

LOUISIANA COMMISSION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
ADJUDICATORY HEARING MINUTES

March 20, 2026, at 9:30 A.M.

Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry
Veterans' Memorial Auditorium
5825 Florida Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman, Mr. Scott Simonson, called the hearing to order at 9:32 a.m.

II. **ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Blaire LeBlanc, LDAF Staff, called roll, and the following Commission Members were present:

Commission Members Present

Mr. Scott Simonson, Chairman
Mr. Dave George, Vice Chairman
Mr. Bryan Stafford
Mr. Justin Alford
Ms. Jessica Elliott
Mr. Frank Lopinto
Mr. Mickey Freiberg
Mr. Tommy "Bo" Haring

Alternates Present:

Kurt Strawitz

With eight (8) members and one (1) alternate present, a quorum was declared.

The following members were absent: Mr. Joe Bushnell and Michael Diresto.

III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

IV. **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 23, 2025, AND FEBRUARY 10, 2026, MINUTES.**

Mr. Scott Simonson moved to approve the minutes from the October 23, 2025, and February 10, 2026, meeting. Mr. Mickey Freiberg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

V. **ADJUDICATORY HEARING**

A) LDAF Staff Attorney Bethany Gonzales represented the department and presented the following cases. Assistant Attorney General Tanika Starks presided as Hearing Officer.

ADJUDICATED CASES

26-WM-0221 Elton Express (Elton)

7 VIOLATION(S)

7 – Overcharges – LA. R.S. 3:4617 (A)

Bethany Gonzales, LDAF Attorney, represented the Department. Tanika Starks, Assistant Attorney General, presided over the hearing. Ashley Freyou, store manager, was present and entered a plea of guilty on behalf of the Respondent.

Without objection from Ms. Freyou, LDAF Attorney, Bethany Gonzales, requested to admit into evidence as LDAF 1, the Charge Letter dated January 09, 2026, and as LDAF 5, the notice of inspection dated December 17, 2025.

The Department recommended the Commission to find respondent in violation for seven (7) violations of the Louisiana Weights and Measures, laws, rules and regulations for failing to display a price as required by LAC 7:XXXV.117(A). The Department recommended a penalty of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) to be paid within 30 days of receipt of demand letter.

The motion to accept respondent’s guilty plea and assess a penalty of One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (1,750.00) was made by Mr. Scott Simonson and seconded by Mr. Tommy “Bo” Haring. All members were in favor. The motion carried.

26-WM-0224 90 Pointe (Lake Charles)

12 VIOLATION(S)

6 - Overcharge Violations – LA. R.S. 3:4617 (A)

6 – Prices Not Displayed – LAC 7:XXXV.117 (A)

Bethany Gonzales, LDAF Attorney, represented the Department. Tanika Starks, Assistant Attorney General, presided over the hearing. No one was present on behalf of the Respondent.

Director Paul Floyd, LDAF Inspector Anna Greathouse, and Program Manager Steven Coco were called as witnesses by the Department.. Paul Floyd identified and authenticated the Charge Letter dated January 9, 2026, admitted into evidence as LDAF 1, and Amended Charge Letter dated February 13, 2026, admitted into evidence as LDAF 1B.

Ms. Anna Greathouse identified and authenticated the price verification summary reports and the Notice of Inspections dated September 22, 2025, October 31, 2025, and December 22, 2025. The summary reports were admitted into evidence as LDAF 2, LDAF 3 and LDAF 5, respectively. Mr. Steven Coco identified and authenticated the warning letter dated October 31, 2025, and it was admitted into evidence as LDAF 4.

The Department recommended the Commission to find respondent in violation for twelve (12) violations of the Louisiana Weights and Measures, laws, rules and regulations for misrepresenting the price or quantity of a commodity and failing to meet the 98% or higher pass rate as required. The Department recommended a penalty of Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$4,800.00) to be paid within 30 days of receipt of demand letter.

The motion to find respondent in violation and assess the department recommended penalty of Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$4,800) was made by Mr. Justin Alford and seconded by Mr. Frank Lopinto. All members were in favor. The motion carried.

STIPULATED CASES

26-WM-0222 Bridge Petroleum (Lafayette)

5 VIOLATION(S)

5 – Overcharge Violation(s) – LA. R.S. 3:4617 (A)

The department recommended a penalty of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars. (\$1,250.00). Motion to accept the stipulation and recommended penalty was made by Mr. Dave George and seconded by Mr. Frank Lopinto. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

25 – WM – 1006 Deli 2 Go (Lake Charles)

19 VIOLATION(S)

4– Overcharge Violation(s) – LA. R.S. 3:4617 (A)

15 – Prices not displayed – LAC 7:XXXV.117 (A)

The department recommended a penalty of Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars. (\$3,250.00). Motion to accept the stipulation and recommended penalty was made by Mr. Mickey Freiberg and seconded by Mr. Scott Simonson. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

25 – WM – 1019 Save and Go 4 (Lake Charles)

13 VIOLATION(S)

13 – Prices not displayed – LAC 7:XXXV.117 (A)

The department recommended a penalty of One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars. (\$1,950.00). Motion to accept the stipulation and recommended penalty was made by Mr. Frank Lopinto and seconded by Mr. Justin Alford. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

B) LDAF Staff Attorney Jade Saunders represented the department and presented the following cases.

