

MAY COMMISSION MINUTES

Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission (LPGC)

May 20, 2026 at 10:00 am

Louisiana State Police Training Academy, (Building A) (Classroom 5)

7901 Independence Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Chairman John Alario, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 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

LPGAS Counsel Jim Raines

Office of Legal Affairs Attorneys:

Attorney Adrienne Quillen

Attorney Kathy Benoit

Outside Counsel for LPGAS

Attorney James Raines

Counsel for CF Industries

Attorney Alan J. Harrell

Absent:

LTC Joseph Hasselbeck

No Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman John Alario called for approval of the May 20, 2026 agenda as presented.

Commissioner Ricky Cleveland motioned and Vice-Chairman Dominique Monlezun seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the agenda was approved as presented with no dissenting votes.

Chairman John Alario called for approval of the April 29, 2026 commission minutes.

Commissioner Ricky Cleveland motioned and Commissioner Francis Thompson seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the April 29, 2026 commission minutes were approved as presented with no dissenting votes.

Attorney Kathy Benoit of the Office of Legal Affairs administered the oath to all LPGAS applicants present. Upon completion of the swearing-in, the Board proceeded to hear the applications in the order listed on the agenda.

Chairman John Alario called for applications to be heard:

APPLICATIONS:

The following applicants have applied for Class 2 permits, permits were administratively granted, and permits were ratified by the commission."

Holders of these permits may install and service liquefied petroleum gas containers, piping, and appliances but shall not deliver gas. This class will also apply to the installation and service of liquefied petroleum gas containers, piping, and appliances on mobile homes, motor homes, travel trailers or any other recreational vehicles.

1. Alpha Rail Solutions LLC – 15610 Long Creek Ln. College Station, TX 77845
2. Able Plumbing LLC – 1612 1st Street Lake Charles, LA 70601

Commissioner Francis Thompson motioned for the Class 2 permits to be granted and Commissioner Ricky Cleveland seconded the motion. Vice-Chairman Dominique Monlezun abstained from voting on the approval of Able Plumbing LLC. By verbal votes, the Class 2 permits were granted with no dissenting votes.

The following applicants have applied for Class 6 permits, permits were administratively granted, and permits were 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, NFA -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.

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1. Pelican Hardware & Lumber LLC – 508 N. Church Street Carencro, LA 70520

Commissioner Ricky Cleveland motioned for the Class 6 permit to be postponed to the June 17, 2026 Commission and Commissioner Francis Thompson seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the Class 6 permit was postponed until the June 17, 2026 Commission Meeting with no dissenting votes.

2. Tractor Supply Company #3074 – 9475 E. Park Ave Houma, LA 70363 – Representative Cynthia Cox approached the commission.

Commissioner Francis Thompson motioned for the Class 6 permit to be granted and Commissioner Ricky Cleveland seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the Class 6 permit was granted with no dissenting votes.

3. Jayroes Hardware & Garden – 207 Fifth Street Benton, LA 70380 – Representative Andrew Andre approached the commission.

Commissioner Francis Thompson motioned and Commissioner Ricky Cleveland seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the Class 6 permit was granted with no dissenting votes.

4. Julia Realty LLC – 978 Ave A. Westwego, LA 70094

Commissioner Ricky Cleveland motioned for the Class 6 permit to be postponed to the June 17, 2026 Commission Meeting and Vice-Chairman Dominique Monlezun seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the Class 6 permit was postponed to the June 17, 2026 Commission Meeting with no dissenting votes.

5. D&B Seafood & Convenience Store – 1603 Hwy. 70 Morgan City, LA 70380 – Representative Christine Comeaux approached the commission.

Vice-Chairman Dominique Monlezun motioned for the Class 6 permit to be granted and Commissioner Francis Thompson seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the Class 6 permit was granted with no dissenting votes.

6. Love's Travel Stop #856 – 66595 Wadsworth Pkwy Mandeville, LA 70448 – Representative Jeff L. approached the commission.

