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Commission Meeting
MINUTES

West Baton Rouge Conference Center
2750 North Westport Drive
Port Allen, Louisiana 70767

September 28, 2023
10:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quarterly meeting of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice was held on Thursday, September 28, 2023, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III, Commission Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

Chairman Gautreaux recognized the following new Commission members: Sheriff Doug L. Hebert, III, President, Louisiana Sheriffs' Association; Chief Bryan Zeringue, President, Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police; and Honorable Derrick Johnson, President, Louisiana Municipal Association. Special recognition was given to Honorable Billy Joe Harrington who was recently elected President of the Louisiana District Attorneys' Association.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sheriff Breaux, and the Invocation was led by Representative Bacala.

II. ROLL CALL

Ms. Lisa Dreher conducted the roll call. A membership quorum was present.

The following Commission members or their representatives were present: Lt. Patrick Knab, proxy for Sheriff Jason Ard; Representative Tony Bacala; Assistant Chief Joe Salmon, proxy for Chief Darrell Basco; Chief Bry Layrisson, proxy for Chief Barry Bonner; Sheriff Becket Breaux; Judge Michelle Breaux; Sheriff Mike Cazes; Judge Scott Schlegel, proxy for Chief Judge Susan Chehardy; Ms. Cynthia Austin, proxy for Mr. Paul D. Connick, Jr.; Mr. Gregory Davies, proxy for Lt. Robert Davidson; Mr. Gregory Davies; Lt. Scott Davis, proxy for Col. Lamar Davis;

Chief Carl K. Dunn; Mr. Stephen C. Dwight; Sheriff Mark Garber; Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III; Mr. Jason R. May, proxy for Judge Gail Grover; Chief Judge John M. Guidry; Mr. James Lemoine, proxy for Mr. Billy Joe Harrington; Chief Bill Landry; Chief Bry Layrisson; Mr. Jay Lemoine; Mr. Logan Coulon, proxy for Sheriff Joseph Lopinto; Sheriff Tony Mancuso; Sheriff Brett Stassi, proxy for Sheriff Willy J. Martin, Jr.; Chief Deputy D. H. "Hank" Haynes, III, proxy for Sheriff Jason Parker; Mr. Michael Williams, proxy for Chief Judge Elizabeth A. Pickett; Judge Jeff Cox, proxy for Chief Judge Francis Pitman; Sheriff Brett Stassi; Col. Carlos Stout; Marshal Reginald Thomas; Chief Genoria D. Tilley; and Mr. J. Reed Walters.

The following District Directors or their representatives were present: Mr. Jeremy Edwards, District 1 – Northwest Law Enforcement Planning District Inc. and District 3 – Red River Delta Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.; Mr. David Rigdon, District 2 – North Delta Law Enforcement Planning District, Inc.; Ms. Amanda Bourque, District 4 – Evangeline Law Enforcement Council, Inc.; Ms. Dawn Hawkins, District 5 – Capital District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.; Ms. Calli Peloquin, District 6 – Southwest District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.; Mr. Ronald Lampard, District 7 – Metropolitan District/Jefferson CJCC; Chief Jim Craft, District 8 – State Level; and Ms. Lisa Brown, District 9 – City of New Orleans, Office of Criminal Justice Coordination.

LACLE staff present included: Ms. Martha Addison; Ms. Autumn Blache, Ms. Rutha Chatwood, Chief Jim Craft; Ms. Natasha Crocram; Ms. Lisa Dreher, Ms. Fredia Dunn, Ms. LaShinna Gauthier, Ms. Shineisha Jackson; Mr. Demetrius Joubert, Ms. Roxanne Langston; Mr. Marshall Menou, Ms. Kelly Parks, Ms. LaShunda Sullivan, and Mr. Raymond Vincent.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to adopt the agenda. A motion was made by Col. Stout, seconded by Sheriff Breaux, and the motion passed without opposition.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Minutes

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 22, 2023. A motion was made by Sheriff Stassi, seconded by Sheriff Breaux, and the motion passed without opposition.

B. Report of the Priorities Committee

Chief Craft reported that, on September 12, 2023, the Priorities Committee received all allocations, applications, proposed increases, sole source requests, and waiver requests via electronic mail-out. The Priorities Committee reviewed these items and recommended approval on September 15, 2023. All items will be considered for final approval at the September 28, 2023 Commission meeting.

This concludes the report of the Priorities Committee.

