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Chief Tommy Clark
Commission Chair

Michelle Johnson
Advisory Board Chair

Louisiana Human Trafficking Prevention Commission & Advisory Board

May 15th, 2025; 10:00 a.m.
Louisiana State Capitol, 4th Floor Press Room
900 N 3rd St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Minutes

- I. Call Meeting to Order Chief Tommy Clark
- A. Chief Tommy Clark called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.
- II. Roll Call
- A. Mary Kate Andrepont called roll for the Commission and Advisory Board.
- B. The following members of the Commission were present:
- a. Beth Mizell, absent
 - b. Christy Tate, present
 - c. Emily Chenevert, absent
 - d. Jennifer Hannon, present
 - e. Jim Craft, absent
 - f. Jessica Vallelungo, present
 - g. Kristine Russell, absent
 - h. Monica Taylor, present
 - i. Natalie LaBorde, absent
 - j. Nicollette Gordon, present
 - k. Paula Miles, present
 - l. Steven McCain, absent
 - m. John Tircuit, present
 - n. Susie Schowen, present by proxy (Trulinda Augillard)
 - o. Tommy Clark, present
- C. The following members of the Advisory Board were present:
- a. Alliece Cole, present
 - b. Amanda Moody, absent
 - c. Carmen Spooner, present
 - d. Casey Morace, present
 - e. Catalene Theriot, absent



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- a. Chantrelle Varnado-Johnson, present
- b. Clayton Kleinpeter, absent
- c. Darrell Renfro, absent
- d. Holly Tupper, present
- e. Jennifer Best, present
- f. Krystle Mitchell, present by proxy (Jasmine Gardner)
- g. Michelle Johnson, present
- h. Rafael Castro, absent
- i. Rafael Salcedo, present
- j. Rheneisha Roberston, present by proxy (Deneen Jackson)
- k. Rochelle Fahrig, absent
- l. Sheri Combs, present
- m. Sherrard Crespo, present by proxy (Erin Simms)
- n. Stephanie Sterling, absent
- o. Tiffany Simpson, absent

III. Opening Remarks Chief Tommy Clark

- a. Monica Taylor provided opening remarks and updates about current policy work in OHTP. Monica Taylor introduces this Commission meeting's guest speaker, April Lucia and announces the presentation she will be giving.

IV. Guest Speakers:

- a. April Lucia, Special Agent for the Louisiana Bureau of Investigations Cyber Crime Unit, presented on emerging forms of online exploitation and the role of the ICAC unit to combat these crimes.

V. **Old Business:** Chief Tommy Clark

- a. March 2025 Minutes: Motion to approve minutes
- b. Chief Clark opens the floor for a motion to approve minutes for March 2025 Commission Meeting Minutes. Nicolette Gordon motions to approve the minutes, seconded by Paula Miles. All in favor.

VI. **New Business:** Chief Tommy Clark

- a. Updates from Subcommittees
 - i. Carmen Spooner, Co-Chair, provided updates on the Labor Subcommittee Labor Trafficking and Immigration, Co-Chair Mark Fontenot and Carmen Spooner, Secretary is Kaffia Arvie. Resource guide; LWC intake guide; immigration relief available to trafficking victims
 - ii. Jennifer Best, Co-Chair, provided updates on Adult Sex Trafficking Subcommittee. Sex Trafficking of Adults, Jennifer Best and Taylor Pillow are the Co-Chairs, Annalichia Boudreaux is Secretary. Focusing on Affirmative Defense on prostitution related crimes and establishment on a mother's rights when they have been trafficked.
 - iii. Deborah Scholer, Co-Chair, provided updates on Minor Sex Trafficking Subcommittee. They are reviewing strategies for improving and changing



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the Juvenile Justice system and providing more resources to educate those in schools.

