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Office of Human Trafficking Prevention

Chief Tommy Clark
Commission Chair

Michelle Johnson
Advisory Board Chair

Louisiana Human Trafficking Prevention Commission & Advisory Board

March 20th, 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 10:30 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:
 - i. Beth Mizell, absent
 - ii. Christy Tate, present by proxy (Lauren Brocksmyth)
 - iii. Emily Chenevert, absent
 - iv. Jennifer Hannon, present
 - v. Jim Craft, absent
 - vi. Jessica Vallelungo, present by proxy (Steven Guccino)
 - vii. Kristine Russell, present by proxy (Melody Bridgewater)
 - viii. Michelle Johnson, present
 - ix. Monica Taylor, present
 - x. Natalie LaBorde, absent
 - xi. Nicollette Gordon, present
 - xii. Paula Miles, absent
 - xiii. Steven McCain, absent
 - xiv. Susie Schowen, present by proxy (Trulinda Augillard)
 - xv. 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



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- v. Catalene Theriot, absent
- vi. Chantrelle Varnado-Johnson, absent
- vii. Clayton Kleinpeter, absent
- viii. Darrell Renfro, absent
- ix. Holly Tupper, present
- x. Jennifer Best, present by proxy (Taylor Pillow)
- xi. Rafael Castro, present
- xii. Rafael Salcedo, present
- xiii. Rheneisha Roberston, present by proxy (Deneen Jackson)
- xiv. Rochelle Fahrig, present
- xv. Sheri Combs, present
- xvi. Sherrard Crespo, absent
- xvii. Stephanie Sterling, present
- xviii. Tiffany Simpson, absent

III. Opening Remarks
Clark

Chief Tommy

- a. Chief Tommy Clark provided opening remarks and welcomed members.
- b. Super Bowl LIX Recap
 - i. Monica Taylor announced that Super Bowl LIX was very successful, and thanked members for their hard work. Taylor provided a recap on activities that occurred ahead of and during the Super Bowl.
 - ii. Louisiana State Police conducted operations leading up to the Super Bowl. The operations were successful.
 - iii. The Victim Outreach Campaign materials were disseminated across New Orleans and the state. The materials may be used beyond the Super Bowl. You can download the materials on the humantrafficking@la.gov website.
 - iv. Taylor invited Stephanie Mintos to speak on the HUB operations.
 - Captain Stephanie Mintos spoke on the HUB Operation during the Super Bowl. The NOLA HUB collaborated with various law enforcement, local non profits, and In Our Backyard to complete street outreach and listen to flagged jail calls. As a result, 15 missing children were identified. Captain Mintos thanks Holly Tupper and Sheri Combs for their assistance with the last victim that presented on her own on the last day of Super Bowl weekend.
- c. Taylor recognizes that we will need to elect a new Co-Chair at the next Commission meeting in May. Recommendations for Co-Chair should be provided to Mary Kate Andrepont.
- d. Andrepont notes that the Office of Human Trafficking Prevention has released the 2024 Louisiana Human Trafficking Data Report, which can be found under the resources tab on our homepage. Taylor highlighted 58% of victims accessing services are new victims engaging service providers based on the data report. Additionally, we are beginning to collect data on prosecutions across the state. This data will be available in an addendum report released in a few months.
- e. Monica Taylor introduces our first guest speaker, Millard Mule, who is the Policy Director for the Governor's Office.



IV. Guest Speakers:

- a. Millard Mule provided training on engaging with the media on the topic of human trafficking and provided best practices.
- b. “When You Suspect, Speak” Campaign, Office of Motor Vehicles
 - i. Caitlyn Boyd and Matt Dardenne from Red Six Media presented on the OMV’s new Human Trafficking Awareness campaign, When You Suspect, Speak. Information on the campaign can be found at <https://whenyoususpect.com/>.

V. Old Business:

Chief Tommy Clark

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

VI. New Business:

Chief Tommy Clark

- a. Updates from Subcommittees
 - i. Mary Kate Andrepont announces the leadership positions for each of the Subcommittees that were voted for in the January 2025 Commission Meeting.
 - Labor Trafficking and Immigration, Co-Chair Mark Fontenot and Carmen Spooner, Secretary is Kaffia Arvie.
 - Sex Trafficking of Adults, Jennifer Best and Taylor Pillow are the Co-Chairs, Annalichia Boudreaux is Secretary.
 - Sex Trafficking of Minors , Co-Chair Deborah Solcher from DCFS and Holly Tupper from Unbound Now, Secretary is Jasmine Gardner.
- b. 2024 Legislative Recap Mary Kate Andrepont
 - i. Mary Kate Andrepont presented information on two key bills from last session.
 - ii. Act 586 (2024) - penalty for sex trafficking involving persons under twenty-one years old is increased to life imprisonment at hard labor without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence.
 - iii. Act 570 (2024), amended the definition of commercial sexual activity- any lewd or lascivious act upon the person or in the presence of any child when any thing of value has been given, promised, or received by any person.
- c. 2025 Regular Session Updates
 - i. Monica Taylor acknowledged concernson HB5, regarding the penalties for soliciting prostitutes.
 - ii. The Office of Human Trafficking Prevention is working closely with Senator Beth Mizell and Representative Kellee Dickerson for the upcoming session on a couple key bills.
- d. Upcoming Training Events
 - i. Unbound Now has an upcoming Gala in Baton Rouge on March 29. Reach out to Holly Tupper to learn more.



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- ii. The Mid-South Summit in Lake Charles is scheduled for March 31, 2025.
- iii. The South Central Human Trafficking Conference will take place at LSU-Shreveport on June 12 and 13, 2025. Please reach out to Laurie McGehee to learn more. They are still looking for speakers and presenters.
- iv. Michelle Johnson announced that her and Sheri Combs are working on a forthcoming Survivor Symposium hosted by the Sparrow Foundation and Covenant House.

VII. Other Business
Tommy Clark

Chief

- a. The next meeting is May 15, 2025.
- b. Topics for the next meeting include a discussion of relevant 2025 Regular Session legislation.

VIII. **Adjournment**
Tommy Clark

Chief

- a. Motion to adjourn by Nicolette Gordon, seconded by Michelle Johnson. Meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.