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Commission Meeting
MINUTES

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

December 5, 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, December 5, 2024, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III, Commission Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

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

II. ROLL CALL

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

The following Commission members or their representatives were present: Judge Brian K. Abels; Sheriff Kevin Cobb, proxy for Sheriff Jason Ard; Representative Tony Bacala; Assistant Chief Joe Salmon, proxy for Chief Darrell Basco; Sheriff Becket Breaux; Sheriff Kevin Cobb; Chief Keith A. Conley; Ms. Katherine LaFleur, proxy for Mr. Michael Cormaci; Cpl. Farris Fife; Representative Bryan Fontenot; Sheriff Mark T. Garber; Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III; Chief Judge John M. Guidry; Chief Randal Hermes; Col. Robert P. Hodges; Ms. Debbie Hudnall; Mr. Alfred Carter, proxy for Mr. Kenneth Loftin; Mr. Logan Coulon, proxy for Sheriff Joseph P. Lopinto, III; Judge Sandra C. Jenkins, proxy for Chief Judge Terri Love; Mr. William K. "Billy" McConnell; Mr. John W. Sinquefield, proxy for Ms. Elizabeth "Liz" Murrill; Mr. Tod Ardoin, proxy for Chief Judge Elizabeth Pickett; Chief Judge John M. Guidry, proxy for Chief Judge Frances J. Pitman; Sheriff Jayson Richardson; Sheriff Thomas S. Romero; Ms. Kristine Russell; Sheriff Randall Smith; Maj. Monty Migliacio, proxy for Sheriff Brett Stassi; Col. Carlos Stout; Chief Deputy Brad

Walker, proxy for Ms. Monica Taylor; Marshal Reginald Thomas; Sheriff Mike Tubbs; Chief Deputy Brad Walker; Mr. Doug Welborn; Secretary Gary Westcott; Chief Jim Craft, proxy for Sheriff Julian Whittington; 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, 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 – Jefferson CJCC and Metropolitan District (METLEC); Chief Jim Craft, District 8 – State Level; 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, Mr. Demetrius Joubert, Mr. Marshall Menou, Ms. LaShunda Sullivan, 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 Smith, seconded by Representative Bacala, 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 September 26, 2024. A motion was made by Col. Stout, seconded by Sheriff Smith, and the motion passed without opposition.

V. COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

A. Report of the Priorities Committee

Chief Craft reported that, on November 14, 2024, the Priorities Committee received all proposed allocations, applications, waiver requests, and grant increase requests via electronic mail. The Priorities Committee reviewed all proposed agenda items and recommended approval on November 21, 2024. All items will be considered for final approval at the December 5, 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 Tubbs, seconded by Mr. Welborn, 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, December 4, 2024, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 17 FY 2023 VOCA allocations totaling $1,420,834
- 17 FY 2023 VOCA applications totaling $1,512,967
- 10 FY 2023 VOCA increases totaling $179,898
- 13 FY 2022 VOCA increases totaling $234,809
- 11 FY 2023 VOCA match waivers totaling $26,010

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 Chief Conley, 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, Capt. Randy Aguillard reported that the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board met at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 2 JJDP allocations totaling $58.134
- 4 JJDP applications totaling $127,854

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 Col. Stout, seconded by Sheriff Garber, 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 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 90 FY 2023 allocations totaling $2,127,694
- 17 FY 2023 applications totaling $1,800,026

- 1 FY 2022 increase totaling $3,659
- Grant staff requests the 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 Smith, seconded by Sheriff Garber, and the motion passed.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. POST Training Reimbursement Update

Chief Jim Craft, LCLE Executive Director, reported that training reimbursement request total approximately $850,000 per year. No reimbursements have been made since July, 2024, and no funds are currently available to make further reimbursements.

Chief Craft announced that, at this time, reimbursements will be suspended. The matter will be revisited next year. A financial reimbursement statement will be emailed to the Commission members.

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Professional Services Contract to Hire an Attorney

Chief Jim Craft, LCLE Executive Director, reported that the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice has not contracted with an outside attorney since 2016. Legal representation is currently needed to defend the POST Council regarding curriculum-related issues, in addition to handling other matters that require legal expertise.

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to approve. A motion was made by Sheriff Smith, seconded by Chief Conley, and the motion passed.

B. 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

A. 2025 Commission Meeting Dates

Chairman Gautreaux announced the 2025 Commission meeting dates, as follows:

- March 20, 2025
- June 5. 2025
- September 25, 2025
- December 4, 2025

The advisory boards will be on the preceding Wednesday. All meetings will be held at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center.

B. Next Commission Meeting Date

The next Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. The advisory boards will meet on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at the same venue.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Col. Stout, seconded by Sheriff Garber, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.