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2                                   TEXAS RACING COMMISSION  
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20           BE IT REMEMBERED that the above entitled matter  
21 came on for hearing on the 16th day of December, 2014,  
22 beginning at 10:30 A.M. at 105 West 15th Street, Room  
23 120, Austin, Travis County, Texas, and the following  
24 proceedings were reported by SHERRI SANTMAN FISHER,  
25 Certified Shorthand Reporter for the State of Texas.

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1 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: It's now 10:30. Merry  
2 Christmas. Seasons greetings.

3 Mary, can you please call the roll first,  
4 please?

5 MS. WELCH: Chairman Robert Schmidt?

6 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Here.

7 MS. WELCH: Commissioner Ron Ederer?

8 VICE-CHAIRMAN EDERER: Here.

9 MS. WELCH: Commissioner Gloria Hicks?

10 COMMISSIONER HICKS: Present.

11 MS. WELCH: Commissioner Michael Martin?

12 COMMISSIONER MARTIN: Here.

13 MS. WELCH: Commissioner Vicki Weinberg?

14 COMMISSIONER WEINBERG: Here.

15 MS. WELCH: Commissioner Gary Aber?

16 Commissioner John Steen?

17 COMMISSIONER STEEN: Here.

18 MS. WELCH: Commissioner Ann O'Connell?

19 MS. O'CONNELL: Here.

20 MS. WELCH: Commissioner Cynthia Leon?

21 MS. LEON: Here.

22 MS. WELCH: We do have a quorum.

23 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: We have a quorum.

24 Thank you very much.

25 It's now 10:31. We do have

1 representatives from the Attorney General's office  
2 here; and rather than make them wait, we're going to  
3 move directly into executive session. So we're now  
4 entering executive session under Government Code  
5 Section 551.071. We'll be seeking the advice of the  
6 Commission's attorneys pending -- regarding pending or  
7 contemplated litigation.

8           The executive session may include, but is  
9 not limited to, legal advice regarding Case  
10 D-1-GN-14-003700, American Legion versus the Texas  
11 Racing Commission and Mr. Chuck Trout. We will also  
12 seek the advice of the Commission's attorneys as  
13 privileged communications under Sections 551.071(2).

14           As I stated, the time is now 10:31.

15 Thank you.

16           (Recess from 10:31 a.m. to 10:57 a.m. for  
17 executive session)

18           CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: The Commission is now  
19 reconvening out of executive session and the time is  
20 now 10:57. During the session we heard the advice of  
21 our attorneys regarding the American Legion case.

22           Public comment section. Devon, has  
23 anyone turned in a testimony card requesting public  
24 comment?

25           MS. BIJANSKY: No, sir.

1                   CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: I couldn't see you  
2 there behind the computer, Devon. Welcome.

3                   General business. Announcement of a  
4 Celebration of Life gathering for Sammy Jackson, deputy  
5 director of finance and waging.

6                   Mr. Trout, can you update us, please?

7                   MR. TROUT: Yes, sir.

8                   Commissioners, as you know, our deputy  
9 director Sammy Jackson passed away on November the 17th  
10 and we are going to have a celebration immediately  
11 following this meeting over at Scholz Garten. You can  
12 walk there from here. That's our plan is just to go  
13 out the front door, go down about two short blocks,  
14 then turn left on San Jacinto, down another block on  
15 the right.

16                   And we will have lunch served there and  
17 we'll have a period of time that we can spend  
18 together. Sammy's family will be there, so you can  
19 visit with them at that time.

20                   CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Thank you, Mr. Trout,  
21 for organizing that. Appreciate it.

22                   MR. TROUT: Actually I would like to  
23 thank -- if we're going to thank anybody, Jean Cook did  
24 most of the work on that.

25                   CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Great. That's very

1 thoughtful.

2 Reports by the executive director and  
3 staff regarding administrative matters. First let's  
4 begin with budget and finance. Ms. Lane Goetsch?

