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LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION

MEETING NOTICE

THE LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING AT 10:00 AM ON TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025 IN THE PREFUNCTION ROOM OF EVANGELINE DOWNS RACETRACK & CASINO, 2235 CRESSWELL LANE EXTENSION, OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA. THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON ONLY.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 13, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

REMINDER: COMMISSIONERS' ETHICS DISCLOSURE DUE BY MAY 15, 2025

I. ASSOCIATION REQUESTS/REPORTS

A. BOYD RACING, LLC d/b/a DELTA DOWNS RACETRACK, CASINO & HOTEL

1. PROGRESS REPORT

a. Update on infrastructure, escrow, and questions from the Commission.

2025 QUARTER HORSE MEET

2. RACES

a. Ratification of first condition book for 2025 quarter horse meet.

b. Ratification of designated races for 2025 quarter horse meet.

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| 04/25/25 | Miss Polly Classic – Gr. III |
| 04/25/25 | Titanium Stakes – RG 3 |
| 04/25/25 | Old South Derby Trials |
| 04/26/25 | Old South Futurity Trials |
| 05/02/25 | Lassie Futurity Trials |
| 05/03/25 | Laddie Futurity Trials |
| 05/10/25 | Mother's Day |
| 05/16/25 | Old South Derby |
| 05/17/25 | Old South Futurity |
| 05/23/25 | Lassie Futurity – RG2 |
| 05/23/25 | Lassie Stake |
| 05/24/25 | Laddie Futurity – RG2 |
| 05/24/25 | Laddie Stake |
| 05/31/25 | Delta Dash |
| 06/07/25 | Virgil Bond |
| 06/12/25 | Firecracker Derby Trials |
| 06/13/25 | Firecracker Futurity Trials |

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| 06/18/25 | Delta Downs Louisiana Bred Oaks Trials |
| 06/19/25 | Delta Downs Louisiana Bred Derby Trials |
| 06/20/25 | Lee Berwick Futurity Trials |
| 06/21/25 | HDJ Butler Stakes – RG2 |
| 07/04/25 | Firecracker Derby – Grade III |
| 07/04/25 | Firecracker Futurity – Grade II |
| 07/12/25 | Delta Downs Louisiana Bred Derby – RG3 |
| 07/12/25 | Delta Downs Louisiana Bred Oaks |
| 07/12/25 | Lee Berwick Futurity – RG1 |
| 07/12/25 | Louisiana Starter |
| 07/12/25 | Flashy Hemp |
| 07/12/25 | Louisiana Juvenile |
| 07/12/25 | Louisiana Classic – RG2 |
| 07/12/25 | Nag Nest Stakes |

3. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

a. Approval of amended officials for 2025 quarter horse meet

John Simon – Director of Racing Operations / Racing Secretary
 Danielle Birzer – Assistant Racing Secretary / Stakes Coordinator
 Freddie Carrier, Jr. – Association Steward
 Darby Jones – Clerk of Scales
 David Gordon – Head Clocker
 Jeremy Courville – Head Starter
 Melissa Dueitt – Horse Identifier
 Steve Nick – Jocks Room Custodian
 Baylee Istre – Outrider
 Dale Beaty – Outrider
 Adriana Vallejo – Outrider
 Becky Leblanc – Program Coordinator / Paddock Judge
 Christy Hatley – Claims Clerk
 *Laura Williams – Placing Judge
 *Savanna Hutson – Placing Judge
 Mohamed Alikhan – Placing Judge / Entry Clerk
 Jess Chance – Stall Superintendent
 Aaron Pelt – Track Superintendent
 **New Officials*

2025-2026 THOROUGHBRED MEET

4. LICENSE APPROVALS

a. Approval for 2025-2026 thoroughbred meet:

1. For 10-year license to own and operate a racetrack, per R.S. 4:158 & R.S. 4:214
2. For 10-year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 *et seq.*
3. To serve as concessionaire

5. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A) AND POST TIMES

a. Approval for 2025-2026 thoroughbred meet:

1. Thoroughbred racing on the flat
2. 76 thoroughbred dates (10/10/25 through 02/28/26)
 - October 10,11,15,16,17,18,22,23,24,25,29,30,31
 - November 1,5,6,7,8,12,13,14,15,19,20,21,22,25,26,28,29
 - December 3,4,5,6,10,11,12,13,17,18,19,20,22,23,29,30