VII. 2025 Legislative Recap Mary Kate Andrepont and Monica Taylor

a. Review and Discussion of 2025 Regular Session Legislation Updates

- i. HB 5 by Jackson- *Relative to the Crime of Soliciting for Prostitutes*. The bill increases the penalty for a second or subsequent offense of soliciting for prostitutes to imprisonment at hard labor for not more than one year. It also lists a second or subsequent conviction of soliciting for prostitutes as a "sex offense," defined in R.S. 15:541(24)(a). Currently pending House Floor Action.
- ii. HB 74 by Mike Johnson- *Termination of Vehicle Tracking Services*. The bill requires a motor vehicle manufacture to suspend remote access technology on a vehicle upon the request of a survivor of domestic abuse, sexual assault, or stalking with ownership interest in the vehicle and a certified copy of a protective order, a temporary restraining order, or any other official documentation that evidences their victimization. Current status is pending House Final Passage.
- iii. HB 163 by Dickerson- *Survivor Special Fund* orders a mandatory two-thousand dollar fee to be paid by any person who is convicted or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a list of twenty-three offenses. The bill provides for the appropriation of monies in the fund for services to adult and minor victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual assault. Passed House Floor yesterday on May 14th.
- iv. HB 268 by LaFleur- *Child Sexual Abuse Materials*. The bill updates the terminology of the offense of pornography involving juveniles to child sexual abuse materials. Currently awaiting Senate Approval on May 19th.
- v. HB 359 by Miller -*Mental health treatment of victims of sex trafficking*. The bill requires the nine LDH regions to incorporate a regional sexual assault protocol for human trafficking, and creates the Louisiana Human Trafficking in Emergency Department Force. Passed committee with amendments.
- vi. HB 531 by Travis Johnson- to conduct an audit of sexual assault advocacy services, the SANE programs, the sexual assault regional plans, the availability of sexual assault forensics medical exams, and sexual assault services, funding. Passed committee with amendments.
- vii. HB 570 by Carver- *Provides relative to minors use of applications*. Passed and currently pending Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs.
- viii. SB 152 by Mizell- Provides sentencing relief for defendant-victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking who commit an offense as a result of their victimization. Failed in Committee.
- ix. SB 221 by Mizell- requires that complaints alleging illicit activity at massage therapist establishments result in an unannounced, in-person inspection by the Massage Therapy Board. Passed Senate, awaiting house committee.



VIII. Other Business Chief Tommy Clark

- a. Topics for the next meeting include a discussion of relevant 2025 Regular Session legislation.
- b. Upcoming Training/Events:
 - i. NCMEC Emerging Trends Training, June 3-5, Lafayette
 - ii. South Central U.S. Human Trafficking Conference, June 5-6 in Shreveport.
 - iii. Human Trafficking Training Center Human Trafficking “Interdiction Training,” July 21, Baton Rouge.
 - iv. Oklahoma HTRU Comm Unity Conference, June 23-25 in Tulsa, OK.
- c. No meetings will be held in June and July.
- d. The next meeting is August 21, 2025.

IX. **Adjournment**

Chief Tommy Clark

- a. Motion to adjourn by Jennifer Hannon , seconded by Monica Taylor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.



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Jennifer Best and Taylor Pillow
Co-Chairs

Annalichia Boudreaux
Secretary

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

MINUTES

May 15, 2025

1:00 p.m.

Claiborne Building, Wyoming Room
900 N Third St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Jennifer Best called this meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
 - A. Present: Michelle Johnson, Jennifer Best, Stephanie Wilkins, Dominique Berry, Darrell Renfro,
 - B. Absent: Diane Amos, Kizzy Shelvin, Erika Brantley, Michelle Clark, Laurie Marien, Dr. Michelle Nelson, Representative Emily Chenevert, Kellee Dickerson, Annalichia Boudreaux, Taylor Pillow
- III. Old Business:
 - A. Michelle motioned to approve March minutes, Stephanie seconded. All in favor.
 - B. Incorporating an Adult MDT in different regions throughout Louisiana.
 - i. Stephanie and Jennifer gave a review of the Adult Service Plan working group.
 - C. Michelle reviewed similar bills that were passed in 2023 Washington State (Senate Bill 55114).
 - i. Michelle reviewed the fiscal note in the bill, which utilized general funds



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- ii. Washington State was granted \$351,183 dollars for services drawn from general funds.
- iii. The bill had a requirement with Adult Human Trafficking survivors, they require more needs and support for housing instead of normal shelters or DV shelters.

