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LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION

AMENDED MEETING NOTICE

THE LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025 AT 10:00 AM IN THE BLACK GOLD ROOM OF FAIR GROUNDS RACE COURSE & SLOTS, 1751 GENTILLY BOULEVARD, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON ONLY.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 29, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

I. ASSOCIATION REQUESTS/REPORTS

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

1. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING TRACK MATTERS

2025 QUARTER HORSE MEET

2. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

- a. Approval of new officials and their resumes:
Christy Hatley – Assistant Racing Secretary
DeAnna Lyn M. Wahl – Placing Judge

B. THE OLD EVANGELINE DOWNS, LLC

d/b/a EVANGELINE DOWNS RACETRACK & CASINO

1. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING TRACK MATTERS

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:

10/04/25	EvD Dash
10/10/25	Amelia Belle
10/11/25	Opelousas RG3
10/18/25	Races and Aces
11/21/25	Trials for the EvD Futurity
11/22/25	Trials for the EvD Derby
11/28/25	Trials for the Louisiana Million Futurity
11/29/25	Trials for the LQHBA Breeders Derby
12/20/25	EvD Derby
12/20/25	LQHBA Breeders Derby RG3
12/20/25	EvD Futurity GR2
12/20/25	LQHBA Louisiana Million – RG1

12/20/25	LQHBA Louisiana Million Invitational
12/20/25	EvD 870 Stakes
12/20/25	The EvD Juvenile Stakes
12/20/25	Louisiana Champions Day Juvenile RG2
12/20/25	LQHBA Breeders Oaks
12/20/25	Louisiana Champions Day Derby RG3
12/20/25	Louisiana Champions Day Classic RG2
12/20/25	Leverne Perry Stakes

**C. CHURCHILL DOWNS LOUISIANA HORSERACING COMPANY, LLC
d/b/a FAIR GROUNDS RACE COURSE & SLOTS**

1. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING TRACK MATTERS

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

a. Approval for 2025-2026 thoroughbred meet:

1. Thoroughbred racing on the flat.
2. 70 thoroughbred dates (11/20/25 through 03/22/26) with the possibility of 2 additional race days (03/09/26 & 03/16/26):
 November 20,21,22,27,28,29
 December 4,5,6,7,11,12,13,14,18,19,20,21,26,27,28
 January 1,2,3,4,8,9,10,11,15,16,17,18,19,22,23,24,25,29,30,31
 February 1,5,6,7,12,13,14,16,17,19,20,21,22,26,27,28
 March 1,5,6,7,8,*9,12,13,14,15,*16,19,20,21,22
3. Hold a minimum of 8 live thoroughbred races daily.
4. Daily post time 12:45 PM with the following exceptions:
 12:00 PM post time on Thursday, November 27, 2025, Saturday, January 17, 2026,
 Saturday, February 14, 2026, Saturday, March 21, 2026.
 3:00 PM post time on Saturday, March 14, 2026.

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

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

1. \$1 WPS & Exacta on all races.
2. 50¢ Trifecta on all qualifying races.
3. 10¢ Superfecta on all qualifying races.
4. \$1 Rolling Daily Double beginning on Race 1.
5. 50¢ Rolling Pick 3 beginning on Race 1.
6. 50¢ All-Stakes Pick 4 on specified stakes races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4.
7. 50¢ Pick 4 on specified races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4.
8. 50¢ Pick 5 on specified races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 1.

b. Approval of new Pick 6 wagering format for 2025-2026 thoroughbred meet.

