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Chief Tommy Clark
Commission Chair

Michelle Johnson
Advisory Board Chair

Louisiana Human Trafficking Prevention Commission & Advisory Board

October 16, 2025; 10:00 a.m.
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 10:08 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Madeleine Williams

- a. The following members of the Commission are present:

- i. Senator Beth Mizell, absent
- ii. Christy Tate, present
- iii. Danielle Lax, present
- iv. Jennifer Hannon, present
- v. Stephen Guccione, present
- vi. Jon Tircuit (by proxy, Sgt. Amanda Willis), present
- vii. Representative Kelley Henessy Dickerson, present
- viii. Kristine Russell (by proxy, Chief Clark), present
- ix. Mary Kate Andrepont, present
- x. Nicolette Gordon, absent
- xi. Paula Miles, present
- xii. Steven McCain, absent
- xiii. Susie Schowen, absent
- xiv. Tommy Clark, present
- xv. Natalie Laborde, present

- a. The following members of the Advisory Board are present:

- I. Alliece Cole, present
- II. Amanda Moody, present
- III. Carmen E. Spooner, present
- IV. Casey Morace, present
- V. Catalene Theriot, absent
- VI. Chantrelle Varnado-Johnson, present
- VII. Clayton Kleinpeter, absent
- VIII. Darrell Renfro, absent



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- IX. Holly Tupper, present
- X. Jennifer Best, absent
- XI. Krystle Mitchell, present
- XII. Michelle Johnson, present
- XIII. Rafael Castro, absent
- XIV. Rheneisha Roberston, present
- XV. Rochelle Fahrig, absent
- XVI. Sheri Combs, present
- XVII. Sherrard Crespo, present
- XVIII. Stephanie Sterling, present
- XIX. Tiffany Simpson, present

- III. Opening Remarks Chief Tommy Clark
- a. Chief Tommy Clark, Chair of Commission
 - b. Mary Kate Andrepont, Director of the Office of Human Trafficking Prevention makes a welcoming statement and thanks everyone in attendance.

- IV. **Speaker:** *From Research to Practice: Insights for Effective Familial Trafficking Responses* Leanne Desselle, Researcher, RTI International
- a. Desselle provides a presentation on Familial Trafficking and the research that has been conducted in Louisiana.

- V. **Old Business:** Chief Tommy Clark
- a. August 2025 Minutes
 - b. Vote to approve August 2025 Minutes
 - i. Discussion
 - ii. Public Comment: none noted.
 - iii. Motion to approve minutes by Danielle Lax, seconded by Michelle Johnson. All in favor, no opposition. Motion was approved.

- VI. **New Business:** Chief Tommy Clark
- a. Presentation of Subcommittee Recommendations
 - i. Each subcommittee presents their recommendations. Commission members will vote to endorse/approve the recommendation and include it in the Commission's final report. Per 46:2165, a legislative recommendation is adopted upon approval of two-thirds of Commission members present, and Commission members will vote by roll call.
 - ii. Labor trafficking and Immigration
 - Recommendation 1: Labor Trafficking Training
 - a. Carmen Spooner presented the recommendation for the Labor and Immigration Subcommittee.
 - b. Discussion, Jennifer Hannon asks if the recommendation is towards all licensing boards. Spooner replies the recommendation is more narrow at the moment. Hannon suggested narrowing the definition for labor trafficking and



bringing more traction to the main issue; other members agreed. Jennifer Hannon made a motion to approve the recommendation with an amendment to specify the industries we are recommending to receive training, motion seconded by Michelle Johnson.

- c. Public Comment, none.
- d. Vote: 11 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention
 - i. Christy Tate, abstain
 - ii. Danielle Lax, yes
 - iii. Michelle Johnson, yes
 - iv. Jennifer Hannon, yes
 - v. Stephen Guccione, yes
 - vi. Jon Tircuit (by proxy, Sgt. Amanda Willis), yes
 - vii. Kristine Russell (by proxy, Chief Clark), yes
 - viii. Kelley Henessy Dickerson, yes
 - ix. Mary Kate Andrepont, yes
 - x. Paula Miles, yes
 - xi. Tommy Clark, yes
 - xii. Natalie LaBorde, yes
- e. The recommendation was approved, as amended.
- Recommendation 2: Improving Louisiana Workforce Commission's Labor Trafficking Response
 - a. Carmen Spooner presented the recommendation for the subcommittee.
 - b. Motion by Representative Dickerson to approve the recommendation, Seconded by Jennifer Hannon.
 - c. Public Comment, none.
 - d. Vote: 10 yes, 0 no, 2 abstention
 - i. Christy Tate, abstain
 - ii. Danielle Lax, yes
 - iii. Jennifer Hannon, yes
 - iv. Stephen Guccione, abstain
 - v. Jon Tircuit (by proxy, Sgt. Amanda Willis), yes
 - vi. Kelley Henessy Dickerson, yes
 - vii. Kristine Russell (by proxy, Chief Clark), yes
 - viii. Mary Kate Andrepont, yes
 - ix. Paula Miles, yes
 - x. Tommy Clark yes
 - xi. Natalie Laborde, yes
 - xii. Michelle Johnson, yes
 - e. The recommendation was approved.
- iii. Sex Trafficking of Adults
 - Recommendation 1: Parental Rights of Trafficking Survivors
 - a. Jennifer Best presented the recommendation for the subcommittee.



