



*State of Louisiana*  
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*Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement  
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Louisiana Sentencing Commission  
MINUTES

Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement / Galvez Building / Pensacola Room  
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*June 17, 2019*  
*1:30 P.M.*

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Louisiana Sentencing Commission meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 2019, by Honorable Laurie A. White, Board Chair.

II. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Kimberly Lax conducted the roll call.

Board members or their representatives present included:

James K. Bueche; Louis R. Daniel; David Dart; J. Andrew Bevinetto, representative for John E. DiGiulio; Fredia Dunn; Lawrence J. Galle, Jr.; Natalie R. LaBorde; Keith Stutes; and Honorable Fredericka "Ricky" H. Wicker.

Guest in attendance: Katie LeLeux; Kelly Fogleman; Hayden Cresson; Jonathan Viuiug; Heather Hodd; Liz Desselle; and Alanah Odoms Hebert (by phone).

III. NEW BUSINESS

Jonathan Viuiug (JV):

- Pre-class information time computation - Sheriff offices put together a package that includes minutes, UCO for other parishes, jail credit letter, bill of information, other information. This information is sent to Department to Corrections headquarter (50 people) they review the time computation.
- Earlier everyone had their own way of reviewing time. DOC centralized to review time on a uniform process.
- Send the information (jail packet) by fax / email.
- Still have problems of not everyone using the same information.

Natalie LaBorde (NL): talked about the R.S. 19-2214.

- Current study request - came from a lawsuit of not releasing on time.

Judge Wicker (JW): talked about sentencing laws being too complicated

JV:

- Document was developed that stated overdue after sentencing.
- Cannot release until all documents are received by DOC.
- As February 2019, there was over 200 that were to be released but were overdue for release.
- They do go to top of list but still needed the proper paper work to be release.
- Sometimes takes 40 days.
- Who is responsible?

DATA System? Need Data System for computation of time electronically.

Judge Laurie White (LW): Is this the answer - a computation data system?

ICJIS is working on this information?

NL: Breakdown - is all of the paperwork correct.

Legislative Task Force study committee working on this process.

NL and JV: This is a good work study so everyone can talk about all of the problems.

Technology is the key for sentencing information.

Talked about ICJIS working on one system for all to review information.

JV:

- Time calculation errors / paperwork delays - DOC being sued?
- Going back to paper work if there are errors / need to call all parties.
- Jail credit letter not correct.
- Average 10 days to calculate.

Can DOC calculate the money for staying over / not being released on a time?

LW: Calculation vs. process - which is the bigger issue?

NL: Calculation is the bigger issue.

JV:

- Having all information is important / have all areas talk to each other.
- Delays is the biggest issue and human errors.

LW:

- Looked at what / how other states calculate?
- What can this commission review?

Look at Truth and Sentencing?

Minimal and Maximum - Simplify

LW: Does DOC think: change is needed with sentencing?

NL:

- Two sides
- Training
- What year is the sentencing? Changes the time served.
- Etc.

LW: ECC ?

Technology should be able to solve this Louisiana problem.

LW: Is their software to make this problem easier.

JV:

- South Carolina website - calculation
- Offense - crime - year - jail credit - will show a parole date.
- This website is for informational purpose only (public knowledge) - still need to do proper paperwork.
- Help the public with this information.

LW: Multiple bill calculator - Loyola Law - will ask about this calculator.

Any other groups working on this problem?

If there can be a computer program would Legislative require all to use a program?

Look at information and show where the problems are.

LW:

- Talk to Representative Jackson about her study group.
- Provide information of organization of class information - simply this information.
- Talk to PEW Group - help Louisiana with these problems - software that some other states use.

IV. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** July 15, 2019 - Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement / Galvez Building.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Honorable White called for a motion to adjourn.

*Submitted by: Kimberly Lax*