5 Welcome.

6 MS. GOETSCH: Thank you.

7 Good morning, Commissioners. My name is  
8 Lane Goetsch, chief financial officer for the Texas  
9 Racing Commission. I'm here to give the budget and  
10 finance update.

11 On pages eight and nine of your agenda  
12 packet you will find the agency's fiscal year 2015  
13 operating budget reflecting revenue collections and  
14 expenditures as of November 30th, 2014. As of that  
15 date, the agency had collected 3.74 million or 40  
16 percent of revenues and expended 1.9 million or 22  
17 percent of budgeted expenditures.

18 At this time the Racing Commission is in  
19 good operating condition. If you have any questions, I  
20 will be happy to answer them.

21 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Any questions of  
22 Lane?

23 Great. Thank you, ma'am. Thank you very  
24 much.

25 Wagering statistics, Ms. Lila Smith.

1 Lila?

2 MS. SMITH: Good morning, Commissioners.  
3 I'm Lila Smith, director of pari-mutuel.

4 And on page 10 and 12 of your agenda  
5 packet is the wagering statistic report for the  
6 periods -- for the periods of January 1st through  
7 November 30th for both 2013 and 2014. The report  
8 reflects that total wagering activity for 2014 has  
9 decreased at greyhound tracks by 5.08 percent and has  
10 increased at the horse tracks by 4.7 percent. Total  
11 wagers placed in Texas has increased by 3.89 percent  
12 for 2014.

13 Are there any questions?

14 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Any questions of  
15 Lila?

16 Thank you, Lila. Thank you very much.

17 MS. SMITH: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Mr. Blodgett, director  
19 of investigations, a report of racetrack inspections  
20 and enforcement report.

21 Jim?

22 MR. BLODGETT: Good morning,  
23 Commissioners.

24 Commissioners, in an effort to improve  
25 staff communications, the format of the enforcement

1 report has been modified to provide a better focus on  
2 regulatory activities at each meet or track. In  
3 addition, this new format will include testimony on  
4 outstanding racetrack issues that are also provided in  
5 greater statistical detail in your packets. Staff does  
6 welcome your input as we refine the best way to provide  
7 a more meaningful context to our oversight operations.

8           Commissioners, Lone Star concluded its  
9 Quarter Horse meet on November the 15th. As provided  
10 within your packet, we experienced 30 animal positives,  
11 two medication overages during that meet. The largest  
12 single positives were noted to be Clenbuterol and  
13 Budesonide. There were 47 rulings to date at the  
14 track. Staff racetrack inspection at Lone Star Park  
15 revealed only one outstanding issue regarding the ATM  
16 provider in which the machine dispenses cash from  
17 credit card requests.

18           Commissioners, the featured race of the  
19 season at Lone Star, the Texas Classic Futurity, was  
20 run on the last day of the meet. For the first time in  
21 Texas, security for the AQHA-sanctioned race was  
22 enhanced by bringing a specialized seven-member  
23 enforcement team to support the Texas Racing Commission  
24 with regulatory oversight. The team was comprised of  
25 out-of-state racing investigators, state police, and

1 other racing industry professionals, including  
2 Dr. Dionne Benson from RMTC.

3           During the course of two days our staff,  
4 the Texas DPS, and the special event team conducted  
5 gate and barn inspections and provided five-hour  
6 prerace surveillance on each horse in the big race. As  
7 a result of the enhanced enforcement efforts, two  
8 electrical shocking devices, nine syringes, six bottles  
9 of injectable medication, and various other contraband  
10 were seized. I think special acknowledgment for this  
11 effort should be extended to both the AQHA and Lone  
12 Star management as they both played a crucial role in  
13 organizing and supporting the efforts of this special  
14 event team.

15           Commissioners, Retama Park concluded its  
16 fall Thoroughbred meet on November the 29th. During  
17 this meet we experienced a total of four medication  
18 overages, which were phenylbutazone. The Retama Board  
19 of Stewards issued a total of 26 rulings to date from  
20 this meet. Staff racetrack inspections at Retama Park  
21 revealed the same outstanding inspection items as noted  
22 at Lone Star regarding the ATM machines.

