

MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2019

The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission held its regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. August 28, 2019, 7919 Independence Blvd Baton Rouge, LA 70806. The meeting was called to order by Henry “Darty” Smith, with the following members present:

Ira Cleveland, Commissioner
James A. Hopson, Commissioner
Dominique J. Monlezun, Commissioner
Attorney Melinda Long

Present also was John W. Alario, Executive Director, and various industry representatives.

On motion by Mr. Hopson, seconded by Mr. Cleveland the meeting was called to order.

The minutes were reviewed and signed.

The detailed appropriation reports ending July 2019 were reviewed.

The statistical reports for the period ending July 2019 were reviewed.

The accounting total reports for July 2018/2019 were reviewed.

Report of fires and accidents for July 2019 were reviewed.

The compliance audits for July 2019 were reviewed.

Dates for the next meetings were set for September 24th & 25th Baton Rouge, LA.

Mr. Alario informed the Commission that he would make the following citations for appearance at the next meeting and that others may be added prior to distribution of the AD letter:

1. **Citations – Regular** – None
2. **Citations – Insurance** – None
3. **Citations – Permit Renewals** – Approximately 30+; Failure to pay permit renewal fee.

As of August 15, 2019, the Market Development Fund (MDF) balance is **\$296,968.22.**

Attorney Long updated the Commission on the rule changes. She’s schedule to attend the meeting tomorrow at 2 p.m. with Occupational Licensing Review Board. According to Mr. Alario the Market Development Board met recently. Two sponsorship opportunities were approved. LA Tech for \$32,300 and McNeese State University for \$28,000. On motion by Mr. Cleveland, seconded by Mr. Hopson, the sponsorships were approved. Mr. Alario also asked the Commissioners to approve a contract extension for \$5000 for staffing for the McNeese State University sponsorship. On motion by Mr. Monlezun, seconded by Mr. Cleveland, the contract extension was approved.

On behalf of the Louisiana Propane Gas Association, Mr. Randy Hayden approached the Commission. He extended his gratitude to Mr. Monlezun for his involvement and support as he represents the state of Louisiana. He also thanked Mr. Alario for his help with the marketing aspects of the Industry as they continue to work on some of the process for allocating necessary marketing funds. Mr. Hayden reminded the Commission that this is an election year for the state. If any current board members are no longer interested in being elected, please communicate your position. Due to the election year, the safety and training programs will be held in October. There was also a discussion regarding training and complaints about the basic training.

There being no other business, on motion by Mr. Cleveland, seconded by Mr. Hopson the meeting was adjourned.