Commissioner Francis Thompson motioned for the Class 6 permit to be granted and Commissioner Ricky Cleveland seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the Class 6 permit was granted with no dissenting votes.

7. One Stop Meal LLC – 16815 Florida Blvd Baton Rouge, LA 70819

Commissioner Ricky Cleveland motioned for the Class 6 permit to be postponed to the June 17, 2026 Commission Meeting and Vice-Chairman Dominique Monlezun seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the Class 6 permit was postponed to the June 17, 2026 Commission Meeting with no dissenting votes.

8. Jones & Co Bait Shack LLC – 15247 Hwy. 1078 Folsom, LA 70437

Commissioner Ricky Cleveland motioned for the Class 6 permit to be postponed to the June 17, 2026 Commission and Commissioner Francis Thompson seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the Class 6 permit was postponed until the June 17, 2026 Commission Meeting with no dissenting votes.

9. Ice and Chill 2 LLC – 12891 Coursey Blvd Baton Rouge, LA 70816

Commissioner Ricky Cleveland motioned for the Class 6 permit to be postponed to the June 17, 2026 Commission Meeting and Vice-Chairman Dominique Monlezun seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the Class 6 permit was postponed to the June 17, 2026 Commission Meeting with no dissenting votes.

The following applicants have applied for a Class 6x permit, permits 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. Hideaway Ponds RV Resort INC – 6367 Bayou Black Drive Gibson, LA 70356
2. FS 5997 Lapalco LLC – 5997 Lapalco Blvd Marrero, LA 70072
3. 2436 Williams INC – 2436 Williams INC Kenner, LA 70062

Vice-Chairman Dominique Monlezun motioned for the Class 6x permits to be granted and Commissioner Francis Thompson seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the Class 6x permits were 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. Forsythe Travel Plaza – 2221 Forsythe Ave Monroe, LA 71207
2. Loch Arbor Village Mart – 4268 Highway 139 Monroe, LA 71203

Vice-Chairman Dominique Monlezun motioned for the Class 6x permits to be withdrawn and Commissioner Ricky Cleveland seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the Class 6x permits were withdrawn with no dissenting votes.

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

VIOLATIONS

Violation of LA RS 40:1849(A)

1. Docket #202600 – CF Industries East Point LLC – CF Industries East Point LLC Attorney Alan Harrell approached the commission to inform the commission that an agreement was reached to postpone the hearing to the June 17, 2026 Commission Meeting to allow the commission to consider the framework for a resolution proposal which would be considered in an executive session. The Office of Legal Affairs Attorney Adrienne Quillen informed the commission that the matter was placed on the agenda for an executive session.

Commissioner Francis Thompson motioned for the postponement of CF Industries East Point LLC hearing until the June 17, 2026 Commission Meeting and Commissioner Ricky Cleveland seconded the motion. By verbal, the hearing for CF Industries East Point LLC was postponed to the June 17, 2026 Commission Meeting with no dissenting votes.

2. Docket #202601 – CF Industries Nitrogen LLC – CF Industries Nitrogen LLC Attorney Alan Harrell approached the commission to inform the commission that an agreement was reached to postpone the hearing to the June 17, 2026 Commission Meeting to allow the commission to consider the framework for a resolution proposal which would be considered in an executive session. The Office of Legal Affairs Attorney Adrienne Quillen informed the commission that the matter was placed on the agenda for an executive session.

Commissioner Francis Thompson motioned for the postponement of CF Industries Nitrogen LLC hearing until the June 17, 2026 Commission Meeting and Commissioner Ricky Cleveland

seconded the motion. By verbal, the hearing for CF Industries Nitrogen LLC was postponed to the June 17, 2026 Commission Meeting with no dissenting votes.

3. Docket #202602 – Busy Bee Grocery LLC – Paid \$150.00 by Waiver of Appearance

Commissioner Francis Thompson motioned to accept the pay by Waiver of Appearance and Commissioner Ricky Cleveland seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the pay by Waiver of Appearance was accepted with no dissenting votes.

