

LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION
MINUTES – January 18, 2022 Meeting
As transcribed by Mary E. Lee DiLeo, Certified Court Reporter

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Benjamin J. Guilbeau, Jr., *Chairman*
Louis Reine, *First Vice Chair*
Dr. Patrick Bernard, *Second Vice Chair*
Leslie M. Bouie
Thomas B. Calvert
Lane T. Cortez
K. R. "Ron" Finkelstein, O.D.
Roy Griggs
Peter J. Hamilton III
Mike R. McHalfey
Deano Thornton

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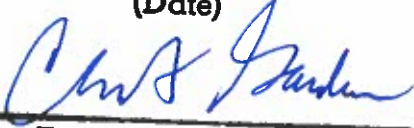
Donald "Don" Cravins
Eddie J. Delahoussaye

APPROVED

At the Commission Meeting of

4/26/2022

(Date)



Executive Director
Louisiana State Racing Commission

The meeting of the Louisiana State Racing Commission (LSRC) was called to order by the Chairman on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 10:00 AM in Mojo's Sports Bar at Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino, 2235 Creswell Lane Extension, Opelousas, LA and on Zoom Conference Call. Roll call was taken; a quorum was present.

Commissioner Bernard motions to approve the meeting minutes from the October 26, 2021, November 19, 2021, and December 13, 2021 meetings; Commissioner McHalfey seconds; motion carries.

I. ASSOCIATION REQUESTS

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

1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by Mr. Chris Warren, Director of Racing. Mr. Warren informs that Delta Downs' 84-day 2021-2022 Thoroughbred Meet started on October 13, 2021, which have all been daytime race cards. He states that their live handle is flat, bet-in handle is down 16%, and simulcast handle is up 96%. He says that Louisiana Premier Day will take place on February 5, 2022 starting at Noon. He informs that Cooper Lighting Systems, Edwards Electric Service, and Yates Construction have been checking and refining the track lighting to fix shadowing issues and requests that the Commission to extend daytime racing until they reach an agreement with the jockeys on their track lighting.

Commissioner Calvert asks what specific lighting problem is holding up night racing. Mr. Steve Kuypers, Vice President and General Manager of Delta Downs, responds that the lighting experts have been adjusting the brightness of each light at each pole to fix issues of uneven brightness and shadows in different parts of the track to make the lighting consistent for safety of human and equine athletes.

Commissioner Reine motions to extend approval for daytime racing at Delta Downs for 60 days, with the caveats per Commissioner Calvert that if the lighting issue is not resolved by the next Commission Meeting, then Delta Downs must bring a representative of their lighting experts to field questions and that Delta Downs must submit the full expert lighting report within 15 days; Commissioner Calvert seconds; motion carries.

2022 QUARTER HORSE MEET

2. STEWARD

a. **Approval** of Tom Davis to serve as state steward for 2022 quarter horse meet.

Commissioner Bernard motions to approve; Commissioner Finkelstein seconds; motion carries.

B. THE OLD EVANGELINE DOWNS, LLC

d/b/a EVANGELINE DOWNS RACETRACK & CASINO

1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by Mr. Chris Warren, Director of Racing. Mr. Warren informs that Evangeline Downs' 53-day 2021 Quarter Horse Meet ended on December 30, 2021. He says that total handle is up 23% and live handle is up 4% compared to last year's 36-day quarter horse meet and that there were two days this meet with over \$1,000,000 in handle, which hasn't been done before in a quarter horse meet at Evangeline Downs. He states that Evangeline Downs' 84-day 2022 Thoroughbred Meet will start on April 6, 2022. He informs that the backside bathroom updates from a few months ago were well received and the turf camera towers are in progress to be installed before the upcoming meet. He says that they will send track surface samples to Dr. Mick Peterson, Executive Director of the Racing Surfaces Testing Laboratory, for analysis and input.

2022 THOROUGHBRED MEET

2. STEWARD

a. **Approval** of Charles Ashy, Jr. to serve as state steward for 2022 thoroughbred meet.

Commissioner Reine motions to approve; Commissioner Bernard seconds; motion carries.