5. RACES

a. Approval of first condition book for 2025-2026 thoroughbred meet.

b. Approval of designated races for 2025-2026 thoroughbred meet:

11/20/25	John Valene Memorial Stakes
11/20/25	Joseph R. Peluso Memorial Stakes
11/21/25	Donovan L. Ferguson Memorial Stakes
11/22/25	Jacob V. Morreale Memorial Stakes
11/22/25	Andrew Ney Memorial Stakes
11/22/25	Delmar R. Caldwell Memorial Stakes
11/27/25	Thanksgiving Classic
11/29/25	Pan Zareta Stakes
12/12/25	The Magic City Classic (AL Bred)
12/13/25	Louisiana Champions Day Juvenile
12/13/25	Louisiana Champions Day Sprint
12/13/25	Louisiana Champions Day Ladies Sprint
12/13/25	Louisiana Champions Day Lassie
12/13/25	Louisiana Champions Day Classic
12/13/25	Louisiana Champions Day Turf
12/13/25	Louisiana Champions Day Ladies Turf
12/20/25	Untapable Stakes
12/20/25	Gun Runner Stakes
12/20/25	Tenacious Stakes
12/20/25	Buddy Diliberto Memorial Stakes
12/27/25	Woodchopper Stakes
12/27/25	Pago Hop Stakes
01/03/26	Louisiana Futurity – Colts & Geldings
01/03/26	Louisiana Futurity – Fillies
01/10/26	Gary P. Palmisano, Sr. Memorial Stakes
01/10/26	Bob F. Wright Memorial Stakes
01/10/26	Nelson J. Menard Memorial Stakes
01/17/26	Fasig-Tipton Silverbulletday Stakes
01/17/26	Lecomte Stakes
01/17/26	Louisiana Stakes (Presented by Relyne GI by Hagyard)
01/17/26	Duncan F. Kenner Stakes
01/17/26	Colonel E.R. Bradley Stakes
01/17/26	Marie G. Krantz Memorial Stakes
02/14/26	Mineshaft Stakes (Presented by Relyne GI by Hagyard)
02/14/26	Fasig-Tipton Rachel Alexandra Stakes
02/14/26	Fasig-Tipton Risen Star Stakes
02/14/26	Colonel Power Stakes
02/14/26	Albert M. Stall Memorial Stakes
02/14/26	Fair Grounds Stakes (Presented by Horse Racing Nation)
02/17/26	Mardi Gras Stakes
02/28/26	Louisiana Broodmare of the Year 'Charged Cotton' Stakes
02/28/26	Louisiana Stallion of the Year 'Star Guitar' Stakes
02/28/26	Black Gold Stakes
02/28/26	Red Camelia Stakes
02/28/26	Edward J. Johnston Memorial Stakes
03/07/26	Allen "Black Cat" Lacombe Memorial Stakes
03/21/26	Fasig-Tipton Fair Grounds Oaks
03/21/26	New Orleans Classic (Presented by Relyne GI by Hagyard)

03/21/26	Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby
03/21/26	Crescent City Oaks
03/21/26	Crescent City Derby
03/21/26	Tom Benson Memorial Stakes
03/21/26	Muniz Memorial Classic (Presented by Horse Racing Nation)
03/21/26	Costa Rising Stakes
03/22/26	Shantel Lanerie Memorial Stakes
03/22/26	Star Guitar Stakes (Presented by Brittlyn Stable)
03/22/26	Ova Charged Stakes

6. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

a. Approval of officials for 2025-2026 thoroughbred meet:

Jason M. Boulet – Senior Director of Racing
Scott L. Jones – Racing Secretary
Jeffrey Johnston – Assistant Racing Secretary
Sean Daniels – Stakes Coordinator/Claims Clerk
Lisa Gabriel – Program Coordinator
Raymond Rettig, Jr. – Placing Judge/Entry Clerk
*Sam Franklin – Placing Judge/Entry Clerk
*Alec Stuckey – Placing Judge/Entry Clerk
Robert Burnaman – Placing Judge/Entry Clerk
Tammy Peck - Identifier
Ted Armstrong – Paddock Judge
David Wedlake – Association Steward
Mark Guidry – Association Steward
Tavis Smith - Outrider
Robert Mayor - Outrider
*Gene Cuevas – Outrider
Garrett Broussard – Clerk of Scales
Mario Torres – Stall Superintendent
Billy Pettingill – Clocker
Harold Lambert – Clocker
Julie Daugherty – Clocker/Tab Writer
Joshua Diliberto – Clocker
Frank P. McGoey – Clocker
Mike Diliberto – Clocker/Track Handicapper
Jesse Sherwood – Starter
Pedro Zavala – Track Superintendent
Waverley Parsons – Custodian
**New Officials*

b. Approval of Charles Ashy to serve as State Steward for 2025-2026 thoroughbred meet.

