

MARCH MINUTES

Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission (LPGC)

March 18, 2026 at 10:00 am

Department of Public Safety, Conference Room C

7919 Independence Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Chairman John Alario, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

Chairman John Alario called the roll call.

The following board members attended:

Chairman John Alario

Vice-Chairman Dominique Monlezun

Commissioner Francis Todd Thompson

Commissioner Ricky Cleveland

Others present:

Executive Director Don Robin

Various Industry Representatives

Office of Legal Affairs Attorneys:

Attorney Adrienne Quillen

Attorney Rachel Perkins

Attorney Kathy Benoit

Absent:

LTC Joseph Hasselbeck

No Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman John Alario called for approval of the March 18, 2026 agenda as presented. Vice-Chairman Dominique Monlezun motioned the agenda as presented and Commissioner Francis Thompson seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the agenda was approved as presented with no dissenting votes.

Chairman John Alario called for approval of the February 25, 2026 commission minutes. Commissioner Ricky Cleveland motioned and Chairman Dominique Monlezun seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the commission minutes were approved as presented with no dissenting votes.

Chairman John Alario called for applications and violations to be heard.

VIOLATIONS

None

Chairman John Alario called for applications to be heard:

APPLICATIONS:

The following applicants have applied for a Class 2 permit, were administratively granted and is to be ratified by the commission:

None

The following applicants have applied for a Class 4 permit, were administratively granted and is to be ratified by the commission:

1. Gulfmex Energy Services LLC – 525 S. Highway 77 Richland, TX 76567

Chief inspector Chad Ledet informed the commission of a postponement for Gulfmex Energy Services LLC Class 4 permit to the April 29th, 2026 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Francis Thompson motioned for the Class 4 permit to be postponed until the April 29th, 2026 Commission Meeting and Commissioner Ricky Cleveland seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the Class 4 permit was postponed until the April 29th, 2026 Commission Meeting and was granted with no dissenting votes

The following applicants have applied for a Class 6 permit, were administratively granted and is to be ratified by the commission:

Holders of these permit may engage in the filing of approved cylinders and motor fuel tanks with liquefied petroleum gas on their premises, but shall not deliver gas.

1. YOU MUST NOTIFY THE COMMISSION IMMEDIATELY IF YOU PLAN TO GO OUT OF THE LPGC BUSINESS. YOU MUST ALSO NOTIFY THE LPGC OF ANY CHANGES IN YOUR PHYSICAL OR MAILING ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER. IF THERE IS A CHANGE IN BUSINESS NAME, YOU MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A NAME CHANGE IMMEDIATELY.
2. YOU MUST PROVIDE A NEW CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE ON OR BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE (EVEN THOUGH THERE IS NO LAPSE IN COVERAGE) A CITATION CAN BE ISSUED BY THE LPGC. YOU MUST REMEMBER IT IS THE PERMIT HOLDERS RESPONSIBILITY NOT THE INSURANCE AGENCY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THE INSURANCE HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE LPGC.

3. YOU MUST POSSESS THE KNOWLEDGE AND COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING: LA REVISED STATUTES OF 1841-1850, THE LPGC RULES AND REGULATIONS, NFPA -54 (2018 EDITION), NFPA-58 (2017 EDITION) AND CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS-49 AS THEY APPLY TO LPG. RULES CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE LPGC WEBSITE. NFPA-54 & NFPA-58 CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE OR OBTAINED FROM THE INTERNET FREE OF CHARGE.

Representative of Class 6 permits were sworn in by Office of Legal Affairs Attorney Kathy Benoit.

1. Nannies #1 LLC – 9524 Hwy. 44 Convent, LA 70723 - Representative Keith Leblanc approached the commission.

Commissioner Ricky Cleveland motioned and Commissioner Francis Thompson seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the permit was granted with no dissenting votes.

