



**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY**  
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**COMMISSIONER**



**AGENDA**  
**IN-PERSON MEETING OF THE**

**INDUSTRIAL HEMP PROMOTION AND RESEARCH ADVISORY BOARD**

**March 14, 2023 9:30 A.M.**

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY**  
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- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 15, 2022 Meeting**
- V. REMINDER FOR MANDATORY SEXUAL HARRASSMENT AND ETHICS TRAINING**
- VI. INDUSTRIAL HEMP PROGRAM UPDATE - LDAF**
- VII. OLD BUSINESS**
  - a. Submission of Annual Legislative Report by Board**
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. Industrial Hemp Seed Discussion - Lester Cannon**
  - b. Fiber Plot Research Discussion - Dr. James Obuya and Brian Bolyer**
  - c. Discussion on Vidalia Mills blending hemp and cotton for textiles – Chairman Representative Johnson**
  - d. Industrial Hemp Building Material Discussion - Mike Guidry and Thomas Guida**
  - e. Review and discussion of grant opportunities from USDA and others – Art Walker**
  - f. Discussion on increasing LSU, SU AND ULM universities’ hemp educational information to the general public – Chairman Representative Johnson**
  - g. Discussion of development of a hemp promotion & education plan and solicitation of funding for the plan – Paige Melancon**
  - h. Discussion of state laws across Louisiana affecting the hemp industry – Art Walker**
  - i. Discussion of broadcasting board meetings and sub-committee meetings – Art Walker**
  - j. Discussion on tracking and informing board members of any legislation proposed to change the hemp industry or needs for legislative changes – Paige Melancon**
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- X. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
- XI. ADJOURNMENT**

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*THIS AGENDA IS TENTATIVE UNTIL 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHEDULED MEETING, AT WHICH TIME THE MOST RECENT REVISION OF THIS AGENDA BECOMES OFFICIAL. ANY SUBSEQUENT CHANGES TO THIS AGENDA SHALL BE MADE ONLY BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE COMMISSION. NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER PROVIDED THAT THE COMMISSION MAY VOTE TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON ANY AGENDA OR OTHER DULY APPROVED ITEM THAT IS EXEMPTED FROM DISCUSSION AT AN OPEN MEETING PURSUANT TO LA. R.S. 42:17. FURTHER, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE CONTACT TINA FICKLIN AT (225) 925-4733 TO ADVISE IF SPECIAL ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED.*



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