



Louisiana Drone Advisory Committee (LADAC)

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Date: February 16, 2022

Time: 12:30pm to 2:30pm

Location: Nicholls State University, Bollinger Student Union Cotillion Ballroom

Mr. George Rey (Vice-Chairman of LADAC) called the meeting to order at 12:28pm pm. John Ducout, Dean, welcomed LADAC to campus. Mr. Rey asked Madam Secretary LaToya Joseph to conduct a roll call.

Committee Members Present:

Mr. George Rey, Sgt. Jonathan (John) Kemp, Joel Champagne, Jr; Mr. Andy Brown, Mr. Stanley Ard, Mr. DaCoda Bartels, Dr. Balaji Ramachandran, Dr. Jacqueline Richard, and Mr. Joshua (Josh) Alford. Quorum met due to 9 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.

Committee Membership Change: On January 27, 2022, per La. R.S.2:2.1 (B)(2), Act 328, Joel Champagne, Jr. was appointed as designee for the Honorable Patrick McMath on the LADAC committee. On January 31, 2022, Dr. Jacqueline Richard was appointed as designee for Dr. Kristine Strickland.

Change in Agenda:

Mr. Rey asked if he could amend the agenda to move the Subject Matter Presentation after New Business. Motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Ard to amend the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Task Group Reports/DAC Letter for Legal Opinion:

DAC Letter from task group 3 (headed by Mr. Alfred) was sent to DOTD Legal Division and the FAA Legal Division for legal opinions on drone highways. Mr. Brown asked if other LADAC committee members could see copies of the letters that were sent since he is not a part of task group 3. Mr. Rey said he would check to see if copies are available and could be forwarded to all LADAC committee members. DOTD will also post information from LADAC committee meetings on their website so the public can access and see the committees work.

New Business:

Mr. Rey would like to submit a proposal for a new task group (#7) "Electrification of Aviation". Motion made by Mr. Alford and seconded by Mr. Bartels, to make a new LADAC task group #7 committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Report Discussion

Mr. Rey said he would reach out to Chairman Brandt to find out status on this.

