

MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023

The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission held its regular meeting at 2:00 p.m., March 29, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ira Cleveland, with the following members present:

Dominique Monlezun, Commissioner
Ricky Lee Cleveland, Commissioner
Todd Thompson, Commissioner

Present also was ArieSha J. Dents, Interim Executive Director, and various industry representatives.

On motion by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner R. Cleveland, the minutes were approved.

Reviewed statistical reports for February 2023.

Reviewed accounting total reports for February 2022/2023.

Reviewed report of fires and accidents for February 2023.

Reviewed compliance audits for February 2023.

Date for the next meeting April 26, 2023.

Mrs. Dents informed the Commission that she 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 20+; failure to pay permit renewal.

As of March 2, 2023, the Market Development Fund (MDF) balance is **\$176,402.71.**

Chairman Ira Cleveland welcomed and introduced Deputy General Counsel Gail Holland and her paralegal, Ms. Denae Bering from the Office of Legal Affairs. Chairman Cleveland also extended a welcome to ArieSha J. Dents, Interim Executive Director for the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission (LPGC). Chairman Cleveland notified the LPGC that monthly commission meetings will be held once a month to be in compliance with the rules and regulations set forth by the commission. Moving forward, the LPGC meeting will be conducted on a Wednesday at 10:00 AM. On motion by Commissioner Monlezun, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, all agreed to the once a month meeting.

Interim Executive Director ArieSha J. Dents presented the LPGC with an event coordinator contract on behalf of the Louisiana Propane Gas Association for \$49,000 for various propane related marketing events. On motion by Commissioner Monlezun, seconded by Commissioner R. Cleveland, all agreed, the \$49,000 event coordinator contract was approved. Interim Executive Director Dents extended her gratitude and appreciation to the LPGC for their support as she continues to transition into her new role as Interim Executive Director.

On behalf of the Louisiana Propane Gas Association (LPGA), Randy Hayden approached the LPGC. He thanked the LPGC for their approval of the event coordinator contract. Hayden also extended this thanks and appreciation for Interim Executive Director Dents for her assistance with various matters. He reminded the LPGC about the invitation to join the LPGA in New Orleans, LA for their summer convention. Training and safety is critical and training measures will begin late summer or early fall. Hayden also addressed the vacancies within the advisory board. He also informed the LPGC about the assessment and which dealers are primarily responsible for those fees. There was an ongoing discussion regarding the class 1, 4, and 6 dealers that pay into the assessment. He also addressed the LPGC regarding the vacancies on the marketing development committee. Currently, five members are on the advisory board. The advisory board should consist of nine (9) members. Seven on those members should be from each inspectors' region and two (2) members are at large. Attorney Holland agreed to research and provide clarification regarding the advisory board. Filling the vacancies is a top priority. The vacancies are appointed by the LPGC. According to Hayden, in the past, Executive Director John Alario would talk to various dealers for recommendations for the advisory board. Hayden also addressed how the advisory board meets. In the past the advisory board would conduct meetings in person. At some point, in person meetings became too much due to the various presentations. As a result, materials would be sent to the advisory board and then recommendations from the advisory board would be made. Those recommendations would later come before the LPGC. Interim Executive Director Dents and Hayden discussed working together to get the recommendations to the LPGC prior to the start of any events. According to Hayden, he has worked an event in "good faith" prior to the approval of the LPGC. The discussion continued on the advisory board vacancies and the responsibility of the LPGC to fill those vacancies. According to Hayden, John Alario received approvals for the proposal that was brought forth to the LPGC today. Hayden encouraged the LPGC to direct any concerns about membership to the LPGA directly to the LPGA. As a result of his concerns, Interim Executive Director Dents reminded the LPGC that it is the responsibility of the LPGC to remain neutral regarding any matters regarding LPGA.

There being no other business, on motion by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Monlezun, the meeting was adjourned.