C. CHURCHILL DOWNS LOUISIANA HORSERACING COMPANY, LLC

d/b/a FAIR GROUNDS RACE COURSE & SLOTS

1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by Mr. Jason Boulet, Senior Director of Racing. Mr. Boulet informs that Fair Grounds' handle is down 11.9% from last year but it is trending up 7% from the 2019-2020 thoroughbred meet. He states that their video poker and slots revenue has been up and allowed them to increase purses 15% across the board. He says that their entries per race is currently 8.9 versus 10.4 last year, their starters per race is 7.6 versus 8.3 last year, and they have run 8-race cards three times this year, which all demonstrates their struggle to fill races with the declining horse population and overlapping race days with Delta Downs. He informs that Fair Grounds will feature the Lecomte Stakes race as one of 6 stakes races out of a 14-race card on January 22, 2022. He says that the racing quality of the day, especially featuring the rematch between Mandaloun and Midnight Bourbon, should produce a substantial handle. He states that they will hold exotic racing on January 29, 2022, which should bring a large crowd.

Mr. Boulet informs that they are anticipating Jazz Fest to happen as scheduled and that their new permanent, digital tote board should be installed right after Jazz Fest ends. He states that they will be getting wash stations constructed on the backside as part of their agreement to comply with Environmental Protection Agency requirements. He

says that they are designing two new barns to be constructed to replace the ones destroyed during Hurricane Ida.

Commissioner Bernard asks how their starters per race compares with the national average. Mr. Boulet responds that Fair Grounds is a little lower than the national average, which is about 8 starters per race. Commissioner Reine asks if Fair Grounds has communicated with the Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (LaHBPA) about independent racing surface evaluation. Mr. Boulet responds that Fair Grounds already gets Dr. Peterson to perform racing surface sample testing in compliance with LaHBPA's request. Commissioner Bouie asks how much advertising Fair Grounds does to attract locals to its events. Mr. Boulet responds that they have gone back to heavy marketing in the last six months, especially through ads and contests on social media.

Commissioner Calvert asks about the status of Fair Grounds concessions and clubhouse service. Mr. Boulet responds that Fair Grounds has struggled with pandemic-related staffing issues but that the clubhouse will be open this weekend in anticipation of the exotic races drawing large crowds and definitely will be open for all special event days with Messina's Catering supplying food. He says that all the concession stands in the facility are available and that they will work on bringing back the oyster bar. Commissioners Calvert and Bouie suggest looking into partnerships with existing food vendors. Commissioner Calvert asks if Fair Grounds has any pending legislation for the upcoming legislative session regarding reducing race dates. Mr. Boulet responds that he is not aware of any Fair Grounds-backed legislation at this time but that they are looking to work with the Commission, LaHBPA, and other tracks to deal with issues like race day overlapping and lack of horse population.

Mr. Benard Chatters, President of LaHBPA, informs that the horsemen absolutely oppose any reduction in race dates because that takes away money-earning opportunities while horsemen's expenses are on the rise. Commissioner Calvert asks how LaHBPA would respond to racing fans of the mindset that the current minimum racing requirements allows for terrible horse racing with low level of horsemanship. Mr. Chatters responds that while high-class racing is important, so is the lower class horse races to allow for finding the best horses and to allow for earning opportunities for the large Louisiana horse racing community that shorter boutique meets would not support. Mr. John Duvieilh, Attorney for LaHBPA, says that there are horses stalled at Fair Grounds who are not running in races who should be and that purse increases from historical horse race wagering should help fill race cards without decreasing race days.

2021-2022 THOROUGHBRED MEET

2. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

- a. **Ratification** of Charles Ashy, Jr. to serve as state steward for 2021-2022 thoroughbred meet.

Commissioner Reine motions to approve; Commissioner McHalfey seconds; motion carries.

- b. **Ratification** of *Stuart Slagle to serve as Entry Clerk/Placing Judge for 2021-2022 thoroughbred meet.

**new official*

Commissioner Reine motions to approve; Commissioner Bernard seconds; motion carries.

**D. HARRAH'S BOSSIER CITY INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC
d/b/a HARRAH'S LOUISIANA DOWNS**

1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by *Mr. David Heitzmann, Director of Racing*. Mr. Heitzmann informs that Louisiana Downs' 2022 Quarter Horse Meet started on January 10, 2022. He states that 820 quarter horses are currently stabled on the backside and that they are expecting 200 to 250 more 2-year-olds to move in the next couple of weeks. He says that handle was flat for opening week but there was a 29% increase in handle year-to-year on January 17, 2022. He informs that they housed an average of 225 thoroughbreds from 27 different trainers during their winter break. He says that he has received positive feedback about the racing surface being consistent.

