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Governor Bobby Jindal Announces Appointments to the Drug Policy Board

BATON ROUGE- Today, Governor Bobby Jindal announced appointments to the Drug Policy Board.

The Drug Policy Board serves to identify, examine and implement drug control policies and strategies to more effectively combat drug and alcohol abuse.

According to statute, the board is comprised of twenty-three members. The first fourteen include:

- The secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals or his designee;
- The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections or his designee;
- The superintendent of state police or his designee;
- The secretary of the Department of Social Services or his designee;
- The executive director of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement or his designee;
- The superintendent of education or his designee;
- The commander in chief of the National Guard or his designee;
- The attorney general or his designee;
- The chairman of the Louisiana Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse or his designee;
- The commissioner of Alcohol and Tobacco Control or his designee;
- A member of the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission;
- A member of the Board of Pharmacy;
- A member of the House Committee on Health and Welfare as designated by the speaker of the House of Representatives; and
- A member of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare as designated by the president of the Senate.

The remaining nine members shall be appointed by the governor subject to the confirmation of the Senate, including:

- The executive director of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Program or his designee;
- A representative of a private organization involved in substance abuse prevention;
- The president or a representative of the District Attorneys Association;
- A representative of a federal agency with responsibilities in alcohol and drug abuse education, treatment, or prevention;
- The president or a representative of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association;
- A representative of the indigent defender system;
- A district court judge;
- A representative from the alcohol industry; and
- A physician representing the field of substance abuse treatment or substance abuse prevention.

Appointments to the Drug Policy Board:

Michelle Aycock, of Ponchatoula, is the executive director of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Program. Aycock will serve as an ex-officio member, as required by statute.

Terry Doughty, of Rayville, is a 5th Judicial District Court Judge for the State of Louisiana. Doughty will serve as a district court judge appointed by the Governor, as required by statute.

Kenneth Hix, of Lafayette, is the president and general counsel for Schilling Distributing Company, Inc., a wholesale beverage distributor. Hix will serve as a representative from the alcohol industry appointed by the Governor, as required by statute.

Colonel John LeBlanc, of Baton Rouge, is a colonel in the Louisiana State Police. LeBlanc will serve as a member of the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission, as required by statute.

Murphy Painter, of Gonzales, is the commissioner of Alcohol and Tobacco Control. Painter will serve as an ex-officio member, as required by statute.

Howard Wetsman, of New Orleans, is a physician and the owner of Wetsman Forensic Medicine and is a member of the American Society of Addiction Medicine. Wetsman will serve as a physician representing the field of substance abuse treatment or substance abuse prevention appointed by the Governor, as required by statute.

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