



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE  
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**LOUISIANA AUTOMOBILE THEFT &  
INSURANCE FRAUD PREVENTION AUTHORITY (LATIFPA)  
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, May 23, 2023 - 2:00pm  
LDI Plaza Hearing Room  
1702 North Third Street, Poydras Building  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802**

Members Present: Natalie Brunson- Wheeler Renee Free, Thomas Jeter, David Marcantel, Barry Milligan, Nathan Strebeck, Chris Styron and Lt. Michael Wilkerson

Members Absent: David Clements, Rep. Mike Huval, Sen. Kirk Talbot

Staff present: Crystal Stutes, Kevin Smith, Special Agent Allen Applewhite (NICB)

**Call to Order:**

Chairman, Nathan Strebeck called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

**Old Business:**

*Approval of January 25, 2023, Minutes:* Mr. Tommy Jeter moved to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2023 meeting. Mr. David Marcantel seconded the motion After allowing for public comment, of which there was none, the minutes were approved without objection.

**New Business:**

*Budget Report (attached):* Ms. Crystal Stutes reviewed the financial status of the Authority as of January 24, 2023, highlighting budget authority and expenditures, collections, and summary for the FY 22/23.

*New LATIFPA LPR Grant Applications:* The Board reviewed grant applications and interviewed representatives for Oakdale Police Department, Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Office, Eunice Police Department and Gonzales Police Department.

Upon completion, the board moved to approve applicants by issuing motions as follows: Lt. Michael Wilkerson moved to approve Oakdale Police Department. Mr. David Marcantel seconded the motion. After allowing for public comment, of which there was none, the motion was approved without objection.

Mr. Barry Milligan moved to approve Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Office. Lt. Michael Wilkerson seconded the motion. After allowing for public comment, of which there was none, the motion was approved without objection.

Mr. David Marcantel moved to approve Eunice Police Department. Lt. Michael Wilkerson seconded the motion. After allowing for public comment, of which there was none, the motion was approved without objection.

Lt. Michael Wilkerson moved to approve Gonzales Police Department. Mr. Barry Milligan seconded the motion. After allowing for public comment, of which there was none, the motion was approved without objection.

*Update on Current LATIFPA LPR Installations and Operations:* Assistant Director, Kevin Smith reported on updates on new LPR vendors currently being used to replace current outdated LPR camera system. The report included detailed accounting of each agency's status in the grant process from approval, ordering, installation, and complete operation. Recommendations were submitted to the board for consideration in the removal of agencies that are non-compliant or have requested to voluntarily leave the program.

Ms. Stutes addressed whether an agency could reapply for grant consideration if they are removed or voluntarily withdraws from the program. Ms. Stutes also review draft correspondence for non-compliance for monthly reporting requirements and draft award letter for new grantees.

Lt. Wilkerson raised the question should the board send a letter to all new grantees immediately upon approval outlining reporting requirements including having them sign in agreement to comply. Ms. Free also agreed.

Chairman Nathan Strebeck suggested standard operational procedures for replacement of aging and outdated cameras.

*NICB Report:* Allen Applewhite provided additional information on New Orleans Police Department LPR usage and reviewed the NICB LPR agency reporting stats.

*LATIFPA Community Outreach Update:* Assistant Director Smith submitted community outreach and education program report from January 26, 2023, through May 23, 2023.

#### **Public Comments:**

Lee James, President, Louisiana Chapter of IASIU inquired about Spanish billboard advertising in Jefferson Parish and Kenner, LA for Spanish outreach.

#### **Announcements:**

The next Tentative Meeting Date- July 19, 2023.

#### **Adjournment:**

Ms. Free offered a motion for adjournment. Mr. Marcantel seconded the motion. The motion was approved without objection.