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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

December 7, 2023
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 7, 2023, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III, Commission Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

Chairman Gautreaux recognized the following new Commission Member: Ms. Lindsay Blouin, Chair, Section on Criminal Law, Louisiana State Bar Association.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sheriff Stassi, and the Invocation was led by Col. Stout.

II. ROLL CALL

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

The following Commission members or their representatives were present: Lt. Patrick Knab, proxy for Sheriff Jason Ard; Assistant Chief Joe Salmon, proxy for Chief Darrell Basco; Ms. Lindsay Blouin; Judge Michelle Breaux; Sheriff Mike Cazes; Ms. Cynthia Austin, proxy for Mr. Paul D. Connick, Jr.; Lt. Robert Davidson; Lt. Robert Davidson, proxy for Mr. Gregory Davies; Capt. Patrick Jackson, proxy for Col. Lamar Davis; Chief Carl K. Dunn; Sen. Frank Foil; Sheriff Mark Garber; Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III; Chief Judge John M. Guidry; Sheriff Mark Garber, proxy for Mr. Billy Joe Harrington; Mr. Don Landry; Mr. Jeff Bergeron, proxy for Mr. Jeff Landry; Chief William P. "Bill" Landry; Mr. Malcolm Myer, proxy for Secretary James LeBlanc; Mr. James "Jay" Lemoine; Mr. Logan Coulon, proxy for Sheriff Joseph Lopinto; Sheriff Willy J. Martin, Jr.;

Sheriff Jason Parker; Sheriff Brett Stassi; Col. Carlos Stout; Marshal Reginald Thomas; Sheriff Mike Tubbs, and Assistant Chief Joe Salmon, proxy for Mr. J. Reed Walters.

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. Dawn Hawkins, District 5 – Capital District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.; Chief Jim Craft, District 8 – State Level; and Ms. Adrene S. Tobler, District 9 – City of New Orleans, Office of Criminal Justice Coordination.

LCLE staff members present: Ms. Martha Addison; Ms. Autumn Blache, Ms. Rutha Chatwood, Chief Jim Craft; Ms. Lisa Dreher, Ms. Fredia Dunn, Ms. LaShinna Gauthier, Ms. Shelita Henry, Ms. Toyette Hudson, Mr. Demetrius Joubert, Ms. Roxanne Langston; Mr. Marshall Menou, Ms. Melissa Murphy, Ms. Brittany Onezine, Ms. Kelly Parks, Ms. LaShunda Sullivan, Ms. Rebekah Taylor-Hill, and Mr. Bob Wertz.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to adopt the agenda. A motion was made by Sheriff Cazes, seconded by Chief Dunn, 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 28, 2023. A motion was made by Chief Landry, seconded by Sheriff Cazes, and the motion passed without opposition.

B. Report of the Priorities Committee

Chief Craft reported that, on November 15, 2023, the Priorities Committee received all allocations, applications, proposed increases, and waiver requests via electronic mail-out. The Priorities Committee reviewed these items and recommended approval on November 21, 2023. All items will be considered for final approval at the December 7, 2023 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 Cazes, seconded by Sheriff Martin, and the motion passed.

C. Report of the Victim Services Advisory Board

On behalf of Board Chair Gary “Stitch” Guillory, Mr. Julio Galan reported that the Victim Services Advisory Committee met at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 1 FY 2022 allocation totaling \$30,000
- 2 FY 2022 VOCA applications totaling \$105,933
- 4 FY 2022 VOCA increases totaling \$83,995

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 Sheriff Cazes, seconded by Sheriff Tubbs, and the motion carried without opposition.

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

Ms. ViEve Martin-Kohrs, Board Chair, reported that the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board met at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended that the following application be **tabled**:

- 1 application for FY 2020 totaling \$71,662

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 Chief Dunn, and the motion unanimously passed.

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

Col. Carlos Stout, Board Chair, reported that the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board met at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 62 allocations for FY 2022 totaling \$1,312,033
- 50 applications for FY 2022 totaling \$1,207,034
- 3 increases for FY 2021 totaling \$40,000 (Grant Numbers 7055, 7059, and 7065)

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 Mr. Myer, seconded by Chief Dunn,, and the motion passed.

F. Update on POST Collections/Expenses

Chief Craft reported that there has been no improvement in collections since the September Commission meeting. He recommended that payment of invoices continue to be suspended until such time as sufficient funding is available and called for a motion to approve. A motion was made by Sheriff Tubbs, seconded by Mr. Bergeron, and the motion passed.

G. Call for Other Old Business

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

V. 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 Tubbs to approve all of the District grant applications *in globo*. The motion was seconded by Chief Dunn, and the motion carried without opposition.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Announcement of 2024 Commission Meeting Dates

Chairman Gautreaux announced the following 2024 Commission meeting dates: March 21, 2024, June 6, 2024, September 26, 2024, and December 5, 2024. All meetings will be held at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center.

B. Next Commission Meeting Date

Chairman Gautreaux announced that the next quarterly Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. The advisory boards will meet on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at the same venue.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Gautreaux reported that a total of over \$3,666,879 was awarded to deserving agencies at today's meeting and called for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sheriff Cazes, seconded by Sheriff Tubbs, and the motion unanimously passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.