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Commission Meeting
MINUTES

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

March 20, 2025
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, March 20, 2025, 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: Chief Justice Roland Belsome, Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal; Justice Jay B. McCallum, Louisiana Supreme Court; and Chief Justice Page McClendon, First Circuit Court of Appeal.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sheriff Ard and the Invocation was led by Justice McCallum.

II. ROLL CALL

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

The following Commission members or their representatives were present: Sheriff Jason Ard, proxy for Judge Brian K. Abels; Sheriff Jason Ard; Assistant Chief Joe Salmon, proxy for Chief Darrell Basco; Judge Sandra Jenkins, proxy for Chief Judge Roland Belsome; Maj. Ginny Higgins, proxy for Sheriff Becket Breaux; Chief Brian Shoemaker, proxy for Sheriff Kevin Cobb; Chief Keith Conley; Mr. Michael Cormaci; Cpl. Farris Fife; Sheriff Mark T. Garber; Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III; Judge Gail Grover; Chief Randal Hermes; Maj. Robert Burns, proxy for Col. Robert P. Hodges; Ms. Debbie Hudnall; Mr. Alfred Carter, proxy for Mr. Kenneth Loftin; Justice Jay B. McCallum; Judge Tess Stromberg, proxy for Chief Judge Page McClendon; Mr. William K. "Billy" McConnell; Mr. Tod Ardoin, proxy for Chief Judge Elizabeth Pickett;

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Judge Jeff Cox, proxy for Chief Judge Frances J. Pitman; Mr. Chad Pitre; Mr. Barry Milligan, proxy for Sheriff Jayson Richardson; Sheriff Thomas S. Romero; Ms. Kristine Russell; Ms. Jennifer Settoon; Sheriff Randall Smith; Col. Carlos Stout, proxy for Sheriff Brett Stassi; Col. Carlos Stout; Mr. Phillip Terrell; Marshal Reginald Thomas; Chief Brian Shoemaker, proxy for Sheriff Mike Tubbs; Chief Keith Conley, proxy for Rep. Debbie Villio; Mr. Doug Welborn; Mr. Francis Abbott, proxy for Secretary Gary Westcott; 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.; Chief 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.; 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: Mr. Brayln Batiste, Ms. Autumn Blache, Ms. Rutha Chatwood, Chief Jim Craft, Ms. Lisa Dreher, Ms. Fredia Dunn, Ms. Linda Gautier, Ms. Shelita Henry, Ms. Shineisha Jackson, Ms. Melissa James, Mr. Demetrius Joubert, Mr. Marshall Menou, Ms. Brittany Onezine, Ms. Tiffany Robichaux, Mr. Ingram Scott, Ms. LaShunda Sullivan, Ms. Rebekah Taylor-Hill, 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 Chief Wilrye, 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 December 5, 2024. A motion was made by Mr. Welborn, seconded by Judge Grover, and the motion passed without opposition.

V. COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

A. Report of the Priorities Committee

Chief Craft reported that, on March 3, 2025, the Priorities Committee received all proposed allocations, applications, waiver requests, sole source for program requests, and grant increase requests via electronic mail.

On March 10, 2025, the Priorities Committee approved all items as presented and the following items will be considered for final approval at today's meeting:

- 89 allocations totaling $6,974,395
- 63 applications totaling $6,231,335
- 7 grant increase requests totaling $112,243

- 1 waiver request totaling $8,250
- 3 sole source for program requests totaling $313,803

These items equal a grand total of $13,540,031 to be awarded to deserving agencies at today's 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 Ard, seconded by Sheriff Smith, 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, March 19, 2025, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 13 FY 2024 SASP allocations totaling $890,297
- 13 FY 2024 SASP applications with pre-award costs beginning 1/01/2025 totaling $890,297
- 1 FY 2022 VOCA allocation totaling $177,291
- 1 FY 2023 VOCA allocation totaling $33,000
- 49 FY 2024 VOCA allocations totaling $2,507,429
- 1 FY 2022 VOCA application totaling $177,291
- 2 FY 2023 VOCA applications totaling $90,867
- 10 FY 2024 VOCA applications totaling $750,159
- 6 FY 2022 VOCA increases totaling $108,243
- 1 FY 2023 VOCA increase totaling $4,000
- 1 FY 2022 STOP allocation totaling $26,196
- 1 FY 2022 STOP application totaling $26,196
- 1 FY 2023 VOCA match waiver totaling $8,250

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 Wilrye, 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, March 19, 2025, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 1 JJDP allocation totaling $49,751
- 1 JJDP application totaling $49,751
- 2 JJDP increases totaling $4,677

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 Chief Conley, seconded by Judge Grover, 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, March 19, 2025, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 4 FY 2023 allocations totaling $298,937
- 1 FY 2022 allocation totaling $15,000
- 15 FY 2023 applications totaling $1,081,605
- 1 FY 2023 application tabled totaling $45,000 (Grant #8450)
- 1 FY 2022 application totaling $15,000
- 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 Garber, seconded by Sheriff Smith, and the motion passed.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Call for Other Old Business

Chairman Gautreaux called for other Old Business, and 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 Col. Stout to approve all of the District grant applications *in globo*. The motion was seconded by Sheriff Ard, and the motion carried without opposition.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

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

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next Commission Meeting Date

The next Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. The advisory boards will meet on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at the same venue.

B. Total Awards

A total sum exceeding $13 million was awarded to deserving agencies at today's meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Col. Stout, seconded by Sheriff Whittington, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.