



Louisiana Drone Advisory Committee (LADAC)

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Date: May 3, 2023

Time: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Location: St. Charles Parish Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness

Mr. Brandt called the meeting to order at 1:03pm.

Committee Members Present:

Dr. Balaji Ramachandran, Mr. George Rey, Mr. DaCoda Bartels, Sgt. Johnathan (John) Kemp, Dr. James Dire, Mr. Andrew (Andy) Brown and Mr. Bradley (Brad) Brandt. **Quorum not met due to 7 out of 15 committee members being present.** (8 out of 15 members must be present to make a quorum). **Due to not having a quorum, items on agenda can only be briefly discussed and not voted on.**

Approval of Minutes and Call for Additional Items

Motion to approve minutes from last meeting (January 18, 2023) and call for Additional Items will be deferred to next meeting (August 2, 2023) due to lack of a quorum.

Task Group Reports

Copy of each task group terms of reference is available to review. There were some past committee members that were not reappointed/replaced with new committee members so those names were updated. Task Groups 4, 6, and 7 had significant committee member changes. Votes for task group assignments could not take place due to lack of a quorum.

Spoke to DOTD legal in regard to each task group having a charter--since the LADAC did adopt a charter for overall committee/group, it would be prudent to have a charter for each task group. Will take back to legal to see if each can be adopted and will place on website. In August, would like for members to consider what they would like task group charter to look like--will have to put in January report for Dr. Kalivoda.

Legislative Items

- LADAC Legislative report was submitted on time.
- **HB407 (Robert Owen): Name Revision** Bill received full approved vote from House Transportation Committee and will now move to Senate Committee for vote. Mr. Rey stated that committee needs to find out if we need to make any changes to the language so we can get that in and get it approved.

Title 14:337: Mr. Brandt stated could not find any bills associated with this may not have been submitted this year. Mr. Rey stated that may have to find someone to submit for next year's session. Changes needed for how committee is structured—only had 1 quorum meeting this year. Mr. Rey will check with some private entities to see how to get legislation to get language changes, because there are things that are going on the federal side and if we are not structured correctly the state will suffer.

Dr. Ramachandran asked if a representative can attend on behalf of someone else and also proxy vote (subcommittees). Mr. Brandt asked legal--Legal said legally that is not able to be done due to subcommittee's being state committee group.



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Legal also stated that if private agencies entities would like to serve on any task groups they must go through Ethics training like everyone else did on LADAC. Mr. Brown stated that he has been on other boards/committees where you can have other members outside of the board/committee to serve.
No action items due to lack of quorum.

New Business:

Mr. George Rey made presentation on Counter UAS & Aircraft Electrification Briefing. (Phil Constantin put in for grant for Louisiana. Department of Defense will be coming to New Orleans July 16-18, 2023).

Discussion was held in regards to presentation.

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Proposed Wednesday, August 2, 2023

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.