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Louisiana Human Trafficking Prevention Commission & Advisory Board

April 16, 2026; 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Louisiana State Capitol, 4th Floor Press Room
900 N 3rd St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Minutes

I. Call to Order

Chief Tommy Clark

- A. This meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Madeleine Williams

- A. The following members of the Commission Board are present:

- I. Senator Beth Mizell, absent
 - II. Christy Tate, (here by proxy, Lauren Brocksmith)
 - III. Danielle Lax, present
 - IV. Jennifer Hannon, absent
 - V. Jon Tircuit, (here by proxy, Capt. Joe Patout)
 - VI. Representative Kellee Hennessy Dickerson, (here by proxy, Zach Gonzales)
 - VII. Kristine Russell, absent
 - VIII. Mary Kate Andrepont, present
 - IX. Michelle Johnson, present
 - X. Natalie Laborde, (here by proxy, Gina Harkrider)
 - XI. Nicolette Gordon, absent
 - XII. Paula Miles, absent
 - XIII. Stephen Guccione, present
 - XIV. Steven McCain, present
 - XV. Susie Schowen, (here by proxy, Kaffia Arvie)
 - XVI. Tommy Clark, present
- a. The following members of the Advisory Board are present:
- I. Alliece Cole, present
 - II. Amanda Moody, present



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- III. Carmen E. Spooner, present
- IV. Casey Morace, present
- V. Catalene Theriot, absent
- VI. Chantrelle Varnado-Johnson, absent
- VII. Clayton Kleinpeter, absent
- VIII. Darrell Renfro, (here by proxy, Rosanna DiChiro Derbes)
- IX. Holly Tupper, present
- X. Jennifer Best, (here by proxy, Stephanie Wilkins)
- XI. Kimberly Young, (here by proxy, Kourtneii Henderson)
- XII. Michelle Johnson, present
- XIII. Rafael de Castro, present
- XIV. Rheneisha Roberston, absent
- XV. Rochelle Fahrig, absent
- XVI. Sheri Combs, present
- XVII. Sherrard Crespo, absent
- XVIII. Stephanie Sterling, (here by proxy, Amber Hebert)
- XIX. Tiffany Simpson, (here by proxy, Jessica Exkano)

III. Public Comment

- A. Chief Clark opened the floor for public comments. There were no comments from the public.

IV. Opening Remarks

Chief Tommy Clark

- A. Update from Governor's Office of Human Trafficking Prevention.
- B. Mary Kate Andrepont welcomes all members in attendance and provided information on The International Visitor Leadership Program meeting with the Office of Human Trafficking Program earlier this week. Captain Joe Patout adds that it was very informative to hear other perspectives and efforts made in other countries.

V. Speaker: Danielle Lax, Crime Victims Reparations Presentation

- A. Danielle Lax gives a presentation on Crime Victim Reparations and the process for survivors to access CVR.
- B. Monica Taylor acknowledged that Danielle Lax does amazing work on the Crime Victim Reparations Board and acknowledges other members on the board for the roles that they serve.

VI. Old Business

Chief Tommy Clark

- A. Approve January 2026 Minutes
 - I. Discussion: Chief Clark opened the floor for discussion. No discussion.
 - II. Public Comment: Chief Clark opened the floor for public comments. No public comment.



- III. Motion by Steven McCain to approve January 2026 minutes, seconded by Danielle Lax.

VII. New Business

Chief Tommy Clark

A. Updates from Subcommittee

I. Sex Trafficking of Minor Victims

- Holly Tupper discusses the subcommittees upcoming recommendations, including trauma-informed IEP, recovering protocol for missing youth, and increasing placement options for youth.

II. Sex trafficking of Adult Victims

- Stephanie Wilkins provides an update on subcommittee work and recommendations, including piloting adult care coordination, human trafficking screening toolkit, and a standard of care for adult victims.

III. Labor and Immigration Subcommittee

- Leanne Desselle provides update on her subcommittee. The subcommittee is reviewing two legislative and two non legislative recommendations. Mary Kate Andrepont also adds that the OHTP is working with Louisiana Works and Secretary Schowen to create a labor trafficking outreach pamphlet.

B. 2026 Regular Legislative Session Bill Discussion

Mary Kate Andrepont

- I. Andrepont provided a presentation on relevant anti-trafficking bills that the office is tracking.

C. Upcoming Trainings and Events

Michelle Johnson

- a. Johnson facilitated a discussion about upcoming training and events highlighted by members.
- b. Human Trafficking Survivor Symposium in New Orleans on May 14th 2026 from 9:30AM-4:30 PM. Please email Sheri Combs or Michelle Johnson for questions.
- c. Unbound Now Gala is on April 17th. Tickets can be purchased on the Unbound Now Website.
- d. The South Central Human Trafficking Summit on June 4-5 in Shreveport: Learn more and register at the flyer attached. Please email Laurie McGehee Lmcgehee64@gmail.com for questions.
- e. Louisiana Foundation of Sexual Assault will host Denim Day on April 29th in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Learn more about Denim Day at <https://www.demindayla.org/>
- f. Greater New Orleans Human Trafficking Task Force General Meeting on April 30th, 9-11 AM in New Orleans: The meeting will cover the topic of labor trafficking response. See flyer attached. Please email Sydney Houlemard shoulemard@orleansda.com for questions.
- g. School Safety Summit on July 7-8, 2026, in Lake Charles: The Safety Summit is designed for school professionals and stakeholders involved in emergency response, including Emergency Response Coordinators,



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Officers.

VIII. Other Business

Chief Tommy Clark

- a. Next Meeting Date: August 18, 2026.
- b. Chief Clark opened the floor for the introduction of guests in attendance.

IX. Adjournment

Chief Tommy Clark

- A. Motion to adjourn by Zach Gonzales, seconded by Michelle Johnson. This meeting was adjourned at 2:29 pm.