

FEBRUARY MINUTES

Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission (LPGC)

February 25, 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, February 25, 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

LTC Joseph Hasselbeck

Others present:

Executive Director Don Robin

Various Industry Representatives

Attorney Rachel Perkins

Absent:

Attorney Adrienne Quillen

No Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman John Alario called for approval of the January 21, 2026 agenda as presented. Vice-Chairman Dominique Monlezun motioned 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 January 21, 2026 commission minutes. Commissioner Francis Thompson motioned and LTC Jody Hasselbeck seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the court minutes was approved as presented with no dissenting votes.

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

VIOLATIONS

None

APPLICATIONS:

The following applicants have applied for a Class 2 permit, were administratively granted and is to be 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. Refuge RV Repair & Care – 41 Paul Cemetery Rd. Glenmore, LA 71433
2. Outdoor Equipment Solutions – 3683 Beech Bluff Rd. Jackson, TN 38301
3. Ark-LA-Tex New/Used Restaurant Equippers, LLC – 2310 Grimmer Drive Shreveport, LA 71107
4. Jake's RV Repair LLC – 6113 Hwy. 604 Pearlinton, MS 39572
5. Callahan Services, LLC – 622 Main St. Morgan City, LA 70392
6. Road Warriors RV Service LLC – 327 Walker Ferry Rd. Pollock, LA 71467
7. Lucky's Plumbing and Drain Cleaning LLC – 400 Coffee St. Mandeville, LA 70448

Commissioner Ricky Cleveland motioned for Class 2 permits to be granted and Commissioner Francis Thompson seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the Class 2 permits were granted with no dissenting votes.

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

Commissioner Francis Thompson motioned for the Class 4 permit to be postponed and Commissioner Ricky Cleveland seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the Class 4 permit was postponed to the March 18, 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.

Representatives of Class 6 permits were sworn in by Attorney Rachel Perkins.

1. Tractor Supply Co #3193 – 404 N. Canal Blvd. Thibodaux, LA 70301 - Representative Troy Jowers 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.

2. Tractor Supply Co #3027– 38128 Highway 42 Prairieville, LA 70769 – Representative Amanda Smith 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.

3. Newman Commercial Hardware, LLC – 2989 Monterrey Drive Baton Rouge, LA 70668

Chairman John Alario postponed the permit.

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. Tiger Touchdown #2 – 621 E. Milton Ave. Lafayette, LA 70508
2. Kent Kwik 990 – 4308 Main St. Laplace, LA 70068

3. Kent Kwik 994 – 27750 Juban Rd. Denham Springs, LA 70726
4. Johnston Corner Express – 6777 Johnston Street Lafayette, LA 70503
5. Kent Kwik 993 – 42760 Hwy. 445 Ponchatoula, LA 70454
6. Kent Kwik 992 – 5831 Hwy. 10 Greensburg, LA 0441
7. Kent Kwik 989 – 181 W. Airline Hwy. Kenner, LA 70062
8. Big Boss Express #12 – 42576 Pumpkin Center Road, LA 70403
9. Kent Kwik 991 – 3051 N. Lobdell Hwy. Port Allen, LA 70767
10. Fast Stop of Airline LLC – 3901 W. Airline Hwy. Reserve, LA 70062
11. La Frontera #2 – 2152 Florida Blvd SW Denham Springs, LA 70726
12. Mathernes Market At Kenilworth LLC – 7305 Highland Rd. Baton Rouge, LA 70808
13. Best Stop #28 – 9414 Arnold Road Denham Springs, LA 70726
14. Fast Stop of Jefferson LLC – 3220 Jefferson Hwy. Jefferson, LA 70121
15. U Pak It Shell T Towne – 5925 Hwy. 84 Jonesville, LA 71343
16. Cypress Lake Convenience Store – 715 Camp Rd. West Monroe, LA 71292
17. Fast Stop of Chalmette LLC – 2545 Paris Rd. Chalmette, LA 70043
18. Po Folks Produce LLC – 1280 N. Lobdell Hwy. Port Allen, LA 70767
19. Petos Travel Center – 12125 Hwy. 395 Roanoke, LA 70581

Vice-Chairman Dominique Monlezun abstained on the approval of Petos Travel Center. LTC Jody Hasselbeck motioned for Class 6x permits to be granted and Commissioner Ricky Cleveland 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 permits and are unable to meet the requirements of the Commission; therefore it is requested that the application be withdrawn:

1. Cajun Market – 109 S. Eastern Avenue Crowley, LA 70526
2. B&P Operations, LLC – 500 Washington St. West Monroe, LA 71292
3. Petos Travel Center – 12125 Hwy 395 Roanoke, LA 70581

Petos Travel Center was postponed as it was on the list of Class 6x permits to be administratively granted and to be ratified by the commission. Commissioner Francis Thompson motioned and Ricky Cleveland seconded the motion for the Class 6x permits to be withdrawn with the exception of Petos Travel Center. Vice-Chairman Dominique Monlezun abstained on the postponement of Petos Travel Center. By verbal votes, the Class 6x permits are to be 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:

1. Ducote's Plumbing & Repair – 43253 Pond View Dr. Prairieville, LA 70769

2. Sear Heating & Cooling – 5407 Trillim Blvd. Suite B120 Hoffman Estates. IL 60192

Commissioner Francis Thompson motioned and Vice-Chairman Dominique Monlezun seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the Class 2 permits were withdrawn with no dissenting votes.

