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Commission Meeting
MINUTES

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

September 25, 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, September 25, 2025, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. In the absence of Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III, Commission Chair, Ms. Kristine Russell, Commission Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Vice Chair Russell welcomed the following new Commission members:

Honorable Ray Bourque, Mayor, City of Broussard - President, Louisiana Municipal Association; **Honorable Bradley Burget**, District Attorney, 7th Judicial District - President, Louisiana District Attorneys' Association; **Chief Bobby Madison**, Clayton Police Department - President, Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police; **Chief Vance Olivier**, Broussard Police Department; and **Sheriff Gerald Turlich, Jr.**, Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office - President, Louisiana Sheriffs' Association.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Chad Pitre and the Invocation was led by Mr. Francis Abbott.

II. ROLL CALL

Ms. Autumn Blache conducted the roll call. A membership quorum was present.

The following Commission members or their representatives were present: Judge Brian K. Abels; Lt. Patrick Knab, proxy for Sheriff Jason Ard; State Representative Tony Bacala; Assistant Chief Joe Salmon, proxy for Chief Darrell Basco; Judge Sandra Jenkins, proxy for Chief Judge Roland Belsome; Ms. Lindsay Blouin; Sheriff Becket Breaux; Mr. Bradley R. Burget; Mr. Kevin Cobb;

Mr. Salvador M. Lejarza, proxy for Chief Keith Conley; Mr. Michael Cormaci; Mr. Robert Davidson; Cpl. Farris Fife; Sheriff Mike Tubbs, proxy for Sheriff Mark Garber; Ms. Kristine Russell, proxy for Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III; Judge Gail Grover; Chief Randal Hermes; Lt. Frank Besson, proxy for Col. Robert P. Hodges; Mr. Alfred Carter, proxy for Mr. Kenneth Loftin; Mr. Kevin Cobb, proxy for Justice Jay McCallum; Mr. William K. "Billy" McConnell; Chief Vance Olivier; Chief Deputy Steve Pezant; Mr. Tod Ardoin, proxy for Chief Judge Elizabeth Pickett; Mr. Lee Roy Clemons, proxy for Chief Judge Frances Pitman; Mr. Chad Pitre; Sheriff Jayson Richardson; Chief Richard Fleming, proxy for Sheriff Thomas S. Romero; Ms. Kristine Russell; Ms. Jennifer Settoon; Mr. Michael Cormaci, proxy for Sheriff Randall Smith; Mr. Phillip Terrell; Sheriff Mike Tubbs; Sheriff Gerald Turlich, Jr.; Mr. Salvador M. Lejarza, proxy for Rep. Debbie Villio; Mr. Doug Welborn; Mr. Francis Abbott, proxy for Secretary Gary Westcott; and Sheriff Julian Whittington.

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 Deputy 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.; 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.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Russell called for a motion to adopt the agenda. A motion was made by Sheriff Tubbs, seconded by Mr. Abbott, and the motion passed without opposition.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Russell called for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 5, 2025. A motion was made by Sheriff Richardson, seconded by Sheriff Tubbs, and the motion passed without opposition.

V. COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

A. Report of the Priorities Committee

Chief Craft reported that, on September 8, 2025, the Priorities Committee received all proposed allocations, applications, sole source for program requests, and grant increase requests via electronic mail.

On September 16, 2025, the Priorities Committee approved all items as presented and the following items will be considered for final approval at today's meeting:

- 28 allocations totaling $2,034,851
- 114 applications totaling $11,677,088

- 14 grant increase requests totaling $215,531
- 2 sole source for program requests totaling $91,468

These items equal a grand total of $14,018,938 (including allocations) to be awarded to deserving agencies at today's meeting.

This concludes the report of the Priorities Committee.

Vice Chair Russell called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Mr. Welborn, seconded by Sheriff Breaux, and the motion passed without opposition.

B. Report of the Victim Services Advisory Board

In the absence of Sheriff Gary "Stitch" Guillory, Board Chair, Mr. Julio Galan reported that the Victim Services Advisory Committee met at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 9 FY 2024 VOCA allocations totaling $722,539
- 9 FY 2024 VOCA applications totaling $722,539
- 9 FY 2024 VOCA increases totaling $53,739
- 1 FY 2023 STOP allocation totaling $14,580
- 1 FY 2023 STOP application totaling $14,580
- 1 FY 2023 STOP increase totaling $4,128
- 11 FY 2024 STOP allocations totaling $321,677
- 11 FY 2024 STOP applications totaling $321,677

This concludes the report of the Victim Services Advisory Board.

Vice Chair Russell called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Sheriff Breaux, seconded by Sheriff Richardson, 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, Ms. Leslie York Jackson reported that the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board met at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 2 JJDP allocations totaling $66,056
- 2 JJDP applications totaling $66,056
- 1 JJDP increase totaling $13,126

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

Vice Chair Russell called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Sheriff Tubbs, seconded by Ms. Settoon, and the motion passed.

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

In the absence of Col. Carlos Stout, Board Chair, Sheriff Mike Tubbs reported that the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board met at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 4 FY 2024 allocations totaling $699,999
- 1 FY 2023 application totaling $225,000
- 3 FY 2024 applications totaling $274,999
- 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.

Vice Chair Russell called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Mr. Cobb, seconded by Mr. Abbott, and the motion passed.

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

Sheriff Julian Whittington, Board Chair, reported that the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Advisory Board met on September 24, 2025, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of 55 DARE state-funded grant applications to the following entities with the understanding that cuts will be made to the grants based on the available DARE budget:

- 12 Police Departments
- 39 Parish Sheriff's Offices
- 1 District Attorney's Office
- 2 Marshalls' Offices
- 1 Constable's Office

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

Vice Chair Russell called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Sheriff Tubbs, seconded by Sheriff Breaux, and the motion passed without opposition.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Call for Other Old Business

Vice Chair Russell called for Other Old Business, and there was none to discuss.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation of Grant District Applications

Vice Chair Russell called for a presentation of the District grant applications. A motion was made by Mr. Cobb to approve all of the District grant applications *in globo.* The motion was seconded by Sheriff Richardson, and the motion carried without opposition.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Vice Chair Russell 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, December 4, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. The advisory boards will meet on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at the same venue.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Pitre, seconded by Judge Grover, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.