

MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2019

The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission held its regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. July 24, 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. Cleveland, seconded by Mr. Hopson the meeting was called to order.

The minutes were reviewed and signed.

The detailed appropriation reports ending June 2019 were reviewed.

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

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

Report of fires and accidents for June 2019 were reviewed.

The compliance audits for June 2019 were reviewed.

Dates for the next meetings were set for August 28th & 29th 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 15+; Failure to pay permit renewal fee.

As of July 10, 2019, the Market Development Fund (MDF) balance is **\$335,914.59.**

Attorney Long updated the Commission on the rule changes. According to her, the rule changes have been drafted and formatted. She is currently waiting to hear back from the Occupational Licensing Review Board with a date to be placed on the agenda. Mr. Alario reminded Attorney Long of the time sensitive nature of getting a date.

On behalf of the Louisiana Propane Gas Association, Mr. Randy Hayden approached the Commission. He thank the Commission for being financially responsible with the Market Development Fund. The Industry has been able to contribute money to the national association for training purposes. Additionally, he briefly discussed mandatory statewide training. The Miss Louisiana pageant (largest scholarship pageant nationally) has been on ongoing marketing tool.

Miss Louisiana Meagan Cruz will be working on safety public safety announcements on August 13th. Miss Louisiana to meet the Commission soon. More marketing information will be presented to the Commission in the fall which will include tailgating sponsorships, home builder tradeshow, and other governmental opportunities. Mr. Hayden continued the discussion on the Volkswagen settlement. The Industry firmly believes that propane powered vehicles are the best alternative. There was also a discussion regarding appointed members of the Commission.

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