IV. New Business:

- A. Create an Adult version of Act 662 (2022 Regular Session), which is already in effect for children.
- B. Start working to conduct training with the Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority.
- C. Discussed meaning section 1442.

V. Other Business:

- A. The next Meeting date is August 21, 2025.

VI. Adjournment

- A. This meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m. by Jennifer Best.



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Deborah Solcher and Holly Tupper
Co-Chairs

Jasmine Gardner
Secretary

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

MINUTES

May 15, 2025

1:00 p.m.

Claiborne Building

900 N Third St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

- I. Call to Order
 - A. This meeting was called to order by Deborah Solcher and Holly Tupper at 1:07 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
 - A. Present: Deborah Solcher, Holly Tupper, Jasmine Gardner, Casey Morace, Olivia Johnston, Michael Singley, Lauren Laughlin, Rachel Male, Tina Darensbourg, Andrew Morse, Jennifer Hannon, Lily Erwin, Heidi Bourgeois
 - B. Absent:
- III. Old Business
 - A. Approval of March meeting minutes - Jennifer Hannon motioned to approve and Casey Morace seconded B.
 - B. Structuring of meeting format for focus groups
- IV. New Business
 - A. Resource Focus Group Recommendation strategy:
 - a. Drafting language for making therapy resources easier to find
 - b. Resources for who wants training in HT on the OHTP website.
 - c. Providing access to therapy resources for survivors.
 - d. Follow up on concern of there being no substance abuse for youth with a dual diagnosis.



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- e. Effective focus: focusing on medicaid reimbursement for psychotherapy is sub par to the rest of the country.
 - B. Juvenile Justice Focus Group Recommendation strategy:
 - a. OJJ screening
 - b. Public Defender Training
 - C. Education Focus Group Recommendation strategy:
 - a. Mandated training for educators
 - b. Human trafficking strategy of identification to recovery to individual school boards
 - c. Engaging with Home School association
- V. Other Business
 - A. The next Meeting date is August 21, 2025.
- VI. Adjournment
 - A. A motion to adjourn was made by Heidi Bourgeois and seconded by Holly Tupper. The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.



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Mark Fontenot and Carmen Spooner
Co-Chairs

Kaffia Arvie
Secretary

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

MINUTES

May 15, 2025
1:00 p.m.

Claiborne Building, 1st Floor, Thomas Jefferson Room
900 N Third St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Mark Fontenot called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
 - B. Co-Chair Mark Fontenot opened the meeting by introducing the newest member of the Labor Trafficking Subcommittee, Mr. Noel Bellas, who also works with GOHSEP in critical infrastructure. He also congratulated Thomas Mule on his new position as Communications Director at OTS.
- II. Roll Call
 - A. Trulinda Augillard conducted the roll call.
- III. Old Business:
 - A. Shared information on programs related to human trafficking from partner organizations. These materials will be scanned and distributed to subcommittee members by Trulinda (see attached).
 - B. Noted that Southwest Airlines assists trafficking victims by providing free flights to safe locations.
 - C. Requested that the subcommittee draft a mission statement to present at the next meeting.
 - D. Thomas Mule suggested aligning the statement with the Advisory Board's mission, with adaptations to suit the Labor Trafficking Subcommittee.



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IV. New Business:

- A. Informed the committee of upcoming “Train the Trainer” sessions in collaboration with the Restaurant Association and encouraged participation to become certified trainers.
- B. Reiterated the discussion from the last meeting regarding different types of Visas.
- C. Reviewed resources for foreign national victims of human trafficking.
- D. Mark Fontenot suggested inviting a representative from the Health and Safety Institute (HSI) and the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) to the next meeting.

V. Other Business:

- A. The Next Meeting Date will be on October 16, 2025.
- B. Requested final recommendations on the following items for the next meeting:
 - i. Training Plan/Outreach Strategy
 - ii. LWC Intake Protocols: Recommended putting together an informational packet for distribution across industries to ensure consistency.

VI. Adjournment

- A. A motion to adjourn the meeting by Carmen Spooner, seconded by Thomas Mule.