- b. Discussion, Chief Clark asks a question about why this is a legislative vote specifically.
 - i. Yes, this would entail legislation.
 - c. Jennifer Hannon asks about the aspect of familial trafficking for parents who have lost rights to their kids. Representative Dickerson noted recommendations need to be narrowed down specifically and that families be reunited with the exception of no family trafficking involvement.
 - d. Natalie Laborde recommends the Law Institute be tasked with reviewing it.
 - e. Rheneisha Robertson suggests looking into creating a committee task force so survivors can be included to establish policy recommendations for the legislative session.
 - f. Representative Dickerson makes a motion to approve the recommendation with an amendment to request the Law Institute to review issues and make recommendations. Motion seconded by Paula Miles.
 - g. Public Comment, none.
 - h. Vote: 10 yes, 0 no, 2 abstention
 - i. Christy Tate, abstain
 - ii. Danielle Lax, yes
 - iii. Jennifer Hannon, yes
 - iv. Stephen Guccione, yes
 - v. Jon Tircuit (by proxy, Sgt. Amanda Willis), yes
 - vi. Kelley Henessy Dickerson, yes
 - vii. Kristine Russell (by proxy, Chief Clark), yes
 - viii. Mary Kate Andrepont, yes
 - ix. Paula Miles, yes
 - x. Tommy Clark, yes
 - xi. Natalie Laborde, abstain
 - xii. Michelle Johnson, yes
 - i. The recommendation was approved, as amended.
- Recommendation 2: Adult Multidisciplinary Teams
 - a. Stephanie Wilkins presented the recommendation for the subcommittee.
 - b. Discussion: Chantrelle asks who the MDT will consist of. Christy Tate responds that there is a difference with care coordination and MDT, the definition could be perceived differently. Tate recommended changing the language to “adult care coordination.” Jennifer Hannon agrees. Krystle Mitchell asked about the fiscal note; Jennifer Best said that there would need to be a fiscal note. Michelle Johnson says the advocacy team comes with a big fiscal note as well. Carmen Spooner recommends LDH’s involvement in care coordination. Jennifer



- Hannon recommends local governing entities be involved and should have an interagency coordinator position.
- c. Motion by Kellee Hennessy to approve recommendation with an amendment to change wording from “Adult MDT” to “Adult Care Coordination,” seconded by Paula Miles.
 - d. Public Comment, none noted.
 - e. Vote: 9 yes, 0 no, 3 abstention
 - i. Christy Tate, abstain
 - ii. Danielle Lax, yes
 - iii. Jennifer Hannon, yes
 - iv. Stephen Guccione, abstain
 - v. Jon Tircuit (by proxy, Sgt. Amanda Willis), yes
 - vi. Kelley Henessy Dickerson, yes
 - vii. Kristine Russell (by proxy, Chief Clark), yes
 - viii. Mary Kate Andrepont, yes
 - ix. Paula Miles, yes
 - x. Natalie Laborde, abstain
 - xi. Tommy Clark, yes
 - xii. Michelle Johnson, yes
 - f. The recommendation was approved, as amended.
- Recommendation 3: Affirmative Defense
 - a. Jennifer Best presented the recommendation for the subcommittee.
 - b. DiscussionL Michelle Johnson noted that the language matches the human trafficking expungement law. Monica Taylor notes Senator Mizell is working on something similar; there is positive movement on this front.
 - c. Jennifer motion to approve recommendation, Michelle Johnson seconded.
 - d. Public Comment, none noted.
 - e. Vote: 9 yes, 0 no, 3 abstention
 - i. Christy Tate, abstain
 - ii. Stephen Guccione, abstain
 - iii. Danielle Lax, yes
 - iv. Jennifer Hannon, yes
 - v. Jon Tircuit (by proxy, Sgt. Amanda Willis), yes
 - vi. Kelley Henessy Dickerson, yes
 - vii. Kristine Russell (by proxy, Chief Clark), yes
 - viii. Mary Kate Andrepont, yes
 - ix. Paula Miles, yes
 - x. Tommy Clark, yes
 - xi. Natalie LaBorde, abstain
 - xii. Michelle Johnson, yes
 - f. The recommendation was approved.
- iv. Sex Trafficking of Minors



