



# Louisiana Drone Advisory Committee (LADAC)

## Louisiana Drone Advisory Committee (LADAC) Meeting Minutes

**Date:** November 16, 2021

**Time:** 1:30pm to 3pm

**Location:** Louisiana State Capitol Building, House Committee Room #6

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Mr. Brad Brandt (DOTD Director of Aviation) called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm, and asked Madam Secretary LaToya Joseph to conduct a roll call.

### Committee Members Present:

Honorable Robert Owens, Mr. George Rey, Sgt. Jonathan (John) Kemp, Mr. Andy Brown, Mr. Stanley Ard, Mr. Nathan McBride, Dr. Balaji Ramachandran, Mr. Joshua (Josh) Alfred, and Mr. Bradley (Brad) Brandt. Quorum met due to 10 out of 15 committee members being present. (8 out of 15 members must be present to make a quorum). **Proxies:** Dr. Jacqueline Richard attended as proxy for Dr. Kristine Strickland; Mr. Casey Carter attended as proxy for Mr. Scott Gammel. **Committee Membership Change:** On September 10, 2021, Sergeant Jonathan (John) Kemp was appointed by the Governor to replace Trooper Leland (Corky) Dwight on the LADAC committee.

### Approval of Minutes:

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

### Committee Business/Reminders:

Chairman Brandt reminded members that if they have not already done so to send their certificate for Ethics training to LADAC Secretary Josh Alfred. Committee charter has been approved and executed—copies will be emailed to all LADAC members. There will also be a LADAC section on the LADOTD website. There are 7 committee members total on sub-committees.

### Approval of Sub-Committee Structure and Task Groups:

Motion made by Mr. Ard and seconded by Dr. Ramachandran to approve sub-committees. Motion passed unanimously.

### Subject Matter Presentation from LADAC Task Group 5:

Chairman of Task Group 5-Mr. Rey-made a presentation.

### Legislative Report Discussion

Thirty days prior to the start of the Legislative session, each sub-committee needs to come up with narratives and formats. Sub-Committee narratives are due to Chairman Brandt and Co-Chairman Rey by Wednesday, January 19, 2022 for review. Narratives' then will be submitted by Monday, January 31, 2022 to the Secretary of DOTD for approval and then submitted by Friday, February 11, 2022 to the Legislative Transportation Committee Chairs. Mr. Rey will like to develop a draft format for committees to use.

### Old/New Business:

Mr. Ard would like to get legal opinion from DOTD legal section and Attorney General to see if we can have drone highways inside DOTD right of way. Mr. Gammel has been reaching out to the FAA



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liaison to see what the FAA stand is about drone highways. Motion made by Mr. Ard and seconded by Mr. Rey to assign drafting of letter in regards to drone highways to LADAC Task Group 3. Letters will be sent to DOTD legal division, the FAA, and Attorney General. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Ard and seconded by Dr. Ramachandran to add Mr. Gammel and Sgt. Kemp to Task Group 3 to assist with drafting of letter in regards to drone highways. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Next Board Meeting:**

Mr. Brandt informed LADAC that next meeting would be on February 16, 2022 at 1:30 pm at Nicholls State University.

Motion made by Mr. Rey and seconded by Mr. Ard to adjourn LADAC meeting. Motion passed unanimously—Meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.