Mr. Kevin Preston, President of Louisiana Downs, informs that his team power washed the entire facility and performed maintenance and repairs to the tote board, winner's circle, and paddock area. He says that they are planning to make improvements to the kitchen, security areas, offices, laundry areas, and living quarters on the backside. He announces that they are planning to back Super Derby Day. He introduces Mr. Frank Kersh, General Manager of Louisiana Downs. He states that they will tour potential OTB sites next week and hope to have their temporary Sports Book opened for March Madness. He says that they have put up racing-focused billboards around town and are working on two new restaurants.

2022 QUARTER HORSE MEET

2. **RACES**
 - a. **Ratification** of first condition book for 2022 quarter horse meet.
 - b. **Ratification** of designated races for 2022 quarter horse meet as provided in Meeting Agenda.
3. **STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT**
 - a. **Ratification** of officials for 2022 quarter horse meet as provided in Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Reine motions to approve Items #1 and #2; Commissioner Bernard seconds; motion carries.

II. BREEDER UPDATES

A. LOUISIANA THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (LTBA)

1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by *Mr. Roger Heitzmann, Executive Director*. Mr. Heitzmann informs that LTBA believes the current Louisiana Legislature will give great support for Louisiana racing and breeding. He says that several new established stallions have moved to Louisiana. He states that they will be mailing their ballots for horse of the year and are proud to be the only state in the country that pays out-of-state breeder's awards. He informs that their next big event is Premier Day at Delta Downs is coming up and hopes it does as well as Louisiana Champions Day did at Fair Grounds.

B. LOUISIANA QUARTER HORSE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (LQHBA)

1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by *Mr. Bruce Salard, Executive Director*. Mr. Salard informs that the Mardi Gras Futurity at Louisiana Downs has 50 more nominations than the race has ever had and the Louisiana Downs Futurity has 110 eligible horses, which exceeded expectations. He states that two Louisiana stallions were in the top ten earners in the country, one of which produced a national champion. He says that a Louisiana farm owner was named the national champion breeder.

Commissioner Bernard asks if LQHBA required hair testing for horses racing at the recent futurity at Evangeline Downs. Mr. Salard responds that they didn't since their approval for futurity hair testing from the Commission doesn't take effect until the upcoming Delta Downs meet.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. MEDICATION COMMITTEE, by Committee Chair Patrick Bernard

No Report.

B. RULES COMMITTEE, by Committee Chair Lane T. Cortez

Commissioner Cortez informs that the Rules Committee met to consider the rules for discussion that will be taken up later in the meeting.

C. LEGAL COMMITTEE, by Committee Chair Thomas B. Calvert

Commissioner Calvert informs that the Legal Committee is monitoring developments regarding the search for an official independent testing laboratory and constitutionality challenges to the Horseracing Safety and Integrity Authority (HISA).

D. SECURITY COMMITTEE, by Committee Chair Louis Reine

Commissioner Reine thanks the State Police for their increased security presence at the \$1,000,000 LQHBA Louisiana Million Futurity at Evangeline Downs.

E. RACETRACK/HBPA LIAISON COMMITTEE, by Committee Chair Donald "Don" Cravins

No Report.

F. FINANCE COMMITTEE, by Committee Chair Leslie Bouie

No Report.

G. RACING DAYS COMMITTEE, by Committee Chair Mike R. McHalfey

Commissioner McHalfey informs that the Racing Days Committee will meet briefly after this meeting concludes and invites anyone interested to attend.

IV. RULES

A. DISCUSSION/NOTICES OF INTENT:

1. LAC 35:VII Chapter 89 – "Whips" as provided in Meeting Agenda.
2. LAC 35:XI Chapter 99 – "Claiming Rule" as provided in Meeting Agenda.
3. LAC 46:XLI Chapter 3 – "Trainer" as provided in Meeting Agenda.

Mr. Terry Meyocks, President and CEO of Jockeys' Guild, requests the Commission to reconsider the penalties in §8902 to be more commensurate with the purse structures at the racetracks.