- Recommendation 1: Training and Education in Schools
 - a. Debbie Solcher presented the recommendation for the subcommittee.
 - b. Stephen Guccione recommends striking the third element because R.S. 17:81(Y) is repealed.
 - c. Motion to approve recommendation by Stephen Guccione with amendment to strike third element, seconded by Paula Miles.
 - d. Public Comment, none noted.
 - e. Vote: 9 yes, 0 no, 3 abstention
 - i. Christy Tate, abstain
 - ii. Stephen Guccione, abstain
 - iii. Danielle Lax, yes
 - iv. Jennifer Hannon, yes
 - v. Jon Tircuit (by proxy, Sgt. Amanda Willis), yes
 - vi. Kelley Henessy Dickerson, yes
 - vii. Kristine Russell (by proxy, Chief Clark), yes
 - viii. Mary Kate Andrepont, yes
 - ix. Paula Miles, yes
 - x. Natalie Laborde, abstain
 - xi. Tommy Clark, yes
 - xii. Michelle Johnson, yes
 - f. The recommendation was approved, as amended.
- Recommendation 2: OJJ Screening Protocol
 - a. Holly Tupper presented the recommendation for the subcommittee.
 - b. Discussion, Michelle Johnson recommends adopting a screening tool, Christy Tate agreed.
 - c. Motion to approve by Michelle Johnson, seconded by Danielle Lax.
 - d. Public Comment, none noted.
 - e. Vote: 10 yes, 0 no, 2 abstention
 - i. Christy Tate, abstain
 - ii. Danielle Lax, yes
 - iii. Jennifer Hannon, yes
 - iv. Stephen Guccione, abstain
 - v. Jon Tircuit (by proxy, Sgt. Amanda Willis), yes
 - vi. Kelley Henessy Dickerson, yes
 - vii. Kristine Russell (by proxy, Chief Clark), yes
 - viii. Mary Kate Andrepont, yes
 - ix. Paula Miles, yes
 - x. Tommy Clark, yes
 - xi. Natalie Laborde, yes
 - xii. Michelle Johnson, yes
 - f. The recommendation was approved.



- Recommendation 3: Increased Medicaid Reimbursement Rates for Behavioral-Health Therapy
 - a. Holly Tupper presented the recommendation for the subcommittee.
 - b. Discussion: Michelle Johnson asked if it would raise the rates for trauma therapies, Holly Tupper responded yes.
 - i. Jennifer Hannon provided additional information and acknowledged that while Medicaid just raised rates, it is still below our neighboring states. Hannon noted that this will also ensure that Louisiana is recruiting and retaining clinicians. Johnson noted that she has experienced that accessing specialized therapy is a major barrier for survivors. Spooner agreed that the cost to do trauma therapies, such as EMDR, is high for clinicians. The current medicaid reimbursement is prohibitive for clinicians.
 - c. Public Comment, none noted.
 - d. Motion to approve by Michelle Johnson, seconded by Paula Miles.
 - e. Vote: 9 yes, 0 no, 3 abstention
 - i. Christy Tate, abstain
 - ii. Danielle Lax, yes
 - iii. Jennifer Hannon, yes
 - iv. Stephen Guccione, abstain
 - v. Jon Tircuit (by proxy, Sgt. Amanda Willis), yes
 - vi. Kelley Henessy Dickerson, yes
 - vii. Kristine Russell (by proxy, Chief Clark), yes
 - viii. Mary Kate Andrepont, yes
 - ix. Paula Miles, yes
 - x. Natalie Laborde, abstain
 - xi. Michelle Johnson, yes
 - xii. Tommy Clark, yes
 - f. The recommendation was approved.
- b. Training, Conferences, and Initiative Updates Michelle Johnson
 - i. Chief Clark attended a Free Coalition meeting in September and noted it was a great meeting to attend.
 - ii. Johnson noted that the Methodist Children's Home Conference on human trafficking was great. Judges were present. Casey Morace emphasized the importance of training judges.
 - iii. LCAC hosted a Care Coordination Symposium on September 16th.
 - iv. Child Advocacy Services is hosting a free Human Trafficking Symposium and Human Trafficking Prevention Training for interested community members October 9- 10, 2025.

VII. Other Business

Chief Tommy Clark

- a. Topics for next meeting, December 16 at 10 am: Final Report Draft



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- b. Representative Kellee Hennessy Dickerson introduced members from the Cajun Navy who are present at today's meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

Chief Tommy Clark

- a. Representative Kellee Hennessy Dickerson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Stephen Guccione. All in favor, no opposition.
- b. This meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.