January 2,3,7,8,9,10,14,15,16,17,21,22,23,24,28,29,30,31

February 4,5,6,7,11,12,13,14,18,19,20,21

3. Hold a minimum of 8 live thoroughbred races on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and a minimum of 9 live thoroughbred races on Fridays and Saturdays, with the exception of live racing on the following days:

Tuesday, November 25, 2025, Wednesday, November 26, 2025, Monday, December 22, 2025,

Tuesday, December 23, 2025, Monday, December 29, 2025, Tuesday, December 30, 2025

4. Dark – no live racing on the following days:

Tuesday, November 27, 2025, Wednesday, December 24, 2025, Thursday, December 25, 2025,

Friday, December 26, 2025, Saturday, December 27, 2025, Wednesday, December 31, 2025,

Thursday, January 1, 2026

5. Daily post time 4:45 PM with the following exceptions:

12:55 PM post time on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, Wednesday, November 26, 2025

12:00 PM post time on Monday, December 22, 2025, Tuesday, December 23, 2025,

Monday, December 29, 2025, Tuesday, December 30, 2025

6. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)

- a. **Approval** for wagering format for 2025-2026 thoroughbred meet:

1. \$1 WPS on all races

2. \$1 Rolling Daily Double beginning on Race 1

3. Exacta on all races

4. 50¢ Trifecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing* (§1115)

5. 10¢ Superfecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing* (§11701)

6. 50¢ Rolling Pick 3 beginning on Race 1

7. 50¢ Pick 4 on Races 2-5 & the last 4 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4

8. 50¢ Pick 5 on first 5 races & last 5 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4

B. THE OLD EVANGELINE DOWNS, LLC

d/b/a EVANGELINE DOWNS RACETRACK & CASINO

1. PROGRESS REPORT

- a. **Update** on infrastructure, escrow, and questions from the Commission.

2025 THOROUGHBRED MEET

2. RACES

- a. **Ratification** of first condition book for 2025 thoroughbred meet.

- b. **Ratification** of designated races for 2025 thoroughbred meet.

04/04/25 The Spotted Horse

04/04/25 Acadiana Stakes

04/05/25 Evangeline Mile

04/05/25 Lafayette Stakes

04/05/25 The Kenny Cotton Memorial

04/11/25 First Lady of Louisiana Sharon Landry Stakes

04/12/25 The Don Stemmans Memorial Stakes

05/02/25 EVD Distaff

05/02/25 Creole Lady

05/02/25 Cajun Miss

05/03/25 EVD Classic

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| 05/03/25 | King Creole |
| 05/03/25 | Ragin Cajun |
| 06/07/25 | Louisiana Legends Cheval |
| 06/07/25 | Louisiana Legends Soiree |
| 06/07/25 | Louisiana Legends Sprint |
| 06/07/25 | Louisiana Legends Mademoiselle |
| 06/07/25 | Louisiana Legends Turf Distaff |
| 06/07/25 | Louisiana Legends Turf |
| 07/05/25 | Opelousas Stakes |
| 07/05/25 | John Henry Stakes |
| 08/01/25 | D.S. Shine Young Futurity (Filly Division) (Restricted) |
| 08/01/25 | Louisiana Stallion Stakes (Filly Division) |
| 08/02/25 | D. S. Shine Young Futurity (Colts & Geldings Division) |
| 08/08/25 | Louisiana Stallion Stakes (Restricted) |
| 08/23/25 | Alabama Cotton State Stakes |

3. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

a. Approval of amended officials for 2025 thoroughbred meet

Tracey Coonce – Director of Racing Operations
 Corey Veazey – Racing Secretary
 Ashley Simon – Assistant Racing Secretary / Stakes Coordinator
 Frank Rudis – Steward (Representing Evangeline Downs)
 Mark Guidry – Steward (Representing Evangeline Downs)
 *Quantis Tezeno – Track Superintendent
 Ashley Courville – Stall Superintendent
 *Addison Lucero – Identifier
 Lily Daugherty – Paddock Judge
 Harvey Lourd, III – Clerk of Scales
 Damon Menard – Jockey Room Custodian
 Sandra Calais – Claims Clerk / Alternate Placing Judge
 Lacy Torres – Placing Judge
 Kaitlyn Jason – Placing Judge
 Myrinda Willis – Placing Judge
 Brett Poole – Clocker
 Ray Sibille – Clocker
 Joseph Savoy – Starter
 Jacob Deville – Outrider
 John Brouddard – Outrider
 Coplen Bouget – Outrider
 *New Officials