4. Docket #202603 – Kash Korner – Paid \$150.00 by Waiver of Appearance.

Commissioner Ricky Cleveland motioned to accept the pay by Waiver of Appearance and Vice-Chairman Dominique Monlezun seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the pay by Waiver of Appearance was accepted with no dissenting votes.

5. Docket #202604 Premier Ace Hardware LLC– Paid \$150.00 by Waiver of Appearance

Commissioner Ricky Cleveland motioned to accept the pay by Waiver of Appearance and Vice-Chairman Dominique Monlezun seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the pay by Waiver of Appearance was accepted with no dissenting votes.

Chairman John Alario opened the floor to Commission business:

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Assistant Secretary Jason Hessix informed the Commission that Attorney Adrienne Quillen and the Office of Legal Affairs are currently representing the agency in ongoing appeals and the CF Industries matter. Consequently, they are unable to provide legal counsel to the Board, as they are considered an adverse party.

Assistant Secretary of the Office of Legal Affairs, Jason Hessix, informed the Commission of issues related to the executive session, the representation of LPGAS, and the request made by the State Attorney under Section 7(b) of the agenda to present a resolution authorizing outside counsel. The Attorney General's Office is requesting a board resolution and approval of a contract for outside counsel, Attorney James Raines, and his firm to provide legal representation to LPGAS for the Commission meetings held on April 29, 2026, and May 20, 2026. The Board is required to approve the engagement of outside counsel, as well as the associated rates, as part of the resolution and contract approval process.

Assistant Secretary Jason Hessix read the proposed resolution into the record. He explained that the Office of Legal Affairs had submitted the resolution for consideration due to a conflict that prevents the office from providing legal counsel to LPGAS during ongoing appeal proceedings before the Commission. The resolution states that LPGAS requires legal counsel during its meetings and, because the Office of Legal Affairs is serving as counsel of record in the appeal, outside counsel is necessary. The Commission has identified Attorneys James Raines, Alyse Latiolais, and Caroline Cordell of Breazeale Sachse LLP to provide this representation. Their hourly rates will follow the Attorney General's approved rates, with James Raines and Alyse Latiolais at \$350 per hour and Caroline Cordell at \$175 per hour. The proposed contract term is from April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027, not to exceed one year, and the representation does not involve federal claims. The resolution would take effect immediately upon signature. The resolution further directs that both the resolution and the proposed contract be submitted to the Attorney General of Louisiana for approval.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Louisiana Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission, pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 42:626, does hereby retain and employ Attorneys James Raines, Alyse Latiolais, and Caroline Cordell as special counsel; and will be finalized once approved by the Attorney General of Louisiana.

Assistant Secretary Jason Hessix provided Chairman John Alario a copy of the resolution and proposed contract with the marked minor changes that will be made to the signature copy and sent out to the commission by the May, 22, 2026.

Commissioner Francis Thompson motioned for the approval of the resolution as presented and Commissioner Ricky Cleveland seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the resolution as presented, was approved with no dissenting votes.

Chairman John Alario conducted a roll call vote on the motion to enter executive session. The motion was approved unanimously by verbal votes, with no dissent from Chairman Alario, Vice-Chairman Dominique Monlezun, Commissioner Ricky Cleveland and Commissioner Francis Thompson.

A recess was declared at 10:25 a.m. by Chairman John Alario for the purpose of entering executive session.

The Commission reconvened from executive session at 10:56 a.m. Chairman John Alario called for a motion to exit executive session.

Commissioner Ricky Cleveland motioned to come out of executive session, and Commissioner Francis Thompson seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the motion carried unanimously with no dissent, and the Commission meeting was called back to order.

Attorney James Raines made a recommendation on behalf of the commission which consisted of postponing the consideration of the consent agreement order until the June 17, 2026

Commission meeting as the commission would like to obtain additional information from the agency to make a determination regarding the consent agreement and order.

