

**Minutes of the Louisiana Sentencing Commission**  
**Department of Corrections Headquarters, Building 1**  
**504 Mayflower, Baton Rouge, LA 70802**  
**May 16, 2013**  
**1:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Honorable Ricky Babin at 1:07 p.m.

**Members Present**

Chairman Honorable Ricky Babin  
Honorable Charles Ballay  
Honorable Mike Cazes  
Mr. Cheney C. Joseph, Jr. (Proxy for Honorable Louis Daniel)  
Mr. David Dugas  
Mr. John DiGuilio (Proxy for Ms. Julie H. Kilborn)  
Honorable Ricky Wicker (Proxy for Honorable Greg Guidry)  
Mr. Cheney C. Joseph  
Secretary Jimmy LeBlanc  
Honorable Michael McDonald  
Mr. Ruston Legendre (Proxy Mr. Robert Mehrtens)  
Honorable Laurie White (Proxy for Honorable Helena Moreno)  
Honorable Laurie White

**Committee and Advisory Members**

Jennifer Bailey, LCLE  
Jennifer Eagan, LASC  
Melanie Gueho, DOC  
Carle Jackson, LCLE  
Natalie LaBorde, Governor's Office  
Sandra Laborie, 5th Circuit Court  
Genie Powers, DOC  
Phyllis Sheridan, DOC  
Angela Whittaker, DPS & C

**Guests**

Scott W. Brandt, ALBU  
Camille Conway, Blueprint Louisiana  
Linda Lala Duscoe, CURE  
Sheila Feigle, Private Citizen  
Christine Fiudo, Orleans DA  
Kim Landry, Attorney  
Edward McAuliffe, Orleans ADA  
Gerald Starks, Pnp  
Sarah Tirrell, 10th JDC, ADA

- I. Roll Call
  - a. Roll Call was taken by Jennifer Bailey, LCLE

## II. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Honorable Ricky Babin.

Second by Honorable Charles Ballay

## III. Introductions

Honorable Laurie White introduced Kim Landry (position) 23rd JDC

## IV. Status of Legislation related to 2013 Recommendations

A (first name) Gaines needs to contact Kostelka to bring bill regarding attempted theft to committee. The Honorable Rickey Wicker says she will call Kostelka to bring bill to committee. Simple escape went through without objection. Pretrial services has been pulled until next year. Judge Wicker says certain offenses are ineligible for recognizance bonds and Johnson has a bill already for those none ROR eligible. Judge Wicker said she would testify. Suggested move items to Johnsons bill. Judge White mentioned the mother's day shooter in New Orleans was bonded and he's on the loose. OWI going to house floor May 22nd. There will be no rewrite until next year, Natalie LaBorde has worked out amendments. Carle Jackson explained Risk need sentencing has amendments by house committee 16B-

B. Bail Reform Bill Chairman the Honorable Ricky Babin noted the bail bond bill died in committee despite amendments and rewrites. Honorable Laurie White said the bill was too long. Sara Tirrell reminded the committee the bill is long because much was repealed, rewritten, and now the bill is disjointed. ALBU members Robb Farmer and Scott Brandt were invited to speak on objections of the bill. Mr. Farmer acknowledged that some agents don't pay, but few agents would be able to pay in full in the 60 day timeframe called for in the bill. He added the Louisiana law institute rewrote the bail law and this bill threw out a lot of the case law work. When Mike Cazes asked why the agents in default aren't punished or fined, Ms. Tirrell explained insurance companies will not take action against agents. Judge Wicker requested Mr. Farmer and Mr. Brandt to return to meetings and help the Committee make a law ABLU would approve. Mr. Farmer and Mr. Brandt agreed.

## V. Committee Reports & Planning for 2014

### A. Front End

Judge Wicker says changing benefit restriction goes through it affects two committees. Any work on new legislation has to begin in January, must be finished by November to be in legislative hopper.

B. Release Mechanisms – Chair of Committee Judge White mentioned she retired last month

C. Re-entry/evidence based corrections did not meet today

D. Research and Technology did not meet today. Jennifer Eagan said the last version of the uniform commitment order seen by the committee is the final version that will be used except blank lines were added for any added comments.

## VI Other Business

Judge Wicker suggested a team should be formed whose sole job is to locate any criminal bill being filed and vet them. This would not be justice reinvestment group as they are overloaded. A separate work group should be formed.

## VII Adjourn

Motion made for adjournment by Honorable Mike Cazes. Seconded by Secretary James LeBlanc.

Honorable Ricky Babin adjourned meeting at 1:45 pm.