23           Gulf Greyhound Park continues year-round  
24 racing and the Board of Judges have issued a total of  
25 21 rulings for the year. We have one outstanding

1 racetrack inspection issue at Gulf which involves a  
2 minor signage repair on the tote board.

3           Commissioners, Sam Houston Race Park is  
4 currently open for training and preparations are under  
5 way for their 36-day Thoroughbred meet that starts on  
6 January the 16th.

7           And that would conclude my testimony.  
8 I'd be happy to answer any questions that you may  
9 have.

10           CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: One question. Do you  
11 plan to bring in the -- for the significant  
12 Thoroughbred races in the springtime at Lone Star, are  
13 you going to do similar surveillance as far as --

14           MR. BLODGETT: We're encouraging that,  
15 Mr. Chairman, but obviously a lot of the organization  
16 and logistics have to happen with the racetracks and  
17 the AQHA or the Thoroughbred groups supporting that  
18 initiative. We entertain those or encourage them, but  
19 it's kind of their call.

20           CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Thanks.

21           Any other questions?

22           Thanks, Jim. Thank you very much, sir.

23           Okay. We get to the heart of the meeting  
24 now. Proceedings on racetracks. We're going to focus  
25 on the allocation of purses and distribution of funds

1 in the escrowed purse account.

2 Mr. Speight, can you bring us up to date,  
3 please, sir?

4 MR. SPEIGHT: Good morning,  
5 Commissioners.

6 Commissioners, Item V-A and V-B on the  
7 agenda both address the allocation and distribution of  
8 purse revenues generated from simulcasting. V-A  
9 allocates the simulcasting purse money generated at  
10 each racetrack among various breeds of horses. V-B  
11 addresses the simulcast purse monies generated by  
12 wagering on horse races at greyhound tracks, also  
13 called the escrowed purse account.

14 This money has to be first divided among  
15 the various horse tracks and then amounts given to each  
16 track have to be allocated among the various breeds.  
17 The rules require that the racetracks negotiate with  
18 the industry over each of these items. If a track and  
19 the industry reach an agreement, then the track can  
20 submit copies of the agreements for the Commission to  
21 approve. However, if there is no agreement, then the  
22 track must submit a proposal for a division of the  
23 revenues with supporting documentation to justify its  
24 proposal.

25 This year only Gillespie County Fair &

1 Festival Association was able to reach agreements with  
2 the industry included on pages 20 through 23 of your  
3 packets. The Class 1 tracks were not able to reach  
4 agreements, so their proposed divisions along with  
5 their supporting documents and comments from the  
6 industry are in the packet included on pages 33 through  
7 58.

8           In reviewing the track's request, the  
9 question is whether the proposed splits accord  
10 reasonable access to races for all breeds of horses.  
11 If you believe that the request meets this test, then  
12 the track's requests should be approved. However, if  
13 you do not believe that the proposal meets the test,  
14 then Rules 321.505(a) and 321.509 provide that you can,  
15 one, request additional information from the track;  
16 two, require the association to submit a new proposal;  
17 or three, reject the request and determine an  
18 alternative division of revenue.

19           I'd be happy to answer any questions and  
20 I know the track managers are here to discuss their  
21 individual requests.

22           CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Thank you, Joel. I  
23 may call you back if there are any questions. Thank  
24 you for summarizing things.

25           Andrea Young, can you update us from the

1 perspective of Sam Houston Race Park?

2 MS. YOUNG: Good morning, Commissioners.

3 In your packet you have a letter and a  
4 request on behalf of Sam Houston Race Park. I think  
5 these are all the same faces that I had the opportunity  
6 to talk about this same subject matter with last year  
7 at the same December meeting. My letter is almost  
8 verbatim, the same words that I used last year, as is  
9 our request.

10 Our position is that given nothing has  
11 changed significantly one way or another in the  
12 industry, I think you heard some numbers earlier in one  
13 of the reports stating that business was up slightly,  
14 somewhere in the neighborhood of, you know, three to  
15 four percent at some of the tracks, Sam Houston being  
16 one of them this year. I do not believe that that's  
17 significant and therefore we are requesting for all  
18 rates to remain the same or what we'd like to call  
19 status quo.