Commissioner Francis Thompson motioned to postpone the consideration of the consent agreement order until the June 17, 2026 Commission meeting, and Commissioner Ricky Cleveland seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the motion carried unanimously with no dissenting votes.

The commission gave authority to James Raines to work with council to postpone the CF Industries hearing until a later Commission meeting.

Commissioner Francis Thompson motioned to give James Raines authority to work with council to postpone the CF Industries hearing to a later Commission meeting date, and Commissioner Ricky Cleveland seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the motion carried unanimously with no dissenting votes.

LPGC Reports

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

Vice-Chairman Dominique Monlezun motioned to accept the LPGC reports as presented and Commissioner Ricky Cleveland seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the LPGC reports were approved as presented with no dissenting votes.

Possible citations for next meeting:

Regular citations-None

Insurance citations-5

Permit renewals-0

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

None

Market Development Business

Chase bank reconciliation as of May 12, 2026: \$326,371.21

Unencumbered balance as of May 12, 2026: \$221,371.21

Mr. Randy Hayden appeared before the Commission to provide an update on Market Development. He informed the Commission of several proposals requiring approval in order to proceed through procurement and invoicing. These included the Zurich Classic contract, which was approved for \$30,000, and the Event Coordinator contract, which was approved for \$75,000.

Commissioner Francis Thompson motioned for the approval of the Zurich Classic and Event Coordinator contract Commissioner Ricky Cleveland seconded the motion. By verbal votes, The Zurich Classic and Event Coordinator contract was approved with no dissenting votes.

Mr. Randy Hayden provided the Commission with an update on the legislation. He reported that the legislation was scheduled to be heard on May 18, 2026; however, the Senate was backlogged. He further explained that approximately 24 bills have since been approved and stated that he will work to ensure the correct spelling of “Liquefied” is incorporated into the amendment on May 20, 2026, to avoid any further issues with the legislation.

Mr. Hayden also discussed the cooperative agreement between LPGAS and the Department of Agriculture, noting that he will collaborate with the Office of Legal Affairs attorneys to draft a co-op agreement for the Commission and The Department of Agriculture.

Additionally, Mr. Hayden provided clarification regarding responsibility for issuing final payments on contracts once they have been processed through procurement, as well as who grants final approval of those contracts.

Mr. Hayden further informed the Commission that members of the advisory board had received notices to complete their required ethics disclosure notices but had not done so, as they believed the notices were spam. He stated that they would be instructed to complete and submit the notices.

Lastly, Mr. Hayden extended an invitation to the Commission to attend the Alabama–Louisiana Propane Convention.

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

Office of Legal Affairs Attorney Adrienne Quillen informed the Commission that the legislation has been finalized to reflect revisions to Section 105, removing the requirement for a representative to be present at Commission meetings for the ratification of Class 6 permit applications. The revisions also maintain the requirement for a representative to be present for the ratification of Class 7, A1, and A4 permit applications. Additionally, she noted that Section 107 is being updated to remove the requirement for certain representatives to be present when their applications are brought before the Commission for ratification.

Public Comments:

Office of Legal Affairs Assistant Secretary Jason Hessix informed the Commission of the need for approvals to adjust meeting dates and hotel accommodations for the Commission meeting held in conjunction with the association meeting scheduled for the second week of December 2026 in Natchitoches.

Vice-Chairman Dominique Monlezun motioned to approve the adjustment of the Commission meeting date scheduled in December of 2026 to be in conjunction with the association meeting in December of 2026 and Commissioner Francis Thompson seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the adjustment of the commission meeting date in December of 2026 was approved as presented with no dissenting votes.

Next Meeting Date:

June 17, 2026

Association Communication:

None

Adjournment:

Commissioner Ricky Cleveland motioned for the adjournment of the May 20, 2026 Commission meeting and Vice-Chairman Dominique Monlezun seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the meeting was adjourned with no dissenting votes.