

***Tentative Minutes. Pending Board Approval.*

**INDUSTRIAL HEMP LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
LOUISIANA INDUSTRIAL HEMP PROMOTION AND
RESEARCH ADVISORY BOARD:
MAY 4, 2023
9:30 AM**

**Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Building
LDAF Veterans Memorial Auditorium
5825 Florida Boulevard
Baton Rouge, LA 70806**

Minutes

NOTE: This is a draft of the minutes from the May 4, 2023 meeting of the Legislative Education and Public Relations Subcommittee of the Industrial Hemp Promotion and Research Advisory Board. A final version of these minutes will be made available after approval of the board at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Matthew Moreau.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by Ms. Erica Morse.

The following subcommittee members were present: Mr. John Ford representing Louisiana Black Farmers Cannabis and Hemp Association, Mr. Matthew Moreau representing the Louisiana Cannabis Association, Dr. Janana Snowden representing Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, and Mr. Arthur Walker representing a consumer of industrial hemp. A quorum was declared by Ms. Erica Morse.

Others Present: Commissioner Mike Strain, DVM; Todd Parker, Confidential Assistant to the Commissioner; Dr. Ansel T. Rankins Sr., Assistant Commissioner for LDAF Agricultural Environmental Services; Lester Cannon, Director of LDAF Seed Programs Division; Brent Cutrer, LDAF Industrial Hemp Program Coordinator; Paeton Burkett, LDAF Attorney Staff; Erica Morse, LDAF Industrial Hemp Administrative Coordinator.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2023 subcommittee meeting. Mr. Ford seconded it. The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

BUSINESS

Requesting funds from the legislature during the 2023 legislative session was discussed. Commissioner Mike Strain, DVM explained legislative processes and timeline; he also stated LDAF requested \$200,000 for the Louisiana Industrial Hemp Promotion and Research Advisory Board for the 2023 legislative session. Before requesting additional funds from the legislature, the subcommittee plans to meet to decide on an amount to ask for, plan for the funds, and request approval from the full board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

DATE OF NEXT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

It was decided the date of the next meeting would occur one hour prior to the next scheduled Industrial Hemp Promotion and Research Advisory Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ford made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Mr. Walker. The subcommittee voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.