26 – WM – 0201 Bayou Corner Express (New Iberia)

26 VIOLATION(S)

26 – Prices not displayed – LAC 7:XXXV.117 (A)

The department recommended a penalty of Three Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars. (\$3,900.00). Motion to accept the stipulation and recommended penalty was made by Mr. Justin Alford and seconded by Mr. Bryan Stafford. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

26-WM-0202 Dollar General Store 23081 (Kentwood)

8 VIOLATION(S)

8 – Overcharge Violation(s) – LA. R.S. 3:4617 (A)

The department recommended a penalty of Six Thousand Dollars. (\$6,000.00). Motion to accept the stipulation and recommended penalty was made by Mr. Tommy “Bo” Haring and seconded by Mickey Freiberg. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

26-WM-0204 Time Loop (Lake Charles)

11 VIOLATION(S)

5 – Overcharge Violation(s) – LA. R.S. 3:4617 (A)

6 – Prices not displayed – LAC 7:XXXV.117 (A)

The department recommended a penalty of Four Thousand Three Hundred Dollars. (\$4,300.00). Motion to accept the stipulation and recommended penalty was made by Mr. Bryan Stafford and seconded by Mr. Dave George. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

26-WM-0205 Thibodeaux Country Store (Sulphur)

20 VIOLATION(S)

16 – Overcharge Violation(s) – LA. R.S. 3:4617 (A)

4 – Prices not displayed – LAC 7:XXXV.117 (A)

The department recommended a penalty of Nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars. (\$9,200.00). Motion to accept the stipulation and recommended penalty was made by Mr. Scott Simonson and seconded by Mr. Mickey Freiberg. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

26-WM-0207 Family Dollar Store 25746 (Vivian)

14 VIOLATION(S)

14 – Overcharge Violation(s) – LA. R.S. 3:4617 (A)

The department recommended a penalty of Ten Thousand Five Hundred dollars. (\$10,500.00). Motion to accept the stipulation and recommended penalty was made by Mr. Justin Alford and seconded by Kurt Strawitz. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

C) LDAF Staff Attorney Angela Jackson represented the department and presented the following cases.

26-WM-0210 Kings Point II (Westlake)

14 VIOLATION(S)

14 – Prices not displayed – LAC 7:XXXV.117 (A)

The department recommended a penalty of Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars. (\$2,100.00). Motion to accept the stipulation and recommended penalty was made by Mr. Kurt Strawitz and seconded by Mr. Mickey Freiberg. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

26 – WM – 0212 Target Stores (Alexandria)

8 Violations

8 – Overcharge Violations – LA. R.S. 3:4617(A)

The department requested and was granted a continuance to the June 24, 2026 hearing to allow time for an updated stipulation to be received from Respondent.

26-WM-0214 Kangaroo 3 (Lake Charles)

11 VIOLATION(S)

11 – Overcharge Violation(s) – LA. R.S. 3:4617 (A)

The department recommended a penalty of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty dollars. (\$2,750.00). Motion to accept the stipulation and recommended penalty was made by Mr. Tommy “Bo” Haring and seconded by Bryan Stafford. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

26-WM-0216 Dollar General Store 9854 (Coushatta)

5 VIOLATION(S)

5 – Overcharge Violation(s) – LA. R.S. 3:4617 (A)

The department recommended a penalty of Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty dollars. (\$3,750.00). Motion to accept the stipulation and recommended penalty was made by Mr. Frank Lopinto and seconded by Kurt Strawitz. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

26-WM-0218 Five Star Quick Stop (Lake Charles)

6 VIOLATION(S)

6 – Prices not displayed – LAC 7:XXXV.117 (A)

The department recommended a penalty of One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars. (\$1,800.00). Motion to accept the stipulation and recommended penalty was made by Mr. Scott Simonson and seconded by Mr. Mickey Freiberg. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

D) LDAF Staff Attorney Bethany Gonzales represented the department and presented the following cases.

26-WM-0219 Grab N Geaux 8 (Lake Charles)

5 VIOLATION(S)

5 – Overcharge Violation(s) – LA. R.S. 3:4617 (A)

The department recommended a penalty of Two Thousand Five Hundred dollars. (\$2,500.00). Motion to accept the stipulation and recommended penalty was made by Mr. Kurt Strawitz and seconded by Mr. Dave George. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

26-WM-0220 Mars Wrigley Confectionery US, LLC

691 VIOLATION(S)

691 – Declared weight not met – LA. R.S. 3:4617 (A)

The department recommended a penalty of One Hundred Seventy Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$172,750.00). Motion to accept the stipulation and recommended penalty was made by Mr. Mickey Freiberg and seconded by Mr. Kurt Strawitz . All members were in favor. Motion carried

26-WM-0223 Tractor Supply Company

242 VIOLATION(S)

242 – Declared weight not met – LA. R.S. 3:4617 (A)

The department recommended a penalty of Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$60,500.00). Motion to accept the stipulation and recommended penalty was made by Mr. Bryan Stafford and seconded by Mr. Frank Lopinto. All members were in favor. Motion carried. Ms. Jessica Elliott abstained.

26-WM-0225 Smokers Express (Lake Charles)

10 VIOLATION(S)

10 – Prices not displayed – LAC 7:XXXV.117 (A)

The department recommended a penalty of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars. (\$1,500.00). Motion to accept the stipulation and recommended penalty was made by Mr. Tommy “Bo” Haring and seconded by Mr. Justin Alford. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

VI. OLD BUSINESS.

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS.

Ms. Allison Dumas gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Seafood Safety Task Force.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

None.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE.

Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 9:30 am.
Thursday, November 05, 2026, at 9:30am.

X. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made at 11:12 a.m. to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Justin Alford and seconded by Mr. Tommy “Bo” Haring. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Signature

Printed Name