

## LHSC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2023  
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Louisiana Highway Safety Commission  
7979 Independence Boulevard  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Commission Members were welcomed by Commission Chairman Jim Craft and Executive Director Lisa Freeman. All members were emailed packets containing the following information: Meeting Agenda, Minutes from Commission Meeting 12/5/2022.

### **ROLL CALL:** (Quorum Present)

Commissioner Craft, Chairman  
Commissioner Oxley, Vice-Chairman  
Commissioner Arbuckle  
Commissioner Blache – *Proxy given to Commissioner Mack*  
Commissioner Dair  
Commissioner Elder  
Commissioner Haman  
Commissioner Hull  
Commissioner Mack  
Commissioner McKneely  
Commissioner  
Pohlmann  
Commissioner Skains  
Commissioner Snow  
Commissioner Tyson – *Proxy given to Commissioner Snow*

### **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES:**

Commission Chairman Craft asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December, 2022 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Skains offered the motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Commissioner McKneely, and without objection, the minutes of the meetings were approved.

### **PRESENTATION:**

Director Freeman introduced LHSC's new Public Information Officer, Gregory Fischer, who was hired by LHSC in January 2023. Greg gave a brief presentation introducing himself to LHSC Commission members and partners, then explained the statistics that were provided to Commission members on newly developed informational cards, which led to a lengthy discussion regarding Louisiana crash data

and infrastructure issues.

Deputy Director Cummins provided a brief overview of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding, which was discussed during NHTSA's Region VI Partners Meeting in January. The most impactful change for State Highway Safety Offices is a new requirement for a triennial Highway Safety Plan (HSP). This three year plan will not affect LHSC's annual voting process for programming and funding since annual applications for funding are also still required. Another impactful change is that states are now required to use federal funding for hot car death messaging, which was previously not allowed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Director Freeman informed the Commission members that there was no old business to be discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Director Freeman gave a brief report about the following: LHSC's presentation to the Louisiana Native American Commission as part of a tribal outreach initiative; LHSC's participation in the "Safe Path to School" initiative in St. Tammany Parish; LHSC's receipt of a significant grant award to host an Impaired Driving Symposium; the mandatory submission of Commission members' annual financial disclosure forms due on May 15.

Commission Chairman Craft reminded Commission members about the Beyond the Badge event on March 14, which will recognize law enforcement heroes throughout the State.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

After the presentation of new business, Commission Chairman Craft called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Arbuckle offered the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Mack, and with no objections, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Freeman