

Louisiana Property and Casualty Insurance Commission

Minutes of the Meeting of the Commission

Wednesday, February 29, 2016 @ 10:00 A.M.

Department of Insurance – Plaza Hearing Room

Members Present: Lou Fey (Chairman), Jeff Albright (Vice Chairman), Ray Aleman Jr., Marc Carter, Paul Buffone, Will Grubbs Jr., Michael Guy, Chris Haik, Pauline Williams (for Sheral Keller), Ron Henderson, Leslie Sallean, Mike Baron (for LTC John Leblanc), Ann Metrailler, Joe O'Connor.

Commission Staff Present: Tom Travis and Ron Williams.

LDI Staff Present: Warren Byrd.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the chairman.

Mr. Travis called the roll and reported the presence of a quorum.

Mr. Fey, the chairman, welcomed the commission members and others in attendance.

The commission discussed and voted on recommendations for legislation for the 2016 Regular Session

1. Support legislation to maintain or strengthen statewide building codes (12 yes-0 no)
2. Support legislation to establish a mediation program for residential property claims (13-0)
3. Support legislation to lower the current civil jury threshold (12-0)
4. Support legislation to repeal the direct action statute except in cases where defendant can't be served (11-1)
5. Support legislation to reinstate the UM statute as a first party coverage (13-0)
6. Support legislation on distracted driving (13-0)
7. Support legislation to increase fines/penalties for a seat belt violation, including making a seat belt violation a primary cause for a traffic stop and issuance of a citation (13-0)

The commission discussed and voted on recommendations for future study by the LPCIC

1. Study transportation network company issues (13-0)
2. Study cybersecurity insurance issues (13-0)
3. Study driverless vehicle issues (12-0)
4. Study opioid use/abuse issues (12-0)

5. Study distracted driving issues (Deleted. It is included in the legislation recommendations.)
6. Study third party litigation funding issues (11-0)
7. Study collateral source rule issues (11-0)
8. Study Medicare Secondary Payer issues (12-0)
9. Study bad faith law issues (11-0)

On motion of Mr. Grubbs and there being no objection, the chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.