2025 QUARTER HORSE MEET

4. LICENSE APPROVALS

a. Approval for 2025 quarter horse meet:

1. For 10-year license to own and operate a racetrack, per R.S. 4:158 & R.S. 4:214
2. For 10-year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 *et seq.*
3. To serve as concessionaire

5. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A) AND POST TIMES

a. Approval for 2025 quarter horse meet:

1. Quarter horse racing on the flat
2. 46 quarter horse dates 10/01/25 through 12/20/25
 - October 1,2,3,4,8,9,10,11,15,16,17,18,22,23,24,25,29,30,31
 - November 1,5,6,7,8,12,13,14,15,19,20,21,22,28,29
 - December 3,4,5,6,10,11,12,13,17,18,19,20
3. Hold a minimum of 7 live quarter horse races daily.
4. Daily post time 5:35 PM

6. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)

a. Approval for wagering format for 2025 quarter horse meet:

1. WPS & Exacta on all races
2. Rolling Daily Double beginning with Race 1
3. Trifecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing* (§11115)
4. Rolling Pick 3 beginning with Race 2
5. Pick 4 on first 4 and last 4 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4
6. Superfecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing* (§11701)
7. Pick 5 on last 5 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4

C. CHURCHILL DOWNS LOUISIANA HORSERACING COMPANY, LLC

d/b/a FAIR GROUNDS RACE COURSE & SLOTS

1. PROGRESS REPORT

- a. Update** on infrastructure dates, timing for paddock renovations, escrow, and questions from the Commission.

2025-2026 THOROUGHBRED MEET

2. LICENSE APPROVALS

a. Approval for 2025-2026 thoroughbred meet:

1. For 10-year license to own and operate a racetrack, per R.S. 4:158 & R.S. 4:214
2. For 10-year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 *et seq.*
3. To serve as concessionaire

3. ASSIGNMENT OF RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A) AND POST TIMES

a. Assignment for 2025-2026 thoroughbred meet:

1. Thoroughbred racing on the flat
 2. 76 thoroughbred dates (11/20/25 through 03/22/26)
 - November 20,21,22,27,28,29
 - December 4,5,6,7,11,12,13,14,15,18,19,20,21,22,26,27,28,29
 - January 1,2,3,4,8,9,10,11,15,16,17,18,19,22,23,24,25,29,30,31
 - February 1,5,6,7,12,13,14,16,17
 - March 1,4,5,6,7,8,11,12,13,14,15,18,19,20,21,22
- *60 day ship in; bedding September 17-18; move-in September 19-21; training September 22

3. Hold a minimum of 9 live thoroughbred races daily.
4. No live racing on Sunday, February 15, 2026.
5. Daily post time 12:45 PM

4. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)

a. Assigned wagering format for 2025-2026 thoroughbred meet:

1. WPS and Exactas on all races
2. Trifectas and Superfectas on all races that qualify
3. Rolling Pick 3 beginning on Race 1
4. Rolling Daily Double beginning on Race 1
5. All-Stakes Pick 4 on specified stakes races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4
6. Pick 4 on specified stakes races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4
7. Pick 5 on specified stakes races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 1
8. Pick 6 on specified stakes races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 3

2025 QUARTER HORSE MEET (TO BE HELD AT DELTA DOWNS)

5. LICENSE APPROVALS

a. Approval for 2025 quarter horse meet:

1. For 10-year license to own and operate a racetrack, per R.S. 4:158 & R.S. 4:214
2. For 10-year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 *et seq.*
3. To serve as concessionaire

6. RACING DATES (R.S. 158A) AND POST TIMES

a. Approval for 2025 quarter horse meet:

1. Quarter horse racing on the flat
2. 15 quarter horse dates (7/24/25 through 8/30/25)

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| July | 24, 25, 26 |
| August | 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 |
3. Hold a minimum of 8 live quarter horse races on Thursdays, and a minimum of 9 live quarter horse races on Fridays and Saturdays
4. Dark – no live racing on the following days:

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| Thursday, July 31, 2025 |
| Friday, August 1, 2025 |
| Saturday, August 2, 2025 |
5. Daily post time 6:15 PM

7. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)

a. Approval for wagering format for 2025 quarter horse meet.

