



State of Louisiana
Animal Welfare Commission

Office of the Governor

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Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2010

I. Call to order

Gary Balsamo called to order the regular meeting of the Louisiana Animal Welfare Commission at 9:30 AM on January 9, 2010, in room 173, Bienville State Office Building, Baton Rouge, LA.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Ms. Margaret George (humane organization representative), Ms. Mary Lee Oliphant-Wood (commercial breeder representative), Dr. Philip Dupont (LVMA representative), Dr. Gary Balsamo (Governor's Office of Community Programs representative), Mr. Pinckney Wood (humane organization representative), Ms. Joelle Rupert (humane organization representative), Dr. Brian Melius (small animal practice), Ms. Susan Schneider (Louisiana QH Association representative)

The following members were absent: Lt. Rhett Trahan (law enforcement representative), Mr. Hilton Cole (Animal control representative), Dr. Samuel Burke (at-large) Mr. J.T. Lane (DHH representative), Dr. Amy Grayson (LVMA representative)

The Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders' Association slot remains vacant.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were read. Mr. Pinckney Wood pointed out that the election results were reported erroneously. The minutes, specifically section V.a, "Election of Officers", were corrected to read as follows:

"The three nominees were all then unanimously elected to the following positions:

Chair/Secretary: Dr. Gary Balsamo

Vice Chair: Mr. Pinckney Wood

Treasurer: Ms. Mary Lee Oliphant-Wood."

The minutes were then approved by vote of the Commission as read. Motion made by Dr. Melius, seconded by Dr. Dupont.

IV. Open issues

- a) Pinckney Wood reported from the Committee to Create a Model Animal Cruelty Law. The commission provided assistance on three bills in the most recent legislative session that were