20 And I'm happy to answer any questions you  
21 might have.

22 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Any questions of  
23 Andrea?

24 Okay. Thanks, Andrea.

25 MS. YOUNG: Thank you.

1                   CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: We may call you -- we  
2 reserve the right to call you back.

3                   Mr. Scott Wells on behalf of Lone Star.

4                   Mr. Wells, welcome.

5                   MR. WELLS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners,  
6 Lone Star Park has also made a request similar to that  
7 of Sam Houston Race Park in that we see no reason to  
8 change the current purse division at present. And so  
9 we've basically proposed the status quo remain intact.

10                  CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Anybody have a  
11 question of Mr. Wells?

12                  Thank you, sir.

13                  Mr. Whalen, Kevin Whalen, from Retama?

14                  MR. ROSS: He's not here, but I'm Steve  
15 Ross for Retama.

16                  CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Yes, Steve. If you  
17 could please speak for us. Sure. Sorry.

18                  MR. ROSS: Commissioners, good morning.

19                  Before I express Retama Park's position,  
20 I would like to call your attention to page 56 of your  
21 packet. I need to make a correction to one of the  
22 percentages. It was pointed out to me that I had typed  
23 that incorrectly and sent it in. The Thoroughbred  
24 percent should read 74.48 percent as opposed to the  
25 75.48. That would give us percentages adding up to 100

1 and would also be consistent with the allocations we  
2 used in calendar year 2014.

3           So I would like to echo the position of  
4 Sam Houston and Lone Star, that nothing has really  
5 changed for us, and we would recommend that the  
6 percentages stay the same in calendar year 2015.

7           And I'd be happy to answer any  
8 questions.

9           CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Any questions from  
10 anyone?

11           Okay. Thank you, sir. Thank you very  
12 much, sir. And thanks for the correction.

13           Sally Briggs. Ms. Briggs, Gillespie  
14 County? Is she here today? There she is. Great.

15           You cut a deal. Congratulations.

16           MS. BRIGGS: We did. Thank you.

17           Sally Briggs representing Gillespie  
18 County Fair & Festivals Association. We did cut a deal  
19 and it's the same deal we've had for quite a few years  
20 and so we appreciate all the horsemen going with us in  
21 what we feel like we need to do at Gillespie.

22           I'll be happy to answer any questions.

23           CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: You make our job  
24 easier. Thank you, ma'am. Thank you very much.

25           MS. BRIGGS: Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Okay. Mary Ruyle.

2 Mary? Texas Thoroughbred Association.

3 MS. RUYLE: Good morning, Commissioners.

4 Our association's letter of support is in  
5 your agenda packet for today, but I just wanted to be  
6 on record that we are supportive of the allocations and  
7 distribution of the escrowed horse purse account as the  
8 tracks have suggested.

9 I'll be happy to answer any questions.

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Thanks.

12 Rob Werstler?

13 Rob, welcome.

14 MR. WERSTLER: Good morning,  
15 Mr. Chairman, Commissioners. My name is Rob Werstler  
16 representing the Texas Quarter Horse Association.

17 The Texas Quarter Horse Association fully  
18 supports the breed splits as proposed by each Texas  
19 racetrack for the 2015 racing season.

20 I'm here to answer any questions you may  
21 have.

22 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: I guess I just had one  
23 question going through the packet, Rob. Could you  
24 explain to me the issue between six months -- from the  
25 Quarters side obviously, can you explain to me the

1 issue between the six-month plan and the one-year  
2 plan?

3 MR. WERSTLER: Why the six-month plan is  
4 a bad idea in my opinion?

5 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Or just -- yeah.

6 MR. WERSTLER: Well, let's take Lone Star  
7 Park, for example. We have -- our meet is in the fall,  
8 the Quarter Horse meet; and for 2015, the AQHA awarded  
9 Lone Star Park the Challenge Championship, which is  
10 basically the Quarter Horse racing -- the Quarter Horse  
11 version of the Breeders' Cup for the Thoroughbreds, our  
12 championships.