Commissioner Reine motions to edit Subsection C of §8902 to include the word "or" after "warning"; Commissioner Bernard seconds; motion carries.

Mr. Ed Fenasci, Executive Director of LaHBPA, states that the LaHBPA Board would like more time to discuss all these rule change considerations. He says that there should be consideration of different treatment under §8902 for quarter horse versus thoroughbred racing.

Commissioner Bouie recommends that the Commission defer all of the rules under consideration for all parties to review further. Commissioner Cortez requests that interested parties put any of their input on these rules in writing to the Commission for consideration. The Chairman informs that the Commission will bring these rules back up at the Commission Meeting in April after consideration of any further written comments.

V. OTHER

A. HISA LASIX OPT OUT

1. **Discussion** of opting out of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority's Lasix ban for Louisiana racetracks.

Commissioner Cortez informs that HISA will allow individual jurisdictions to request to opt out of its Lasix ban during the first three years of the legislation, except in the case of horses in stakes races and races with 2-year-olds.

B. ALBUTEROL BAN

1. **Discussion** of an effective date for enforcement of the ban on Albuterol in quarter horses per LAC 35:I.1506 "Permitted Medications in Quarter Horses".

The Chairman motions that the Commission and LSU Equine Medical Surveillance Laboratory will begin enforcement of the Albuterol ban per §1506 starting on April 17, 2022 with notice of this enforcement date to be posted in every racing office and in all quarter horse condition books and that all state and accredited vets be made aware of the enforcement date; Commissioner Reine seconds; motion carries.

C. LAHBPA REQUESTS

1. **Discussion** of LaHBPA's request to end LSRC's piroplasmosis testing.

Mr. Chatters states that the LaHBPA wants to end the requirement of piroplasmosis testing because it is onerous and costs extra money for horsemen when there are no piroplasmosis issues in Louisiana.

Dr. Matt Cooley, Equine Medical Director of LSRC, informs that horses that test positive for piroplasmosis have the two options of either being euthanized immediately or being sent back to their home states for treatment. He states that piroplasmosis is currently not a problem in Louisiana because of annual testing. He says that the only positives come from out-of-state horses and that piroplasmosis is endemic in South Texas, from where many horses ship-in, so testing is imperative to keep from potential outbreaks in Louisiana. He informs that there were many piroplasmosis outbreaks the last time LSRC lifted testing. He states that the Louisiana Department of Agriculture takes over once positives are identified and have quarantined positive horses and the barns and parts of the racetrack those horses have been in a burdensome manner. He recommends that piroplasmosis testing continue.

Commissioner Calvert asks how much the test costs each year. Dr. Cooley responds it costs about \$25 on average. Commissioner Bernard informs that the practice at which he used to work charge \$62 per test.

Commissioner Hamilton asks Mr. Chatters to elaborate on what other states are doing about piroplasmiasis. Mr. Chatters informs that Texas only requires tests for Arabian horses and that Florida only requires tests for horses from outside the country. He states that the cost of the test ranges from \$60 to \$100 at the racetracks.

Commissioner Bernard states that he is in favor of keeping piroplasmiasis testing, though he could see keeping the requirement for quarter horses and ending the requirement for thoroughbreds to see how that works. Mr. Fenasci says that LaHBPA would probably support Commissioner Bernard's suggestion. Dr. Cooley states that he would expect outbreaks in thoroughbreds without testing.

The Chairman requests to get the position of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture on piroplasmiasis testing and to get the number of Texas piroplasmiasis positives, if any, from the Texas Racing Commission. He states that the Commission will discuss and possibly take action on this at the April Commission Meeting.

- 2. Discussion** of LaHBPA's request to require an independent track surface expert's evaluation prior to the start of race meets.

Mr. Duvieilh informs that inconsistency of racetrack surfaces leads to race horse breakdowns. He requests on behalf of LaHBPA that the racing associations hire a uniform track surface expert, with the Commission's approval, to analyze and submit reports in regard to what upkeep and repairs need to be done for their racing surfaces prior the the start of any race meet.

The Chairman requests that the LaHBPA submit proposed policy and procedures that it specifically wants in writing within 30 days for further discussion and approval.