c. Appointment of Charles Gardiner III to serve as an Alternate Steward for the 2025-2026 thoroughbred meet on the following dates:

November	20,21,22,28,29
December	4,5,6,11,12,18,19,20

D. LOUISIANA DOWNS INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC

d/b/a LOUISIANA DOWNS CASINO & RACETRACK

1. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING TRACK MATTERS**2026 QUARTER HORSE MEET****2. REQUEST BY LOUISIANA DOWNS INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC TO AMEND RACING DATES APPROVED ON AUGUST 29, 2025 (R.S. 4:158A) TO REMOVE 7 RACE DAYS TOTAL (changes highlighted and in bold)****a. Approval for amended 2026 quarter horse meet:**

1. Quarter horse racing on the flat.

2. ~~33~~ 26 quarter horse race dates (~~01/18/26~~ 01/12/26 through 03/28/26)

January 12, 13, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28

February 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25

March 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28

3. RACES**a. Approval of designated races for 2026 quarter horse meet:**

03/21/26 Maiden Classic

03/27/26 Mardi Gras Derby

03/27/26 Mardi Gras Oaks

03/28/26 Louisiana Downs Futurity Finals

03/28/26 Mardi Gras Futurity Finals

4. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT**a. Approval of officials for 2026 quarter horse meet:**

Roxanne Tanner – Director of Racing

Stuart Slagle – Racing Secretary

TBD – Assistant Racing Secretary

*Cynthia “Red” Menard – Paddock Judge

*Nanette Welch – Horse Identifier

Whitney Pellerito – Program Coordinator/Claims Clerk

Jacque Bohannon – Placing Judge/Head Clocker

Kenneth Loggins – Placing Judge/Entry Clerk

Koleen Karlin – Placing Judge/Entry Clerk

Gilbert Ortiz – Clerk of Scales

Gary Powers – Jocks Room Custodian

TBD – Clocker

Jimmy Cordell – Starter

Natalie Ardoin – Stall Superintendent

Melvin Holland – Association Steward

Charles T. McGee – Association Steward

Willie Lavergne – Outrider

Kevin Melancon – Outrider

Billy McKeever – Track Superintendent

b. Approval of Frank Rudis, Jr. to serve as State Steward for 2026 quarter horse 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. RULE****A. FORMAL ADOPTION – PENDING COMPLIANCE WITH LEGISLATIVE AND GUBERNATORIAL OVERSIGHT REVIEW:**

1. LAC 35:XI.Chapter 99 – Claiming Rule
§9914. Voided and Voidable Claims [AMEND]

V. LICENSE APPROVAL**A. REQUEST FOR LICENSE APPROVAL/REINSTATEMENT (LA. R.S. 4:150(B))**

1. **Joseph Raffeo, Jr.**
Seeking reinstatement of Owner license.

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

1. **Ricardo Hernandez, Jr., Jockey** *(Adjudication Referred & Appealed)*
Ruling #DD 25965 of 06/04/25 Possession of Electrical Device
**Continued from August 29, 2025 Commission Meeting.*

2. **Martin Osuna, Jockey** *(Adjudication Referred)*
Ruling #ED 25705 of 12/04/24 Possession of Electrical Device
**Continued to the next Commission Meeting.*

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

1. **Francisco J. Bernal, Trainer** *(Adjudication Referred)*
Ruling #DD 26092 of 08/07/25 Boldenone (ARCI Category III -
2nd Violation in 12 Months)
2. **Patrick L. Clemons, Trainer** *(Adjudication Referred)*
Ruling #DD 26152 of 09/19/25 Dexamethasone (ARCI Category IV Ordinary -
3rd Violation in 12 months)
3. **Lazaro P. Cribeiro, Trainer** *(Adjudication Appealed)*
Ruling #DD 26153 of 09/19/25 Dexamethasone (ARCI Category IV Ordinary)
Boldenone (ARCI Category III)

