I. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Ricky Babin. The following persons were in attendance:

**Sentencing Commission Members:**
Honorable Ricky Babin  
Proxy of Honorable Sheriff Louis Ackal ~ Mr. Gary Bennett  
Mr. Robert Barkerding (By Phone)  
Honorable Mike Cazes  
Honorable Louis Daniel  
Honorable Yvonne Dorsey-Colomb  
Proxy of Mr. David Dugas ~ Ms. Julie Kilborn  
Proxy of Ms. Jean Faria ~ Mr. John DiGuilio  
Proxy of Honorable Greg Guidry ~ Honorable Fredericka Wicker  
Mr. Cheney Joseph  
Secretary James LeBlanc  
Representative Joseph Lopinto  
Ms. Mary Manhein  
Proxy of Honorable Jay B. McCallum ~ Honorable Jules Edwards  
Proxy of Honorable Michael McDonald ~ Mr. Carle Jackson  
Proxy of Mr. Robert Mehrtens ~ Mr. Carle Jackson  
Proxy of Honorable Charles Riddle ~ Honorable Ricky Babin

**Committee Members and Guests**
Kim Barnette, DOC  
Franz Borghardt, East Baton Rouge District Attorney’s Office  
James E. Cazalot, Jr., CURE  
Cindy Chang, Times Picayune  
Cloyce Clark, Governor’s Office  
Rhett Covington, DOC  
Tracy DiBenedetto, DOC  
Sheila Feigley, Private Citizen/Crime Victim
Chairman Babin apologized to the membership for the numerous changes in the date and time of the February meeting as the date was changed several times to accommodate all of the involved parties.

II. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.  
**Motion by Wicker**  
**Second by Edwards**

III. Report on Home Incarceration Providers and the Survey – Ms. Rhonda Nicholls  

IV. Louisiana Sentencing Commission – Meeting Policy 1.0
The Sentencing Commission shall conduct its meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 1:00p.m. This date and time shall not be changed absent natural disasters or exigent emergencies, and then only by order of the Chairman. Committees and subcommittees of the Commission will meet on the morning of the Sentencing Commission meeting date at the same location or the day before and at other times as necessary at the discretion of the respective chairperson. To see the discussion that supports this policy, please see the Louisiana Sentencing Commission webpage at [http://lcle.la.gov/programs/sentencing_commission.asp](http://lcle.la.gov/programs/sentencing_commission.asp).

moved by Wicker
second by DiGuilio
unanimous approval

*It was noted that Judge Edwards, proxy for Judge Jay McCallum, has a conflict with that time.*

V. 2012 Legislative Recommendations

The Commission was reminded of the following timelines for filing legislation:

- February 29  
  Pre-file date
- March 2
- March 12  
  Legislative Session Begins at Noon
- April 2  
  Legislation that was not Pre-filed
- April 3  
  Introduction to Legislation that was not Pre-filed

March 1  
Biannual Report of the Louisiana Sentencing Commission

Due to the timing of the next scheduled Sentencing Commission, Chairman Babin suggested allowing Carle Jackson to complete the report and send it to the membership electronically for review prior to its release.

moved by Moreno
second by Wicker
approved

A. Crimes of Violence Hinge Legislation

Per Cloyce Clark, the Governor requested that this item be tabled.
Moved by Cazes
Second by Moreno
Motion Carried to Table

B. Minimum Mandatory Hinge Proposal
Following a lengthy discussion there was a motion to table this item
until the next meeting to allow the criminal justice partners adequate
time to review the changes suggested by the Governor’s Office.

Motion by Wicker
Second by Edwards
Motion Failed

Senator Dorsey asked additional questions about the Sentencing
Commissions process. After further discussion she encouraged the
group to send the legislation forward as submitted by the Governor’s
Office for Minimum Mandatory legislation.

Motion by Dorsey
Second by LeBlanc
Approved 6 For 5 Against

C. Drug Free Zones, Reduced from 2,000 feet to 1,000 feet
Following a lengthy discussion, a motion was put forth to table this
item.

Motion to Table by Dorsey
Second by Kostelka
Failed For 4 Against 5

Motion to Forward the Legislation by Wicker
Second by Cazes
Failed For 2 Against 7

D. Expansion of the Re-Entry Court Program in the 19th JDC (East Baton
Rouge) and the 22nd JDC (St. Tammany and Washington Parishes)
Motion to Recommend by Dorsey
Second by DiGulio
Approved For 8  Against 0

E. Merger of Pardon and Parole

Motion to Recommend by Wicker
Second by Moreno
Approved For 8  Against 0

F. Elimination of the Risk Review Panel

Motion to Recommend by Wicker
Second by Dorsey
Approved For 8  Against 0

G. Administrative Sanctions

Motion to Recommend by Wicker
Second by DiGuilio
Approved For 8  Against 0

H. Administrative Sanctions Evidentiary Exclusion Rule

Motion to Recommend by Wicker
Second by Edwards
Approved For 7  Against 0

VI. Other New Proposals

A. Graham versus Florida has been reviewed by the Louisiana Law Institute and they have some recommendations to develop meaningful opportunities for incarcerated youth to be paroled at some point. Representative Lopinto advised the group that he will submit legislation to address this issue. Chaney Joseph agreed that some effort to address the issue needs to go forward during this session.
VI. Other Business

A. Judge Wicker advised that the language in the Minimum Mandatory legislation needs to be reviewed to insure that it does not include an inference of the negative. Greg riley will review the wording prior to the beginning of the session.

B. Jimmy LeBlanc requested that the Release Mechanism Committee do addition review of the issue of Good time and Parole Eligibility in preparation for the 2013 legislative session.

C. John DiGuilio asked if the Commission would review the option of reducing the length of probation and parole time. Judge Edwards states that he is against a blanket policy of limiting the length of time versus having the ability to terminate the period earlier.

VII. Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at by unanimous consensus.