

FUTURE MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on December 15, 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 4:51 p.m.



Todd Parker, Chairman