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Chief Tommy Clark
Commission Chair

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Louisiana Human Trafficking Prevention Commission & Advisory Board

January 30th, 2025; 10:00 a.m.
Louisiana State Capitol, 4th Floor Press Room
900 N 3rd St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Minutes

- I. Call the Meeting to Order Chief Tommy Clark
 - a. Chief Tommy Clark called the meeting to order at 10:03am.
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Mary Kate Andrepont called roll for the Commission and Advisory Board.
 - b. The following members of the Commission were present:
 - i. Belinda Murphy, here by proxy (John Tircuit)
 - ii. Beth Mizell, absent
 - iii. Jim Craft, present
 - iv. Christy Tate, present
 - v. Emily Chenevert, present
 - vi. Jennifer Hannon, present
 - vii. Jessica Vallelungo, present
 - viii. Kristine Russell, present
 - ix. Michelle Johnson, present
 - x. Monica Taylor, present
 - xi. Natalie LaBorde, absent
 - xii. Nicolette Gordon, present
 - xiii. Paula Miles, here by proxy (Ara Riley)
 - xiv. Steven McCain, absent
 - xv. Susie Schowen, here by proxy (Kaffia Arvie)
 - xvi. Tommy Clark, present
 - c. The following members of the Advisory Board were present:
 - i. Alliece Cole, present
 - ii. Amanda Moody, present
 - iii. Carmen Spooner, present
 - iv. Casey Morace, present
 - v. Catalene Theriot, absent
 - vi. Chantrelle Varnado-Johnson, present



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- vii. Clayton Kleinpeter, present
- viii. Darrell Renfro, present
- ix. Holly Tupper, present
- x. Jennifer Best, present
- xi. Rafael Castro, present
- xii. Rafael Salcedo, absent
- xiii. Rheneisha Roberston, present
- xiv. Rochelle Fahrig, absent
- xv. Sheri Combs, present
- xvi. Sherrard Crespo, present
- xvii. Stephanie Sterling, here by proxy (Amber Hebert)
- xviii. Tiffany Simpson, absent

III. Opening Remarks Chief Tommy Clar

- a. Chief Clark acknowledged that it is Human Trafficking Prevention Month and welcomed both the Commission and Advisory Board members to the meeting.
- b. OHTP Director Monica Taylor provided an update on Super Bowl LIX efforts.
 - i. Monica Taylor also thanked Rheneisha Robertson and Sheri Combs with Covenant House New Orleans for working with the OHTP to disseminate copies of the victim outreach campaign materials ahead of Super Bowl LIX.
 - ii. Taylor encouraged the Commission and Advisory Board to post the materials in public spaces to spread awareness in the Greater New Orleans area and Statewide.
 - iii. Taylor announced the new *Tackle Human Trafficking* Public Service Announcement (PSA) that was completed in partnership with Cox Communications and the New Orleans Saints.
 - iv. Mary Kate Andrepont discussed the DHS Blue Campaign Event next week for the upcoming Super Bowl. This event is open to the public and encourages all to attend.

IV. Presentation: Vicarious Trauma Monica Taylor

- a. Chief Clark invited Monica Taylor to provide a presentation.
- b. Taylor presented on vicarious trauma. Taylor emphasized the importance of managing our own stress and secondary trauma witness in this work.

V. **Old Business:** Chief Clark

- a. Vote to Approve November 2024 Minutes.
 - i. Chief Clark asks from commission to motion to approve Meeting Minutes.
 - ii. Discussion
 - Jennifer Hannon mentioned she was present for the November meeting. Minutes needed to be amended to reflect her attendance.
 - iii. D.A. Russell put forth a motion to adopt the amended minutes. Nicolette Gordon seconded the motion to adopt the amended minutes.
 - iv. All in favor, meeting minutes were approved.
- b. Subcommittee Structure and Meetings



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- i. Andrepont noted that last meeting the Commission voted to create four subcommittees under the Commission, addressing (1) sex trafficking of minors; (2) sex trafficking of adults, (3) labor trafficking, and (4) immigration. Due to the limited membership between the labor trafficking and immigration subcommittees, Andrepont recommended combining the two subcommittees would be beneficial to maximize member involvement.
 - Andrepont also reminded members that subcommittee meetings will take place following Commission meetings going forward and encouraged members to attend.
- ii. Chief Clark also recommends the benefits for combining the subcommittees and requested a motion to combine.
- iii. Nicolette Gordon put forth a motion, Rep. Emily Chenevert seconded the motion.
 - Jennifer Hannon agrees to the combination.
 - Clark opened the floor to public comment.
 - a. Thomas Mule (GOHSEP and labor trafficking subcommittee member) commented that he agrees that it will be beneficial.
- iv. All in favor, motion to combine labor trafficking and immigration subcommittees (thus, creating three total subcommittees) passed.

VI. New Business:

Chief Tommy Clark

- a. Chief Clark opened the floor to members to learn about their Human Trafficking Prevention Month activities.
 - i. Casey Morace introduced a survivor of human trafficking that was present at the meeting.
 - ii. Darrell Renfro also noted his training(s) and education on college campuses.
 - iii. David Duplechian spoke on the events that were held in Lake Charles to raise awareness of human trafficking.
 - iv. Jennifer Hannon noted the trainings for trauma clinicians by the Center for Evidence to Practice.
 - v. Jennifer Best added Eden Centers training efforts to hospitality industry in New Orleans. Best noted that they are seeing many organizations reaching out, including churches, to get involved ahead of the Super Bowl.
- b. Clark opens the floor for announcements about any upcoming statewide events and trainings.
 - i. Morace mentioned the free conference by the FREE Coalition on June 12 and 13, 2025 in Shreveport. More information will be sent out and provided to members.
 - ii. Taylor noted the upcoming Mid South Human Trafficking Summit in Lake Charles, Louisiana. She encourages everyone to attend on March 31st and to reach out for registration.
- c. Andrepont noted the hope to bring in guest speakers for upcoming Commission meetings and encouraged members to recommend speakers or reach out to her via email.



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- d. Chief Clark invited Andrepont to provide a presentation on Human Trafficking Reporting Requirements
 - i. Andrepont presented on reporting requirements in Louisiana through the Louisiana State Police Fusion Hotline, DCFS Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline, and the National Human Trafficking Hotline. Andrepont spoke on Act 662 requirements for reporting child sex trafficking. She also highlighted NCMEC's Cyber Tipline for reporting explicit images of minors online.
- e. Other Business Chief Tommy Clark
 - i. Clark opened the floor for any other business.
 - ii. The next meeting is March 20, 2025.
 - iii. Taylor mentioned a movie about human trafficking coming out in March. The movie portrays largely misconceptions about human trafficking and encourages members to be on the lookout for this movie and combatting its portrayal.
 - iv. Taylor introduced Louisiana State Police Lt. John Tircuit and welcomes him to the Commission meeting.
 - Lt. Tircuit thanks Taylor and highlighted again the statewide hotline to call LSP. He notes the hotline connects tips to a local troops.
 - Chief Clark notes that it is important to report suspicious activity, as it could save someone's life.

VII. Adjournment

Chief Tommy Clark

- a. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Nicolette Gordon, seconded by Chantrelle Varnado- Johnson. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.