1. \$1 WPS on all races
2. Exacta on all races
3. 50¢ Trifecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing* (§1115)
4. 10¢ Superfecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing* (§11701)
5. 50¢ Rolling Pick 3 beginning on Race 1
6. 50¢ Pick 4 on Races 2-5 & the last 4 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4
7. 50¢ Pick 5 on first 5 races & last 5 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4
8. \$1 Rolling Daily Double beginning on Race 1

8. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS, & MANAGEMENT

a. Approval of officials for 2025 quarter horse meet

John Simon – Director of Racing Operations / Racing Secretary
 Danielle Birzer – Assistant Racing Secretary / Stakes Coordinator
 Freddie Carrier, Jr. – Association Steward
 Jeff Jerman – Association Steward
 Darby Jones – Clerk of Scales
 David Gordon – Head Clocker
 Jeremy Courville – Head Starter
 Melissa Dueitt – Horse Identifier
 Steve Nick – Jocks Room Custodian
 Baylee Istre – Outrider
 Dale Beaty – Outrider
 Adriana Vallejo – Outrider
 Becky Leblanc – Program Coordinator / Paddock Judge
 Christy Hatley – Claims Clerk
 *Laura Williams – Placing Judge
 *Savanna Hutson – Placing Judge
 Mohamed Alikhan – Placing Judge / Entry Clerk
 Jess Chance – Stall Superintendent
 Aaron Pelt – Track Superintendent
 *New Officials

b. **Approval** of Bobby Granger to serve as State Steward for 2025 quarter horse meet.

D. LOUISIANA DOWNS INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC

d/b/a/ LOUISIANA DOWNS CASINO & RACETRACK

1. PROGRESS REPORT

a. **Update** on infrastructure, escrow, and questions from the Commission.

2025 THOROUGHBRED MEET

2. REQUEST BY LOUISIANA DOWNS INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC TO AMEND RACING DATES APPROVED ON OCTOBER 17, 2024 (R.S. 4:158A) TO REMOVE 16 RACE DAYS TOTAL (changes highlighted and in bold)

a. **Approval** for amended 2025 thoroughbred meet:

1. Thoroughbred racing on the flat

2. ~~70-60~~ thoroughbred race dates **(05/03/25 through 09/25/23 05/01/25 through 09/27/25)**

May 3, **4**, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 17, **18**, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27

June 1, 2, 3, 7, **8**, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30

July 1, 4, 5, **6**, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30

August 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 30

September 1, 2, **3**, 6, 8, 9, **10**, 15, 16, **17, 18**, 22, 23, **24, 25**

3. Hold minimum of 7 live thoroughbred races daily

4. Daily post time 4:05 PM with the following exceptions:

2:35 PM post time on Saturday, May 3, 2025

3:35 PM post time on Monday, May 26, 2025, Saturday, May 30, 2025, Saturday, September 6, 2025

3. REQUEST BY LOUISIANA DOWNS INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC TO AMEND WAGERING APPROVED ON AUGUST 26, 2024 (R.S. 4:158A)

a. Approval for amended wagering format for 2025 thoroughbred meet:

1. \$1 WPS and Exactas on all races
2. \$1 Rolling Daily Double beginning on Race 1
3. 50¢ Trifecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing*
4. 10¢ Superfecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing*
5. 50¢ Rolling Pick 3 beginning with Race 1
6. 50¢ Pick 4 Races 1-4 and Races 4-7 using Pick N Wagering Method Number 1
7. 50¢ Pick 5 on last 5 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 1

4. RACES

a. Approval of first condition book for 2025 thoroughbred meet.

b. Approval of designated races for 2025 thoroughbred meet.

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| 06/22/25 | Yellow Hammer |
| 08/30/25 | Louisiana Cup Juvenile |
| 08/30/25 | Louisiana Cup Juvenile Fillies |
| 08/30/25 | Louisiana Cup Sprint |
| 08/30/25 | Louisiana Cup Filly and Mare Sprint |
| 08/30/25 | Louisiana Cup Distaff |
| 09/06/25 | Super Derby |

5. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS, & MANAGEMENT

a. Approval of officials for 2025 thoroughbred meet:

Roxanne Tanner – Director of Racing
 *Stuart Slagle – Racing Secretary
 Jordan Jerman – Assistant Racing Secretary / Horse Identifier
 *Theodore “Teddy” Armstrong – Paddock Judge
 Whitney Pellerito – Program Coordinator / Claims Clerk
 Cherie Hurlbutt – Placing Judge / Head Clocker
 Kenneth Loggins – Placing Judge / Entry Clerk
 Koleen Karlin – Placing Judge / Entry Clerk
 TBD – Assistant Clocker
 Gilbert Ortiz – Clerk of Scales
 Gary Powers – Jocks Room Custodian
 Donna Bosco – Photo Finish
 Jimmy Cordell – Starter
 Natalie Ardoin – Stall Superintendent
 Melvin Holland – Association Steward
 Charles T. McGee – Association Steward
 Kevin Melancon – Outrider
 *Esau “Dallas” Hernandez – Outrider
 *Tavis Smith – Outrider

Billy McKeever – Track Superintendent
**New Official*

b. Approval of David Wedlake to serve as State Steward for 2025 thoroughbred meet.