2. Bourgeois Enterprise INC– 61545 HWY. 11 Slidell, LA 70458 – Representative Louis Bourgeois approached the commission.

Vice-Chairman Dominique Monlezun motioned and Commissioner Ricky Cleveland seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the permit was granted with no dissenting votes.

3. Newman Commercial Hardware, LLC – 2989 Monterrey Drive Baton Rouge, LA 70814– Representative Emelson Flowers approached the commission.

Commissioner Francis Thompson motioned and Commissioner Ricky Cleveland seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the permit was granted with no dissenting votes.

The following applicants have applied for a Class 6x permit, were administratively granted and is to be ratified by the commission:

Holders of these permits may engage in the exchange of approved liquefied petroleum gas cylinders on their premises, but shall not fill cylinders. They shall not deliver gas.

1. Love's Travel Stop #856 – 66595 Wadsworth Pkwy Mandeville, LA 70448
2. Petos Travel Center – 12125 Hwy. 395 Roanoke, LA 70581

Vice-Chairman Dominique Monlezun abstained on the approval of Petos Travel Center. Commissioner Ricky Cleveland motioned for the Class 6x permits to be granted with the

exception of Petos Travel Center and Commissioner Francis Thompson seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the Class 6x permit was granted with no dissenting votes.

The following applicants have applied for a Class 6x permit and are unable to meet the requirements of the Commission; therefore it is requested that the application be withdrawn:

1. Petos Travel Center – 12125 Hwy 395 Roanoke, LA 70581

Vice-Chairman Dominique Monlezun abstained on the withdrawal of Petos Travel Center. Petos Travel Center was withdrawn as it didn't meet the requirements of the Commission. Must reapply per the commission. Commissioner Ricky Cleveland motioned and Commissioner Francis Thompson seconded the motion for the Class 6x permit to be withdrawn. By verbal votes, the Class 6x permit was withdrawn with no dissenting votes.

The following applicants have applied for a Class 2 permits and are unable to meet the requirements of the Commission; therefore it is requested that the application be withdrawn:

None

The following applicants have applied for a Class 6 permits and are unable to meet the requirements of the Commission; therefore it is requested that the application be withdrawn:

None

Chairman John Alario opened the floor to Commission business:

Old Business:

Emergency plans and generators

New Business:

None

LPGC Reports

- Statistical reports for February 2026
- Detailed appropriation report recap for February 2026
- Accounting total reports for February 2026

Chairman John Alario discussed accounting totals for the month of March and informed the Commission on how LPGAS is ahead of last year's accounting totals for the month of March.

Chairman John Alario further discussed the year to date accounting totals informing the Commission that LPGAS is behind for the year. Chief inspector Chad Ledet informed the Commission that LPGAS is little behind due to Ammonia permits and confirming on the LP side that LPGAS is ahead compared to last year's accounting totals for the 2025 year to date accounting totals from January to March. Commissioner Francis Thompson motioned and Commissioner Ricky Cleveland seconded the motion for approval of the March 2026 accounting total reports. By verbal votes, the March 2026 accounting total reports was approved with no dissenting votes.

Possible citations for next meeting:

Regular citations-None

Insurance citations-None

Permit renewals- None

Open discussions, Chairman- John Alario/Director Don Robin/ Chief Inspector Chad Ledet

Chief Inspector Chad Ledet spoke to the Commission about emergency plans and generators for LPGAS dealers. Chief Inspector Chad Ledet informed the Commission that he has the LPGAS inspectors going out to visit plants to see who is ready and who isn't ready for emergency plans and generators and he would like to try a few different things off the market. Chief Inspector Chad Ledet will have actual numbers to provide to the Commission during the April 29, 2026 Commission Meeting.

Vice-Chairman Dominique Monlezun discussed his concern for the need for multiple generators for dealers who have multiple bulk plants and if every bulk plant needs a generator. Vice-Chairman Dominique Monlezun would like to see one generator per dealer.

