



Louisiana Drone Advisory Committee (LADAC)

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Date: January 18, 2023

Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm

Location: Louisiana House of Representatives, House Committee Room 4

Mr. Brandt called the meeting to order at 10:12pm.

Committee Members Present

Honorable Robert (Bob) Owen, Mr. Joel Champagne, Jr; Mr. DaCoda Bartels, Sgt. Johnathan (John) Kemp Mr. Robert (Bobby) Moore, Mr. George Rey, Mr. Scott Gammel and Mr. Bradley (Brad) Brandt. Quorum was not met at roll call due to 7 out of 15 minutes present. (8 out of 15 members must be present to make a quorum). Quorum was met at 11 am when Honorable Owen joined the meeting--making it 8 members out of 15 present--official business was conducted and voted on.

Proxies: Dr. Gary LaFleur, Jr. attended as proxy for Dr. Balaji Ramachandran. Andrea Dupre' attended as proxy for Mr. Joshua (Josh) Alford.

Call for Additional Agenda Items

Mr. Brandt asked if anyone had any items they'd like to add to the agenda.

- Mr. Rey requested to do a subject matter presentation update.
- Mr. Brandt requested to add update on Letter of Response from DOTD and FAA to agenda.
- Mr. Brandt requested to move item 5-c—Task Group Reports, under New Business, in the event that another LADAC member shows up so that reports can be discussed.

No objection to the addition of agenda items.

Subject Matter Presentation

Mr. George Rey provided a presentation update from the UAS Gulf of Mexico Center of Excellence Public Private Partnership. The presentation covered airspace, FAA by Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) notice of proposed rulemaking, advanced air mobility, maritime drone operations, and establishment of flight corridors to the Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico.

Task Group Reports

- A. Need to update task group assignments—email will be sent out by Mr. Brandt asking for volunteers to serve on task group—if there are not enough members assigned to a task group Mr. Brandt and Mr. Rey will assign members as needed.
- B. There were no task group reports—committee chairs were advised to email Mr. Brandt if they anything they'd like to report from their task group by close of business Friday, January 20, 2023.



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Honorable Robert Owen joined the meeting at 11 am. Meeting now has a Quorum due to 8 members out of 15 present--official business was able to be conducted and voted on.

Approval of Minutes

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 14:337 Revisions

Unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system. At December 2022 meeting Mr. James Pope from St. Charles Parish Emergency Operations system gave an update on the revisions in Title 14:337, paragraph E:2 and paragraph E:4.

Mr. Rey: When the original drone law was updated not long ago and one of the things not included is when we have an individual committing now a 2nd offense felony we don't have any language like other statutes to take the instrument that helped the individual commit that felony. You don't want to give back the tool that was used to complete the crime. Joint Terrorist task form says they are having the same issue. Basic Next step is to get one of the Representatives' on our committee to submit legislation

Sgt. Kemp: Would like to add statutes of limitation to specify

Atty. Greg Hardy-DOTD Legal: Have language but would like to add something in addition to standard language with general prescription laws

Sgt. Kemp: Right now language is a little vague—needs to be more specified and prescription needs to be added.

Atty. Greg Hardy-DOTD Legal: Would help to add language and specify time period to have on the record.

Motion made by Sgt. Kemp and seconded by Mr. Rey to adopt the language for Title 14:337 as stated and add a seven year prescription period or statutes of limitation for this particular crime so if a repeat offense occurs within those seven years it will be considered a second offense.

Motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Report

Motion made by Mr. Gammel and seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the Calendar Year 2022 LADAC Committee report with actions taken today in regards to Title 14:337. The changes based on the actions today will be on page 5 just before the drone advisory task group reporting area.

Motion passed unanimously.



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Response Update on Legal Opinion Letters Sent by Task Group 3

DOTD Legal did submit a response letter. FAA Legal has not submitted a response and are still reviewing—hoping to have a response from them before the May meeting.

Discussion on How Get Additional Stakeholders Involved

Article 6: B1-adding more task groups; 1A-standing language committee; B1C-industry stakeholders can be members of task groups. (Would be considered a public servant and have to abide by Louisiana Ethics rules). Mr. Rey pointed out that this would actually be in-line with FAA rules and that he believes that the Louisiana Ethic rules wouldn't be an issue with companies and individuals willing to serve. Mr. Brandt stated that term limits could be set. Mr. Bartels thinks this is a great idea to open committee up on outside opinions. Mr. Rey asked if Mr. Bartels could serve on this committee because he is a key player in the industry.

Aviation system plan is kicking off—Mr. Rey will be getting invited to these discussions. Plan will include UAS and UAM-want to make sure we have the language to move forth and also include in LADAC.

Committee Name Change

At August 2022 meeting committee voted on changing the name of the committee from Louisiana Drone Advisory Committee (LADAC) to LAA (Louisiana Advanced Aviation Advisory Committee). Atty. Hardy advised that since the committee name was approved in legislation a bill would have to be introduced and approved by the legislature for the name change. Rep. Owen stated he would submit legislation, but would like to keep the word "Drone" in the name. Committee agreed that name change legislation would change the committee's name to Louisiana Advanced Aviation and Drone Advisory Committee (LAADAC).

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Next LADAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 2023—due to Legislature being in-session, LADAC meeting will be held at an alternative location.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Rey and seconded by Rep. Owen to adjourn meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.