D. HHR IMPLEMENTATION

- 1. Approval** to designate Gaming Laboratories International, LLC as the Commission's independent testing laboratory for Historical Horse Racing operations in Louisiana.

Commissioner Reine motions to approve; Commissioners Bernard and Bouie second; motion carries.

- 2. Approval** of the following Licensing Fees as provided in Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Bouie motions to approve; Commissioner Bernard seconds; motion carries.

- 3. Approval** of HHR Wagering Accounts to have the ability to be funded directly from mobile devices and through various advance-deposit account funding mechanisms, whether it be through credit card, bank, or attendant or kiosk at association locations.

Commissioner Calvert motions to approve; Commissioner McHalfey seconds; motion carries.

- 4. Approval** of Technical Amendments.

The Chairman and Commissioner Reine request to defer action pending the amendments being circulated to representatives of the racing associations for review.

- 5. **Approval of Delegation of Authority to LSRC Executive Director to enter into Memoranda of Understanding with other racing jurisdictions to share HHR investigative findings, documents, and materials.**

Commissioner Reine motions to approve; Commissioner Bouie seconds; motion carries.

A 10-minute recess is taken.

The Chairman informs that the Commission needs to set official starting dates for the Waiver Claiming Rule, officially known as LAC 35:XI.9902 "Declaring a Horse Ineligible to be Claimed at Time of Entry", to take effect.

Commissioner Reine motions §9902 to take effect starting on April 6, 2022 at Evangeline Downs, starting on April 29, 2022 at Delta Downs, starting on May 7, 2022 at Louisiana Downs, and starting on the first race day of Fair Grounds' 2022-2023 Thoroughbred Meet; Commissioner Bernard seconds; motion carries.

VI. LICENSE APPROVALS

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

- 1. **JeMarcus L. Anderson, Owner.** Convicted felon.

Commissioner Hamilton motions to approve Mr. Anderson for Licensure as Owner; Commissioner Bouie seconds; motion carries with sole opposition from Commissioner Calvert.

B. REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF SENTENCE/REINSTATEMENT

- 1. **Jonas Gibson, Trainer.** Seeking reduction of suspension/reinstatement of license.

Attorney – Kyle M. Robinson, Esq.

After considering the evidence, testimony of witnesses and oral arguments, the Commission continues this request to the next in-person Commission Meeting.

VII. ADJUDICATIONS

A. CARELESS RIDING APPEAL (LA. REV. STAT. 4:154)

- 1. **Guadalupe A. Lucio, Jr., Jockey.**

Ruling#ED24559 of 10/18/21 – *Careless Riding.*

Appeal Withdrawn. Mr. Lucio not present for hearing. Commissioner Reine motions to suspend Mr. Lucio for 7 calendar days from January 26, 2022 through January 29, 2022 and January 31, 2022 through February 2, 2022.; if Mr. Lucio participates in a designated race day not subject to suspension, he shall be required to make up the suspension day on the first race day after the designated day of racing; Commissioner Bernard seconds; motion carries.

B. APPEAL OF STEWARDS' DISQUALIFICATION**LAC 35:V.7901, et. seq (Right to the Track; Swerve; Disqualification of Offending Horse)****1. Ronnie P. Ward, Trainer.**

Appeal of Stewards' decision to *disqualify* G-Kate in the 6th race on December 9, 2021 at Delta Downs.

Attorney – John L. Duvieilh, Esq.

Commissioners motion to Poll Vote whether to overturn the stewards' ruling; Poll Vote conducted by Mr. Gardiner, in which Yea means to grant Mr. Ward's appeal to overturn the stewards' ruling and Nay means to deny Mr. Ward's appeal and uphold the stewards' ruling; 2 – Yea, 6 – Nay, 1 - Abstain; motion carries to uphold Stewards' disqualification of G-Kate in the 6th race of 12/9/21 at Delta Downs.

C. VIOLATIONS OF LAC 35:I.1797 (Equine Positives)**1. Hector R. Alcalá, Trainer.** *(Adjudications Referred & Appealed)*

Ruling#DD24383 of 06/16/21 as provided in Meeting Agenda.

Ruling#DD24384 of 06/16/21 as provided in Meeting Agenda.

Ruling#DD24385 of 06/16/21 as provided in Meeting Agenda.

