

# State of Louisiana

Office of the Governor  
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement  
and Administration of Criminal Justice

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## Commission Meeting **MINUTES**

Cook Conference Center at LSU  
3848 W. Lakeshore Drive  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808  
December 8, 2022  
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 8, 2022, at the Cook Conference Center at LSU. Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III, Commission Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Chairman Gautreaux recognized recently-appointed Commission members: Carl R. Dunn, Police Chief, City of Baker Police Department and Jason Parker, Sheriff, Webster Parish. Both members were appointed by Governor John Bel Edwards.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sheriff Brett Stassi, and the Invocation was led by Lt. Col. Mark Olexy.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

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

The following Commission members or their representatives were present: Chief Rickey Anderson; Patrick E. Knab, proxy for Sheriff Jason Ard; Chief Darrell B. Basco; Chief Rickey Boudreaux; Chief Deputy Harold JeanBatiste, proxy for Sheriff Becket Breaux; Judge Michelle M. Breaux; Judge Mitchell Theriot, proxy for Chief Judge Susan Chehardy; Lt. Bill Hendrix, proxy for Sheriff Kevin Cobb; Ms. Mary V. Clauss, proxy for Mr. Paul D. Connick, Jr.; Chief Judge Sylvia Cooks; Lt. Robert J. Davidson; Lt. Robert J. Davidson, proxy for Mr. Gregg Davies; Lt. Col. Christopher S. Eskew, proxy for Col. Lamar Davis; Mr. Stephen C. Dwight, proxy for Ms. Bridget A. Dinvaute; Chief Carl R. Dunn; Mr. Stephen C. Dwight; Marshal Pat Farris; Sheriff Mark T. Garber; Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III; Judge Gail Grover; Mr. Stephen C. Dwight, proxy for Mr. Billy Joe Harrington; Ms. Debbie D. Hudnall; Mr. Donald D. Landry; Mr. Jeff Bergeron, proxy for Mr. Jeff Landry; Chief Bry Layrisson; Mr. Malcolm Myer, proxy for Secretary James M. LeBlanc; Mr. James "Jay" Lemoine; Mr. Stephen C. Dwight, proxy for Sheriff

Tony Mancuso; Sheriff Willy J. Martin, Jr.; Senator Beth Mizell; Judge Mitchell Theriot, proxy for Chief Judge Milton Moore; Lt. Col. Mark Olexy, proxy for Mr. Jay O’Quinn; Sheriff Jason Parker; Sheriff Brett Stassi; Col. Carlos Stout; Lt. Bill Hendrix, proxy for Sheriff Mike Tubbs; Mr. James “Jay” Lemoine, proxy for Mr. J. Reed Walters; and Judge Mitchell Theriot, proxy for Chief Judge Vanessa Whipple.

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.; Ms. Amanda Bourque, District 4 – Evangeline Law Enforcement Council, Inc. and representing District 6 – Southwest District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.; Ms. Dawn Hawkins, District 5 – Capital District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.; Mr. Ronald Lampart, 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. Autumn Blache, Chief Jim Craft, Ms. Rutha Chatwood, Ms. Lisa Dreher, Ms. Fredia Dunn, Ms. LaShinna Gautier, Ms. Linda Gautier, Ms. Shantia Jones, Mr. Demetrius Joubert, Mr. Marshall Menou, Ms. Kelly Parks, and Mr. Bob Wertz.

### **III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to adopt the agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Lemoine, seconded by Col. Stout, 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 September 29, 2022. A motion was made by Sheriff Martin, seconded by Mr. Myer, and the motion passed without opposition.

#### **B. Report of the Priorities Committee**

Chief Craft reported that, on November 23, 2022, the Priorities Committee received all allocations, applications, proposed increases, sole source requests, and 48-month waiver requests for the December Commission meeting via electronic mail-out. The Priorities Committee reviewed these items and recommended approval on November 29, 2022. All items were recommended for consideration at the December 8, 2022 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 Col. Stout, seconded by Mr. Landry, and the motion unanimously passed.

### **C. Report of the Victim Services Advisory Board**

In the absence of Board Chairman Gary “Stitch” Guillory, Mr. Julio Galan reported that the Victim Services Advisory Committee met at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at the Cook Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 1 FY 2020 VAWA increase totaling \$2,428
- 79 FY 2021 VOCA allocations totaling \$5,250,451
- 136 FY 2021 VOCA applications totaling \$8,279,943

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 Garber, and the motion carried without opposition.

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

Ms. ViEve Martin-Kohrs, JJDP Advisory Board Member, reported that the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board met at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at the Cook Conference Center in Baton Rouge, LA. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 1 allocation for FY 2019 totaling \$16,030
- 1 application for FY 2019 totaling \$16,030

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 Layrisson, seconded by Sheriff Stassi, and the motion unanimously passed.

### **E. 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 7, 2022, at the Cook Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 65 allocations for FY 2021 totaling \$952,278
- 37 applications for FY 2021 totaling \$533,187
- 1 increase for FY 2020 totaling \$4,928 (Grant No. 6838)
- 1 sole source purchase for City of Bogalusa, Bogalusa Police Department for taser equipment totaling \$3,395

- 48-month project period waiver request for Grant Numbers 7200, 7131, 7156, and 7180, and all other waivers requested, received, and 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 Martin, and the motion carried without opposition.

## V. CALL FOR OTHER OLD BUSINESS

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

## VI. 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 Garber, and the motion carried without opposition.

## VII. OTHER BUSINESS

### A. Request for Waiver by Faith House, Inc. to Purchase Real Property with Funds Previously Awarded at September Commission Meeting (Consent Ballot)

Ms. Billi Lacombe, Executive Director of Faith House appeared before the Commission to request an exception to the general prohibition on using grant funds to purchase real property with grant funds previously awarded at the September Commission meeting. The amount of the grant funds is \$500,000, and the funds will be used to purchase real property to operate as a domestic violence shelter in the Central Louisiana Region. Mr. Charles Riddle, District Attorney of Avoyelles Parish, Mr. Kenneth Pickett, Mayor of the Town of Mansura, and Mr. Kirby Roy, Police Jury President for District 2 in Avoyelles Parish, spoke in support of the exception. After discussion, Judge Gail Grover suggested that a *special conditions* clause be added to the contract stating that the property will be returned to the state if it ceases to operate as a domestic violence shelter.

By ballot, the Commission members voted unanimously in favor of granting the exception.

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to approve the exception with *special conditions*. A motion was made by Mr. Lemoine, seconded by Mr. Landry, and the motion passed.

**B. Proposed LCLE Administrative Rule Update**

Mr. Bob Wertz, LCLE, reported a proposed update to the LCLE Administrative Rule (Title 22, Chapter 55, Section 5501) related to the Louisiana Incident Based Crime Reporting System (LIBRS). Commission members were previously provided a copy of the proposed update.

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the update and move forward with the Administrative Rule. A motion was made by Chief Layrisson, seconded by Sheriff Martin, and the motion carried.

**C. Consideration of Proposed 2023 Advisory Board/Commission Meeting Dates**

Chairman Gautreaux announced the proposed 2023 Advisory Board/Commission Meeting Dates as follows: March 29 - 30, June 7 – 8, September 27 – 28, and December 6 – 7. The Commission meetings will be held on Thursday, and the Advisory Board meetings will be held on the preceding Wednesday. Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the meeting dates. A motion was made by Col. Stout, seconded by Sheriff Stassi, and the motion passed without opposition.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Gautreaux reported that a total of \$9,938,560 was awarded to deserving agencies at today's meeting and called for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Layrisson, seconded by Col. Stout, and the motion unanimously passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.