



# Louisiana Drone Advisory Committee (LADAC)

## Louisiana Drone Advisory Committee (LADAC) Meeting Minutes

**Date:** May 20, 2022

**Time:** 10:00am to 12:00pm

**Location:** Louisiana House of Representatives, House Committee Room 6

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### Committee Members Present:

Mr. George Rey, Sgt. Jonathan (John) Kemp, Mr. Robert (Bobby) Moore, Mr. Stanley (Stan) Ard, Dr. Jacqueline Richard, Dr. Balaji Ramachandran, Mr. Joshua (Josh) Alford and Mr. Bradley (Brad) Brandt. Quorum met due to 8 out of 15 committee members being present. (8 out of 15 members must be present to make a quorum). **Proxies:** Casey Carter attended as proxy for Mr. Scott Gammel.

### Call for Additional Agenda Items:

Mr. Brandt asked if anyone had any items they'd like to add to the agenda. None added.

### Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Rey and seconded by Mr. Alford to approve the minutes from the last LADAC meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

### Task Group Reports:

1. Mr. Lofton, Compliance Manager with the FAA, came down a few weeks ago—asked him if there was a point of contact in Southeast Region (there is not). Was given a name at the Federal FAA headquarters to contact—still trying to chase down contact information.
2. No Reports
3. No Reports
4. Gave extensive report in last meeting, and will continue to work on it—there were some committee changes and committee report is included.
5. Submitted extensive report. Invited industry subject matter expert on how they utilize common drone technology.
6. No Reports

Mr. Rey recommended that between now and next LADAC meeting in August to get committee chairs together on a Zoom call to strategize how to implement committee recommendations and the path forward.

### Subject Matter Presentations:

- I. Mr. Joshua (Josh) Duplantis, Safety Program Manager and Mr. Reid Nuss, Airport Safety Inspector, from Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD)-Office of Multimodal Commerce (OMC)-Aviation Division, presented on UAS Integration Update.
- II. Robert Tabbarea, President of 911 Security, presented on Drones: Airspace Security.
- III. Dr. Jacqueline Richard, Fletcher College, read a prepared report from the Post-Secondary Agricultural Commission Task Force that was prepared by Dr. Richard, Dr. Kristine Strickland-Dean of Fletcher College, and Andy Brown- Representing Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation.



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Mr. Rey would like for the agricultural task force to review SB183 and make a recommendation to LADAC for changes and updates. Dr. Richard said she will keep check with other members of the task force and keep LADAC updated.

## **Legislative Report Requirements:**

Legislative report included in handouts to committee. Recommendations can be made by LADAC committee to the Secretary, House Chair and Senate Chair 30 days prior to the start of the legislative session. Will also make sure that committee is aware of deadlines.

## **FAA Drone Safety Day:**

Mr. Rey: FAA Drone Safety Day is June 18, 2022—this is something to make LADAC committee aware of in case the LADAC committee wanted to do announcements in Louisiana. Discussion ensued on the importance of drone safety.

## **New Business:**

- I. **Task Group 7 Terms of Reference Approval:** Vote was taken at last LADAC meeting to make a seventh group (#7) “Electrification of Aviation”. This group will have three members. LADAC committee members will vote on terms of reference at August meeting.
- II. **Advisory Committee Name Change Revision:** To be consistent with FAA Federal Naming Convention, motion was made by Mr. Rey and seconded by Mr. Alford to change the name of committee from Louisiana Drone Advisory Committee (LADAC) to Louisiana Advanced Aviation Advisory Committee (LAAAC). Motion carried. Mr. Rey will notify Senator Owens, who is the author of the bill establishing this committee, in regard to the requested name change.
- III. **Re-Appointment Process/Requirements:** On June 6, 2022, appointments for this year expire. Louisiana law requires that you have to make committee appointments—committee members will serve for two years. Mr. Brandt will send out emails to current committee members and will CC person who was responsible for the appointment, with instructions on how to reappoint or appoint a new person to the committee, in order to make sure that committee appointment paperwork is in line with Louisiana law.

## **Next Board Meeting:**

Mr. Brandt informed LADAC that next meeting would be on August 24, 2022 at 1:00 pm, in House Committee Room 6. Election of committee member officers will be conducted at this meeting as well.

## **Adjournment:**

Motion made by Mr. Rey and seconded by Dr. Ramachandran, to adjourn LADAC meeting. Motion passed unanimously—Meeting adjourned at 11:55am.