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and Administration of Criminal Justice

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Commission Meeting
MINUTES

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

September 26, 2024
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 26, 2024, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III, Commission Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Chairman Gautreaux welcomed the following new Commission members: Mayor Rick Allen, City of Leesville, as President of the Louisiana Municipal Association; Sheriff K. P. Gibson, Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office, as President of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association; Secretary Gary Westcott, Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections; and Chief Christopher Wilrye, Westlake Police Department, as President of the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Col. Hodges, and the Invocation was led by Sheriff Richardson.

II. ROLL CALL

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

The following Commission members or their representatives were present: Judge Brian K. Abels; Sheriff Jason Ard; Assistant Chief Joe Salmon, proxy for Chief Darrell Basco; Mr. Joshua Newville, proxy for Ms. Lindsay Blouin; Sheriff Becket Breaux; Sheriff Kevin Cobb; Chief Keith A. Conley; Mr. Michael Cormaci; Lt. Robert Davidson; Mr. Farris Fife; Col. Carlos Stout, proxy for Sheriff Mark T. Garber; Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III; Chief Jim Craft, proxy for Sheriff K. P. Gibson; Judge Gail Grover; Chief Judge John Michael Guidry; Chief Randal Hermes; Col. Robert P. Hodges; Mr. Alfred Carter, proxy for Mr. Kenneth Loftin; Mr. Logan Coulon, proxy for Sheriff

Joseph P. Lopinto, III; Judge Roland Belsome, proxy for Chief Judge Terri Love; Mr. William K. "Billy" McConnell; Chief Judge John M. Guidry, proxy for Chief Judge Frances J. Pitman; Mr. Chad Pitre; Sheriff Jayson Richardson; Chief Richard Fleming, proxy for Sheriff Thomas S. Romero; Ms. Kristine Russell; Sheriff Randall Smith; Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III, proxy for Sheriff Brett Stassi; Col. Carlos Stout; Mr. Philip Terrell; Marshal Reginald Thomas; Sheriff Mike Tubbs; Mr. Doug Welborn; Mr. Francis Abbott, proxy for Secretary Gary Westcott; Chief Jim Craft, proxy for Sheriff Julian Whittington; Mr. Jay O'Quinn, proxy for Mr. Hackley Willis; and Chief Christopher Wilrye.

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 and Mr. Brian Shoemaker, District 2 – North Delta Law Enforcement Planning District, Inc. Ms. Amanda Bourque and Ms. Maggie Bergeron, District 4 – Evangeline Law Enforcement Council, Inc.; Ms. Dawn Hawkins, District 5 – Capital District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.; Chief Jim Craft, District 8 – State Level; and Ms. Lisa Brown and Ms. Kevinn Poree, District 9 – City of New Orleans, Office of Criminal Justice Coordination.

LCLE staff members present included: Ms. Autumn Blache, Ms. Rutha Chatwood, Chief Jim Craft, Ms. Lisa Dreher, Ms. Fredia Dunn, Ms. LaShinna Gauthier, Ms. Linda Gautier, Ms. Shelita Henry, Ms. Erica Johnson, Ms. Melissa James, Mr. Demetrius Joubert, Ms. Ayanna McCain, Ms. Brittany Onezine, Ms. LaShunda Sullivan, Ms. Rebekah Taylor-Hill, Mr. Raymond Vincent, and Mr. Bob Wertz.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 6, 2024. A motion was made by Chief Judge Guidry, seconded by Mr. Welborn, and the motion passed without opposition.

V. COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

A. Report of the Priorities Committee

Chief Craft reported that, on September 9, 2024, the Priorities Committee received all proposed allocations, applications, sole source for program requests, and increase requests via electronic mail. The Priorities Committee reviewed all proposed agenda items and recommended approval on September 17, 2024. All items will be considered for final approval at the September 26, 2024 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 Sheriff Breaux, seconded by Chief Judge Guidry, and the motion passed without opposition.

B. Report of the Victim Services Advisory Board

In the absence of Sheriff Gary "Stitch" Guillory, Board Chairman, Mr. Julio Galan reported that the Victim Services Advisory Committee met at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 13 FY 2023 VOCA allocations totaling $451,604
- 7 FY 2022 STOP allocations totaling $330,623
- 22 FY 2023 STOP allocations totaling $746,044
- 73 FY 2023 VOCA applications totaling $6,434,869
- 7 FY 2022 STOP applications totaling $330,623
- 22 FY 2023 STOP applications with pre-award costs beginning 1/01/24 totaling $746,044
- 3 FY 2023 VOCA increases totaling $85,995
- 3 FY 2023 VOCA applications withdrawn totaling $83,535:
  - Grant No. 8165 – Family and Youth Service Center; Child Survivors of Violent Crime: $40,000;
  - Grant No. 8197 – Bossier City, City of; Domestic Violence Program: $37,295
  - Grant No. 8215 – Leesville, City of; Victim Assistance Program: $6,240

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 Col. Stout, seconded by Sheriff Breaux, and the motion unanimously passed with no opposition.

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

On behalf Ms. ViEve Martin-Kohrs, Board Chair, Mr. Tim McDearmont reported that the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board met at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 1 JJDP allocation totaling $72,162
- 3 JJDP applications totaling $144,333
- 1 JJDP increase totaling $1,083

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 Judge Grover, seconded by Ms. Russell, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Col. Carlos Stout, Board Chairman, reported that the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board met at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 1 allocation for FY 2022 totaling $9,000
- 5 allocations for FY 2023 totaling $1,029,999
- 1 application for FY 2022 totaling $9,000
- 3 applications for FY 2023 totaling $304,999
- All future FY 2021 residual funds be given to (State) District 8
- Grant staff requests approval of all waiver requests and sole source requests (reviewed by LCLE staff)

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 Breaux, seconded by Chief Wilrye, and the motion passed.

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

In the absence of Sheriff Julian Whittington, Board Chairman, Sheriff Mike Tubbs reported that the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Advisory Board met at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of 50 DARE state-funded grant applications to the following agencies, with the understanding that cuts will be made to the grants based on the DARE budget:

- 10 Police Departments
- 38 Parish Sheriff's Offices
- 1 City Marshal's Office

This concludes the report of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Advisory Board.

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Election of Commission Vice-Chairman

Chairman Gautreaux opened the floor to receive nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Commission, a four-year term of office. Honorable Kristine Russell was nominated by Mr. Terrell and seconded by Mr. Pitre. A motion to close the nominations was made by Sheriff Breaux, seconded by Sheriff Ard, and the motion passed. Chief Conley made a motion to elect Ms. Russell, seconded by Sheriff Breaux, and the motion passed.

By acclamation, Ms. Russell was elected Vice-Chairman of the Commission.

Chairman Gautreaux called for other Old Business. There was none to discuss.

VII. 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 Cobb to approve all of the District grant applications *in globo*. The motion was seconded by Sheriff Tubbs, and the motion carried without opposition.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

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

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Gautreaux announced that the next quarterly Commission meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 6, 2024, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. The advisory boards will meet on Wednesday, December 5, 2024, at the same venue.

A total of $16,471,415 was awarded to deserving agencies at today's meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Sheriff Tubbs, seconded by Sheriff Breaux, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.