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:

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

LTC Jody Hasselbeck motioned and Commissioner Ricky Cleveland seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the Class 6 permit was withdrawn with no dissenting votes.

Chairman John Alario opened the floor to Commission business:

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

LPGC Reports

- Statistical reports for January 2026

Vice-chairman Dominique Monlezun motioned and Commissioner Ricky Cleveland seconded the motion for approval of the January 2026 statistical report. By verbal votes, the statistical report for January 2026 was approved with no dissenting votes.

- Detailed appropriation report recap for January 2026

LTC Jody Hasselbeck motioned and Commissioner Francis Thompson seconded the motion for approval of the January 2026 detailed appropriation report recap. By verbal votes, the January 2026 detailed appropriation report recap was approved with no dissenting votes.

- Accounting total reports for January 2026

Chairman John requested accounting totals from July 2025 to February 2026 and the year to date totals for the March 18, 2026 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Francis Thompson motioned and Commissioner Ricky Cleveland seconded the motion for approval of the January 2026 accounting total reports. By verbal votes, the January 2026 accounting total reports was approved with no dissenting votes.

Possible citations for next meeting:

Regular citations-None

Insurance citations-None

Permit renewals- 4

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

Executive Director Don Robin spoke to the commission about emergency plans for LPGAS dealers following the 2026 ice storm. Executive Director Don Robin informed the Commission of the idea of generators or generator hook ups for every dealer so business can resume smoothly during weather related disasters.

Chairman John Alario discussed the importance of having drop tanks and generators at propane bulk plants and how dealers may need to come together to help other dealers that are in impacted areas of weather-related disasters and If it's a potential emergency plan that can be implemented through legislation.

Mr. Sina Zarei spoke to the Commission about the need and details of emergency plans and the need for additional bobtails in the industry for emergency plans. LTC Jody Hasselbeck spoke to Mr. Sina Zarei about the need for proactive protocols in the industry before another weather-related disaster occurs in LA. LTC Jody Hasselbeck informed Mr. Sina Zarei about reaching out to associations in other states impacted by weather-related disasters to get an idea of how they come up with emergency plans for weather-related disasters within the industry.

Chairman John Alario spoke about rule changes with Chief Inspector Chad Ledet and the submission of emergency plans for dealers. Commissioner Todd Thompson asked Mr. Sina Zarei if would like to be included in this discussion regarding rule changes and emergency plans for dealers.

Chief Inspector Chad Ledet informed the Commission of progress regarding the new LPGAS system and whether it'll be a new system or a platform that's already developed which could be ready earlier than 10 months is LPGAS uses a platform that's already developed. Waiting for conformation from OTS.

Market Development Business

Chase reconciliation as of February 11, 2026: \$582,709.52

Chairman John Alario discussed submission of contracts and which contracts have been submitted for payment. Executive Director Don Robin and Mrs. Monique Jenkins informed Chairman John Alario that all contracts have been submitted but only the Guaranty contract has been submitted for payment. Chairman John Alario wanted to know how much of the balance for Market Development was coming from contracts. Executive Director Don Robin informed Chairman John Alario that is was about \$150,000.

Mr. Sina Zarei spoke briefly about Mr. Randy Hayden's wife's health

Mr. Sina Zarei informed the Commission that he met with Mr. Hayden regarding the state of the Market Development Board on 2/23/2026 in which the Market Development Board is being amended by legislation with a co-op with the Department of Agriculture to help speed up the process for contracts and payments within the next few weeks.

Chairman John Alario informed Mr. Sina Zarei that legislation will amend that a member of the LPGAS Commission will sit on the Market Development Board to help make sure everything is going in the right direction.

Mr. Sina Zarei informed the Commission that they will have a vote to reduce the membership to 3 dealers and invite a member of the LPGAS Commission to be part of the board. No date on vote.

Mr. Sina Zarei informed the Commission that some current contracts are being paid through procurement not market development.

Chairman John Alario asked Mr. Sina Zarei if he could find out if LPGAS can renew the contracts that LPGAS has paid for already.

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

Attorney Rachel Perkins informed the commission of rule changes submitted to legislation for sections 105 and 107 with the financial impact report and the notice of intent. Part 9 Chapter 1 sections 105 and 107 of the Louisiana Administrative Code, proposed rule changes that will update Section 105 to remove the requirement that a representative be present at Commission Meetings for the application for Class 6 permits when ratified and as the requirement that a representative must be present at the Commission Meetings for application of Class 7, A1 or A4 permits when ratified. Section 107 is being updated to remove the requirement for certain representatives to be present when applications is to be ratified by the Commission.

Public Comments:

None

Next Meeting Date:

March 18, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

Association Communication:

Commission Meeting on April 22, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. moved to April 29, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

Adjournment: No further comments.

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