Ruling#DD24386 of 06/16/21 as provided in Meeting Agenda.

Ruling#DD24387 of 06/16/21 as provided in Meeting Agenda.

Attorney – Edmond L. Guidry, III, Esq.

Commissioner Bernard motions to uphold Stewards' Rulings DD24383, DD24384, DD24385, DD24386, and DD24387, amend Mr. Alcalá's suspension from 6 months for all rulings concurrently to 5 years total (1 year for each ruling, consecutively) effective January 19, 2022 through January 18, 2027, and redistribute the purse. Mr. Alcalá will be denied access to all racetracks, off-track wagering facilities and recognized training tracks under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana State Racing Commission; Commissioner Cortez seconds; motion carries with sole opposition from Commissioner Bouie.

2. Adrian E. Huitron, Trainer. *(Adjudications Referred)*

Ruling#ED24426 of 07/09/21 – Boldenone (ARCI Category III)

Ruling#ED24427 of 07/09/21 – Boldenone (ARCI Category III)

Ruling#ED24428 of 07/09/21 – Boldenone (ARCI Category III)

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Attorney – Edmond L. Guidry, III, Esq.

Commissioner Calvert motions to uphold Stewards' Rulings ED24426, ED24427, ED24428, amend Mr. Huitron's suspension from 180 days (60 days for each ruling, consecutively) to 240 days total (credit for time served beginning July 9, 2021), effective July 9, 2021 through March 5, 2022, and redistribute the purses. Mr. Huitron will be denied access to all racetracks, off-track wagering facilities and recognized training tracks under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana State Racing Commission; Commissioner Bernard seconds; motion carries.

3. Eric J. Long, Trainer. *(Adjudication Appealed)*

Ruling#LD24326 of 05/08/21 – Clenbuterol (ARCI Category III)

Mr. Long not present for hearing. Chairman motions to dismiss the Appeal for failure of appellant to attend Commission Meeting; Commissioner Bernard seconds; motion carries.

4. **Barbara J. Alcantara, Trainer.** (*Adjudications Appealed*)
 Ruling#ED24616 of 11/18/21 – *Boldenone (ARCI Category III)*
 Ruling#ED24640 of 12/08/21 – *Ractopamine (ARCI Category II)*
Boldenone (ARCI Category III)

Commissioner Calvert motions to uphold Stewards' Ruling ED24616, suspend Ms. Alcantara for 60 days, effective January 19, 2022 through March 19, 2022, and redistribute the purse; also to uphold Stewards' Ruling ED24640; amend Ms. Alcantara's suspension from 6 months to 1 year, effective March 20, 2022 through March 19, 2023, and redistribute the purse; Ms. Alcantara will be suspended for a total of 1 year and 60 days, effective from January 19, 2022 through March 19, 2023, with all purses redistributed; Ms. Alcantara will be denied access to all racetracks, off-track wagering facilities and recognized training tracks under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana State Racing Commission; Commissioner Bernard seconds; motion carries.

**D. VIOLATIONS OF LAC 35:I.1705, et seq. (Electrical Devices),
 LA. REV. STAT. 4:175(E) (Electrical Device & Willful Pulling of Reins),
 & LAC 46:XLI.739 (Rider Wagering)**

1. **Billy C. Patin, Jockey.** (*Adjudications Referred*)
 Ruling#ED21282 of 8/14/15 – Electrical Device
 Ruling#ED21305 of 8/28/15 – Pulling of Reins & Rider Wagering

Attorney – Aaron W. Guidry, Esq.

Commissioner Calvert motions to uphold Stewards' Rulings ED21282 and ED21305, redistribute the purses, and amend Mr. Patin's suspension from 1 year total (6 months for each ruling) to a lifetime ban from licensure as a Jockey in Louisiana; Commissioner Bouie seconds; motion carries.

2. **Joseph W. Patin, Jr., Jockey.** (*Adjudications Referred*)
 Ruling#ED21280 of 8/14/15 – Electrical Device
 Ruling#ED21281 of 8/14/15 – Electrical Device
 Ruling#ED21304 of 8/28/15 – Pulling of Reins & Rider Wagering

Cases continued to the next in-person Commission Meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioners motion to adjourn; Commissioners second; motion carries.

Charles A. Gardiner III
 Executive Director