Chief Inspector Chad Ledet spoke to the Commission about the accuracy of RS 40:1916 rules and regulations regarding ammonia permits and the accuracy of RS 40:1916 rules and regulations. Office of Legal Affairs Attorney Adrienne Quillen informed the Commission that legal drafted a letter regarding RS 40:1916. During the Commission Meeting the Commission received the drafted letter from legal informing them of rules and regulations regarding in and out of state gross annual sales and the exemption of manufactured to manufacture as it relates to anhydrous ammonia.

Market Development Business

Chase reconciliation as of March 18, 2026: \$303,263.33 (\$250,363.33)

Chairman John Alario discussed the Market Development funds with \$250,363.33 being available.

Chairman John Alario spoke to the Commission about the approval of the extension of the Miss Louisiana contract, \$20,000 and the Zurich Classic contract, \$30,000.

Commissioner Francis Thompson motioned and Commissioner Ricky Cleveland seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the Zurich Classic and Miss Louisiana contracts were extended with no dissenting votes.

Mr. Randy Hayden came before the Commission to give the Commission an update regarding Market Development. Mr. Randy Hayden informed the Commission of legislation revisions of the current law pertaining to The Market Development Board. The current law says that The Market Development Board has a nine member advisory committee and two at large. Mr. Randy Hayden informed the Commission that it has been difficult to find members that meet all the qualifications so legislation has revised the advisory committee to up to nine members and will only be tied to those that pay Market Development assessment fees. So Permit Classes 1, 4, and 6 will have representatives on The Market Development Board.

Mr. Randy Hayden informed the Commission that legislation has moved the approval of programs and contracts to The Department of Agriculture and calls for co-op agreements between LPGAS, The Department of Agriculture and The Market Development Board. The recommendation of the legislation regarding co-op agreements between LPGAS and The Department of Agriculture recommends that LPGAS continues Market Development assessments and the withdrawal of permits if required fees aren't submitted to LPGAS. The Department of Agriculture will oversee vendor contracts and the procurement process but legally legislation will potentially need to approve the submission of payments by The Agriculture Department to vendors.

Mr. Randy Hayden requested a complete list of The Market Development Advisory Committee members that have been approved by the LPGAS Commission.

Mr. Randy Hayden informed the Commission that all past contracts have been paid out. Mr. Randy Hayden also spoke to the Commission regarding contract clauses that extend contracts up to two years and that vendors have reached out for contract extensions under the clause but vendors needed information regarding the extension process with LPGAS and Market Development as Mr. Randy Hayden wasn't well versed on the extension process. Commissioner Francis Thompson informed Mr. Randy Hayden as long as there are no changes to the previous approved contract, a contract extension can be approved.

The Office of Legal Affairs will look over the Zurich Classic and Miss Louisiana contracts regarding extension process for the contracts as the only change made to the contracts are the dates. The Office of Legal Affairs will get back to Mr. Randy Hayden with an answer regarding this matter.

Chairman John Alario spoke to Mr. Randy Hayden about Mr. Randy Hayden's contract extension. Mr. Randy Hayden informed the Commission that the contract is with the

association and that there is a difference in pricing from \$50,000 to \$75,000 as the state changed authorization limits.

Mr. Randy Hayden informed the Commission that he will draft up a co-op agreement for the Commission and will send it to The Agriculture Department to get insight on co-op agreements between both LPGAS and The Agriculture Department.

Chairman John Alario further discussed LPGAS advertising, contracts, and potential co-op agreements between The Agriculture Department.

Commission Legislation and/Rule Changes, Office of Legal Affairs:

Section 105 and 107 fiscal economic impact statement is set to be published in April of 2026.

Public Comments:

None

Next Meeting Date:

April 29, 2026

Association Communication:

Summer Convention- end of June in Pensacola, FL.

Adjournment: No further comments.

Commissioner Ricky Cleveland motioned and Commissioner Francis Thompson seconded the motion, the meeting was adjourned.