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Chief Landry, seconded by Sheriff Stassi, and the motion passed.

C. Report of the Victim Services Advisory Board

On behalf of Board Chair Gary “Stitch” Guillory, Mr. Julio Galan reported that the Victim Services Advisory Committee met at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 65 FY 2022 STOP allocations totaling \$1,662,645
- 2 FY 2021 STOP applications totaling \$93,636
- 65 FY 2022 STOP applications totaling \$1,662,645
- 2 FY 2022 STOP supply waiver requests totaling \$7,397
- 25 FY 2022 VOCA allocations totaling \$1,828,804
- 90 FY 2022 VOCA applications totaling \$7,566,585
- 1 FY 2021 VOCA increase totaling \$89,597

This concludes the report of the Victim Services Advisory Board.

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Chief Landry, seconded by Marshal Thomas, and the motion carried without opposition.

D. Report of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Advisory Board

Ms. ViEve Martin-Kohrs, Board Chair, reported that the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board met at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 1 allocation for FY 2020 totaling \$71,662
- 5 applications for FY 2021 totaling \$278,083

This concludes the report of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board.

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Sheriff Stassi, seconded by Marshal Thomas, and the motion unanimously passed.

E. Report of the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board

Col. Carlos Stout, Board Chair, reported that the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board met at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 1 allocation for FY 2021 totaling \$425,000
- 6 allocations for FY 2022 totaling \$996,144
- 1 application for FY 2021 totaling \$425,000
- 3 applications for FY 2022 totaling \$246,144
- 1 increase for FY 2020 totaling \$3,926 (Grant #6590)
- 1 increase for FY 2021 totaling \$1,848 (Grant #7179)

All of this activity is listed in the eGrants system

This concludes the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board Report.

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Sheriff Garber, seconded by Sheriff Stassi, and the motion passed.

F. Report of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Advisory Board

On behalf of Sheriff Julian Whittington, Board Chair, Col. Carlos Stout reported that the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Advisory Board met on September 27, 2023, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of 60 state-funded grant applications to 15 Police Departments, 42 Sheriff's Offices, 1 District Attorney's Office, and 2 City Marshal's Offices. The DARE Advisory Board recommended the denial of no applications and approval of 60 applications with the understanding that cuts will be made to the grants based on the available DARE budget.

Sheriff Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Marshal Thomas, seconded by Sheriff Stassi, and the motion passed without opposition.

G. Update on POST Collections/Expenses

Chief Craft reported that invoices totaling \$90,000 remain unpaid and recommended that payment be suspended until adequate funding is available. Sheriff Gautreaux called for a motion to accept this course of action. A motion was made by Mr. Davies, seconded by Sheriff Garber, and the motion passed.

H. Call for Other Old Business

Chairman Gautreaux called for Other Old Business, and there was none to discuss.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation of Grant District Applications

Chairman Gautreaux called for a presentation of the District grant applications. A motion was made by Sheriff Breaux to approve all of the District grant applications *in globo*. The motion was seconded by Sheriff Stassi, and the motion carried without opposition.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Election of Commission Chairman and Vice-Chair (Term Expiration)

Chief Craft opened the floor to receive nominations for Commission Chairman, a four-year term of office. Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III was nominated for reelection by Sheriff Stassi and seconded by Sheriff Breaux. A motion to close the nominations was made by Sheriff Stassi, seconded by Sheriff Garber, and the motion passed. A motion to reelect Sheriff Gautreaux was made by Sheriff Stassi and seconded by Sheriff Breaux. Sheriff Gautreaux was reelected as the Commission Chairman by acclamation.

Chief Craft opened the floor to receive nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Commission, a four-year term of office. Honorable James "Jay" Lemoine was nominated for reelection by Sheriff Cazes and seconded by Col. Stout. A motion to close the nominations was made by Sheriff Stassi, seconded by Sheriff Breaux, and the motion passed. A motion to reelect Mr. Lemoine was made by Sheriff Stassi, seconded by Col. Stout, and the motion passed. By acclamation, Mr. Lemoine was reelected as the Vice-Chairman of the Commission.

B. Next Commission Meeting Date

Chairman Gautreaux announced that the next quarterly Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. The advisory boards will meet on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at the same venue.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Gautreaux reported that a total of over \$19,000,000 was awarded to deserving agencies at today's meeting and called for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Landry, seconded by Sheriff Stassi, and the motion unanimously passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.