13 If -- moving forward, I could see Lone  
14 Star management would be quite nervous about hosting  
15 that event if they weren't absolutely positive of what  
16 their -- the amount of money they would have in their  
17 Quarter Horse breed account in the fall.

18 So if we only did this for six months and  
19 there was a chance that the breed splits could change  
20 for the second half of 2015, that would cause each  
21 racetrack quite a bit of heartburn.

22 Also Retama Park's Thoroughbred meet runs  
23 in the fall, so the same issues for them. They  
24 wouldn't know -- they'd have to supply and print a  
25 condition book that has the race dates in there, has

1 the purse levels in there. So if that was to change,  
2 they would have to change their -- they wouldn't be  
3 able to print their condition book on time or they'd  
4 have to change them. Plus their race dates for 2015  
5 have already been awarded by this Commission and that's  
6 based on what purse levels they feel that they can  
7 award during their meets.

8 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Thank you.

9 MR. WERSTLER: Yes, sir.

10 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Any other questions?  
11 Any other questions?

12 Mr. Wells, I hate to put you on the spot  
13 and call you back. I went through -- Sunday I went  
14 through this. I thought you did endorse the six-month  
15 rule. Was that right?

16 MR. WELLS: Well, our stance is not going  
17 to change in six months unless there's an agreement  
18 between the stakeholders. And I explained that to the  
19 party that wanted us to sign the six-month agreement.  
20 Just as Mr. Werstler just said, May 15th falls right in  
21 the middle of our Thoroughbred season and I'd hate to  
22 be trying to do different calculations at that time.  
23 But our position is going to continue to support the  
24 status quo until the opposing parties come to some kind  
25 of mutual agreement.

1 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Okay. I just wanted  
2 to clarify your letter. Thank you, sir.

3 Any other public comment at all, Devon?

4 MS. BIJANSKY: No, sir.

5 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Any comments by any of  
6 the Commissioners at all?

7 MS. O'CONNELL: So the six-month issue is  
8 off the table. Is that right? You are asking for us  
9 to set your split for the year.

10 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: The tracks are.

11 MS. O'CONNELL: Yes. Okay.

12 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: The tracks are. I  
13 think TTHBPA would prefer six months. That's what I  
14 understand. And the Quarters would prefer a year.

15 Any further discussion from anyone?

16 Any motion?

17 COMMISSIONER MARTIN: I'll make a motion  
18 to vote for the status quo for the next year.

19 VICE-CHAIRMAN EDERER: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: A motion by  
21 Dr. Martin, a second by Vice-Chair Ederer, to continue  
22 the current breed splits both for the allocation of  
23 purses and the distribution of the escrowed purse  
24 account. We can do them one, two?

25 MR. FENNER: I believe that's exactly

1 what they've requested.

2 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: And continue those for  
3 one additional year.

4 Any further comment?

5 All those in favor signify by saying  
6 aye.

7 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Anyone opposed?

9 So that's been addressed.

10 The next item is review and renewal of  
11 Laredo Downs' inactive racetrack license under  
12 Commission Rule 309.52.

13 Mark, would you update us a little bit?

14 MR. FENNER: Yes, sir.

15 Commissioners, you may remember that the  
16 Commission began its review and renewal of inactive  
17 racetrack licenses at its August meeting and approved  
18 three of the renewals. However, there were some  
19 questions that arose regarding the status of the land  
20 for the designated location of Laredo Downs and so the  
21 Commission tabled that review and renewal in order to  
22 give Laredo Downs an opportunity to provide additional  
23 information.

24 Yesterday afternoon Mr. Moltz, who  
25 represents Laredo Downs, provided me with a copy of an

1 option contract on the land. So they now do have an  
2 option to purchase the land. It's a six-month option.  
3 But nevertheless, we have it in our possession. It's  
4 in your red folders.