II. HBPA UPDATE

- A. LOUISIANA HORSEMEN’S BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION (LaHBPA)**
 - 1. PROGRESS REPORT**

III. BREEDER UPDATES

- A. LOUISIANA THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (LTBA)**
 - 1. PROGRESS REPORT**
- B. LOUISIANA QUARTER HORSE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (LQHBA)**
 - 1. PROGRESS REPORT**

IV. RULES

- A. DISCUSSION/NOTICE OF INTENT**
 - 1. LAC 35:XI. Chapter 99 – Claiming Rule
 - §9914. Voided and Voidable Claims [AMEND]
- B. FORMAL ADOPTION:**
 - 1. LAC 46:XLI. Chapter 7 – Jockeys and Jockey Apprentices
 - §725. Jockey Fee Schedule [AMEND]

V. OTHER

- A. ANNUAL RENEWAL OF TRAINING TRACK APPLICATIONS**
 - 1. **Review** of applications for training track licenses pursuant to LAC 46: XLI.1903-1907.
 - a. The Training Center at Copper Crowne, LLC**
 - b. Folsom Thoroughbred Training Center Owners Association, Inc.**
 - c. Louisiana Downs Investment Company, LLC**

VI. LICENSE APPROVAL

- A. REQUEST FOR LICENSE APPROVAL (LA. REV. STAT. 4:150(B))**

1. **Cecil Barrett**
Seeking approval of owner/trainer's license.

VII. ADJUDICATIONS

A. REFUSAL TO ABIDE BY STEWARDS' ORDER

1. **Churchill Downs Louisiana Horseracing Company, LLC**
d/b/a Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots
Continued from February 13, 2025 Commission Meeting.

B. DISQUALIFICATION APPEAL

1. **Jonas Gibson, Owner/Trainer**

C. VIOLATIONS OF LAC § 35:I.1797 (Equine Positives)

1. **Keith Bourgeois, Trainer** *(Adjudication Appealed)*
Ruling #ED 25637 of 10/25/24 Hydromorphone (ARCI Category I)
Continued from February 13, 2025 Commission Meeting.
2. **Guillermo Martinez, Trainer** *(Adjudication Referred)*
Ruling #LD 25822 of 02/20/25 Phenylbutazone (ARCI Category IV)
3rd Violation in 12 Month Period

D. VIOLATION OF LA. R. S. § 35:I.9901 (Claiming a Horse)

1. **Areli Gutierrez, Owner** *(Adjudication Referred & Appealed)*
Ruling #DD 25639 of 10/29/24 Claiming Violation
Continued from February 13, 2025 Commission Meeting.

E. VIOLATIONS OF LA. R. S. § 4:175 & LAC § 35:I.1705, *et seq.* (Electrical Device)

1. **Marlon Del-Cid, Jockey** *(Adjudication Referred & Appealed)*
Ruling #LD 25434 of 06/19/24 Possession of Electrical Device
Continued from February 13, 2025 Commission Meeting.
2. **Martin Osuna, Jockey** *(Adjudication Referred & Appealed)*
Ruling #ED 25706 of 12/04/24 Impermissible Conduct
Continued from February 13, 2025 Commission Meeting.

F. VIOLATION OF LAC § 35:I.303 (Impermissible Conduct)

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| 1. Bobby Ransom, Jockey Ruling #ED25733 of 12/18/24 | <i>(Adjudication Referred)</i> Impermissible Conduct |
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G. VIOLATION OF LAC § 35:III.2111 (Powers)

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| 1. Jose Herbert, Jockey Ruling #LD 25844 of 03/09/25 | <i>(Adjudication Referred)</i> Failure to Put Forth Best Effort |
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H. VIOLATION OF LAC § 46:I.529 (Conditions of License)

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| 1. Joseph M. Davis, Owner/Trainer Ruling #DD 25767 of 01/16/25 | <i>(Adjudication Referred & Appealed)</i> Falsification of a License |
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VIII. ADJOURNMENT



Stephen Landry
Executive Director