4. **Rafael C. Gomez, Trainer**
Ruling #LD 26142 of 09/15/25
(*Adjudication Referred*)
Dexamethasone (ARCI Category IV Ordinary - 4th Violation in 12 Months)
5. **Ernesto Gonzalez, Trainer**
Ruling #DD 26076 of 07/25/25
(*Adjudication Referred*)
Cobalt (ARCI Category III-B1)
6. **Lanny D. Keith, Trainer**
Ruling #DD 26140 of 09/12/25
(*Adjudication Referred & Appealed*)
Albuterol (ARCI Category III)
7. **Ray C. Mayo, Trainer**
Ruling #DD 26098 of 08/09/25
(*Adjudication Referred & Appealed*)
D-Methamphetamine (ARCI Category I)
8. **Martin Rubalcava, Trainer**
Ruling #DD 26029 of 07/03/25
(*Adjudication Referred*)
3-Hydroxylicocaine (ARCI Category II)
9. **Xavier Scott, Trainer**
Ruling #DD 25656 of 11/07/24
Ruling #DD 25673 of 11/16/24
(*Adjudication Referred*)
Methylprednisolone (ARCI Category IV Extra-Ordinary – 2nd in 12 Months)
10. **Donald R. Watson, Jr., Trainer**
Ruling #DD 26023 of 06/28/25
Ruling #DD 26024 of 06/28/25
(*Adjudications Referred*)
Boldenone (ARCI Category III)
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C. VIOLATIONS OF LAC § 35:I.303 (Impermissible Conduct)

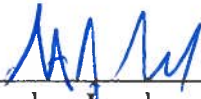
1. **Jocelyn Edison, Jockey**
Ruling #ED 26130 of 08/02/25
Ruling #DD 26188 of 10/31/25
(*Adjudication Appealed*)
Impermissible Conduct
(*Adjudication Referred & Appealed*)
Impermissible Conduct
2. **Charles J. McMahon, Jockey**
Ruling #ED 26117 of 08/20/25
(*Adjudication Referred & Appealed*)
Impermissible Conduct
3. **John H. Prather, Jr., Jockey**
Ruling #LD 26138 of 09/08/25
(*Adjudication Referred*)
Impermissible Conduct
4. **Martin Osuna, Jockey**
Ruling #ED 25706 of 12/04/24
(*Adjudication Referred*)
Impermissible Conduct
*Continued to the next Commission Meeting.
5. **Brison J. Thibodeaux, Exercise Person**
Ruling #FG 25843 of 03/09/25
Ruling #ED 26047 of 07/10/25
(*Adjudication Referred*)
Impermissible Conduct
Impermissible Conduct
*Continued to the next Commission Meeting.

VII. OTHER

A. SPECIAL COUNSEL

1. **Approval** to designate Paul A. Bonin as Special Counsel to LSRC and enter a Legal Services Contract.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT



Stephen Landry
Executive Director

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES

Office of the Governor Division of Administration Racing Commission

Voided and Voidable Claims (LAC 35:XI.9914)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and through the authority granted in R.S. 4:148, notice is hereby given that the Racing Commission proposes to amend LAC 35:XI.9914. The proposed amendment updates and clarifies the standards for cases in which horse claims can be voided.

Title 35 HORSE RACING Part XI. Claiming Rules and Engagements

Chapter 99. Claiming Rule

§9914. Voided and Voidable Claims

A. A claim shall be voided if a horse is entered in a race but fails to be declared a starter, or the horse is declared to be a starter and:

1. dies on the racetrack before reaching or leaving the unsaddling area following the race; or
2. suffers an injury which requires the euthanasia of the horse as determined by a commission veterinarian before reaching or leaving the unsaddling area following the race.

B. A claim is voidable at the discretion of the new owner if the horse indicates a severe non-weight-bearing lameness where the horse cannot or will not put weight on a limb, as determined by a commission veterinarian, before reaching or leaving the unsaddling area following the race.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:141, R.S. 4:142 and R.S. 4:148.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission LR 48:2290 (September 2022), amended LR