5 If you have any questions, I would defer  
6 those to Mr. Moltz or Laredo Downs representatives.

7 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Okay. Thank you very  
8 much.

9 Mr. Moltz representing Laredo Downs?

10 MR. MOLTZ: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,  
11 Commissioners.

12 At the last meeting there was a few  
13 questions asked of me with regard to the status of the  
14 property and I think we had been through everything  
15 else and that was one question there at the very end.  
16 And I didn't know whether the property was available or  
17 what the status was at that particular point.

18 Now, as Mr. Fenner said -- and I won't go  
19 into any greater detail. But we do have an option --  
20 or Laredo Downs does have an option on the original  
21 site as authorized, so hopefully that will answer the  
22 question and I won't get back into everything else that  
23 was said at that meeting.

24 I do have representatives here of LRP if  
25 there are any more questions, but hopefully this will

1 answer Commission O'Connell's questions.

2 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Any other questions of  
3 Mr. Moltz?

4 Thank you, sir. Thanks.

5 There's no further public comment.

6 Any further discussion from anyone?

7 Okay. I'll certainly entertain a motion  
8 to renew as inactive the license of Laredo Downs.

9 COMMISSIONER HICKS: I'll make the  
10 motion.

11 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Commissioner Hicks.

12 VICE-CHAIRMAN EDERER: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Second by Vice-Chair  
14 Ederer.

15 Any further comments?

16 Okay. All those in favor signify by  
17 saying aye.

18 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

19 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Anyone opposed?

20 MS. O'CONNELL: Nay.

21 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: All in favor except  
22 for Commissioner O'Connell.

23 Okay. We're going to move Items D and E  
24 in our agenda to the February meeting.

25 And then let's move forward to Item F,

1 allocation by the Texas Greyhound Association of  
2 interstate cross-species purse money.

3 Mr. Speight, can you update us on this  
4 and bring us up to date? Thank you.

5 MR. SPEIGHT: Commissioners, under the  
6 act and the rules, the Texas Greyhound Association  
7 collects the purse money earned from wagering on  
8 interstate simulcast greyhound races at Texas horse  
9 tracks. The TGA then proposes a division of that purse  
10 money among the three greyhound tracks subject to the  
11 Commission's approval.

12 The TGA's proposal, which is on page 70  
13 of your packet, would allocate a hundred percent of  
14 2015 purse money to Gulf Greyhound Park since that's  
15 where almost all of the live greyhound racing is  
16 scheduled for 2015. All three of the greyhound tracks  
17 have provided letters of support which are found on  
18 pages 71 through 73.

19 Staff recommends approval. I'd be happy  
20 to -- I'll be happy to answer any questions at this  
21 time.

22 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Thanks, Joel. So  
23 everyone is -- all the tracks are together and the  
24 staff is together. Correct?

25 MR. SPEIGHT: And Mr. James is also here

1 if --

2 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Great.

3 Mr. James, TGA? Mr. Nick James?

4 COMMISSIONER HICKS: He's here. He just  
5 must have stepped out, I think.

6 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Okay. I'm sorry.

7 Any other public comment?

8 MS. BIJANSKY: No, sir.

9 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Okay. I think there  
10 is support across the industry here.

11 I'll certainly entertain a motion to  
12 approve the interstate cross-species purse money as  
13 requested by TGA.

14 COMMISSIONER MARTIN: I make a motion.

15 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: A motion by  
16 Dr. Martin, seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

17 Any further discussion?

18 All those in favor signify by saying  
19 aye.

20 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

21 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT: Any opposed?

22 Okay. Great. So that's been approved.

23 Tentatively we'll set our next Commission  
24 meeting for the 10th of February, 2015.

25 And I'll remind you, if you have time

1 available, a Celebration of Life for Mr. Jackson will  
2 begin shortly.

3                   And it's now 10:22 and we're adjourned --  
4 11:22 and we're adjourned.

5                   (Proceedings concluded at 11:22 a.m.)

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4 I, SHERRI SANTMAN FISHER, a Certified Shorthand  
5 Reporter in and for the State of Texas, do hereby  
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