



# State of Louisiana Animal Welfare Commission

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## ***Meeting Minutes***

June 1, 2011

### **I. Call to order**

**Gary Balsamo** called to order the regular meeting of the Louisiana Animal Welfare Commission at 1:00 PM on June 1, 2011, in the Pensacola Room of the Galvez State Office Building, Baton Rouge, LA.

### **II. Roll call**

The following members were present: Ms. Amy Burris (at-large), Ms. Mary Lee Oliphant-Wood (commercial breeder representative), Ms. Joelle Rupert (humane organization representative), Dr. Gary Balsamo (Governor's Office of Community Programs representative), Dr. Brian Melius (small animal practice), Mr. Pinckney Wood (humane organization representative), Mr. Hilton Cole (Animal control representative), Ms. Margaret George (humane organization representative), Dr. Amy Grayson (LVMA representative), and Mr. J.T. Lane (DHH representative).

Absent were Lt. Paul Edmondson, Louisiana State Police Representative, Dr. A. Phillip Dupont (LVMA representative), and Ms. Susan Schneider (Louisiana Quarter Horse Association representative).

The Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders' Association slot remains vacant.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

The minutes from the last meeting were read. The minutes were then approved unanimously by vote of the Commission as read. Motion for approval was made by Ms. Amy Burris, seconded by Ms. Rupert.

### **IV. Open issues**

(a) Ms. Amy Burris presented the recommendations of the LAWC website committee for a vendor to create the LAWC website. Five vendors had been considered by the committee. Four of the five vendors were approved by the website committee, with instructions that the commission select one. Appendix 1 is the document that was submitted to the membership. Ms. Burris also stated that, although four vendors were recommended to the commission, Covalent Logic was the number one choice of two of the three committee members. The only vendor that was not recommended was Michelle Pakron. Ms. Burris stated that Ms. Pakron's résumé was impeccable and her work was very impressive, but