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Jennifer Best, LPC-S and Taylor Pillow, Esq.
Co-Chairs

**Louisiana Human Trafficking Prevention Commission and Advisory Board
Adult Sex Trafficking Subcommittee**

MINUTES

October 16, 2025

1:00 p.m.

Claiborne Building, Napoleon Bonaparte Room
1201 N Third St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

- I. Call to Order
 - A. This meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
 - A. Present: Jennifer Best, Rep. Kellee Hennessy Dickerson, Stephanie Wilkins, Audrey Markam, Rochelle Fahrig
 - B. Absent: Taylor Pillow, Darrell Renfro, Michelle Johnson
- III. Old Business
 - A. Review Recommendations
 - I. Review the approved recommendations and make amendments mentioned by the Commission Board Members.
 - II. Recommendation 1: Complete a study resolution on parental rights for trafficking survivors. Representative Dickerson will consider options for taking legislative options for parental rights.
 - III. Recommendation 2: Make amendments to the title. Change “Adult Multidisciplinary Team” to “Adult Care Coordination”
- IV. New Business
 - A. Assign writers for the report outlining the three subcommittee recommendations.
 - I. Jennifer and Stephanie are writing the report and Representative Dickerson will review.
- V. Other Business



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- A. The next Commission Meeting is December 16, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
- B. Subcommittee Final Reports due November 24th.

VI. Adjournment

- A. Rochelle Fahrigh made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Representative Dickerson. The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.



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Deborah Solcher and Holly Tupper
Co-Chairs

Jasmine Gardner
Secretary

Louisiana Human Trafficking Prevention Commission and Advisory Board
Minor Sex Trafficking Subcommittee

MINUTES

October 16, 2025

1:00 p.m.

Claiborne Building, Louisiana Purchase Room
1201 N Third St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

- I. Call to Order
 - A. This meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
 - A. Present: Casey Morace, Deborah Solcher, Holly Tupper, Lacey Shull, Kristi Juarez, Thomas Juarez, Lilly Erwin, Susan Dupont (proxy for Levillia Moore/Stephen Guccione), Jennifer Hannon, Andrew Morse
 - B. Absent: Jasmine Gardner, Carrie Dean, Clayton Kleinpeter
- III. Old Business
 - A. Approve August Meeting Minutes
 - I. Lacey Shull made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jennifer Hannon.
 - B. Discussion of Recommendations
 - I. Note: Key element 3 for prevention education struck by Stephen Guccione. We will work towards this and bring it up next year.
 - II. Recommendation changes have been amended and approved. The final report will be submitted by November 24th.



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IV. New Business

A. Education Focus Group

- I. Strategize to research and document school districts/boards that specifically educate employees and students on human trafficking such as Shreveport- Free Coalition and Superintendent Dr. Vanmetre in Lake Charles. Research any potential school wide campaigns.

B. Juvenile Justice Focus Group

- I. Research OJJ screening data conducted around the state for which tools are utilized and what data has been collected.

C. Resource Focus Group

- I. Forward Recommendation to DCFS, this will require a legislative rule. Get in contact with OOG for who can provide potential support.
- II. Discussion about new recommendation for next year: Laws of consent for youth ages 17-21.

V. Other Business

- A. The next Commission Meeting is December 16, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

VI. Adjournment

- A. A motion to adjourn by Kristi Juarez, seconded by Thomas Juarez. The meeting was adjourned at 1:41 p.m.



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Mark Fontenot and Carmen E. Spooner
Co-Chairs

Kaffia Arvie
Secretary

Louisiana Human Trafficking Prevention Commission and Advisory Board
Labor and Immigration Subcommittee

MINUTES

October 16, 2025

1:00 p.m.

Claiborne Building, Arkansas Room
1201 N Third St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

- I. Call to Order
 - A. This meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
 - A. Present: Mark Fontenot, Carmen E. Spooner, Thomas Mule, Jolene Glover, Amber Hebert, Mary Kate Andrepont.
 - B. Absent: Kaffia Arvie, Rep. Joe Orgeron, Major Stephanie Minto, Trulinda Augillard, Noel Ballas, Mason Spillman.
- III. Old Business
 - A. Recommendations Update
 - I. Make changes to subcommittee recommendations from the Commission Meeting. Small changes were suggested for recommendation 1 regarding mandated training for all boards and commissions. The recommendation will be limited to the Private Security Board.
 - II. Mark Fontenot and Mary Kate Andrepont will meet with Carl Saizan regarding the recommendation.



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- B. Update on State Police 5k Training
 - I. The State Police group is awaiting the permit for the 5k in January.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Complete Subcommittee Final Report
 - I. The report will be completed by November 24th and shared with the Human Trafficking Prevention Commission Members at the next meeting in December.
- V. Other Business
 - A. The next Commission Meeting is December 16, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
- VI. Adjournment
 - A. Mark Fonenot made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Thomas Mule. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.