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Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement
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

March 30, 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, March 30, 2023, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III, Commission Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Chairman Gautreaux recognized the following new Commission members: Honorable John M. Guidry, Chief Judge, First Circuit Court of Appeal; Mr. Otha "Curtis" Nelson, Deputy Secretary, Office of Youth Services; Honorable Elizabeth A. Pickett, Chief Judge, Third Circuit Court of Appeal; and Honorable Frances J. Pitman, Chief Judge, Second Circuit Court of Appeal

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Bill Landry, and Invocation was led by Sheriff Brett Stassi.

II. ROLL CALL

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

The following Commission members or their representatives were present: Deputy Patrick Knab, proxy for Sheriff Jason Ard; Chief Ricky Anderson; Assistant Chief Joe Salmon, proxy for Chief Darrell Basco; Sheriff Becket Breaux; Judge Michelle M. Breaux; Chief Deputy Dale Simoneaux, proxy for Sheriff Mike Cazes; Chief Deputy David Rigdon, proxy for Sheriff Kevin W. Cobb; Justice Scott Crichton; Mr. Gregory Davies, proxy for Lt. Robert Davidson; Mr. Gregory Davies; Chief Bill Landry, proxy for Col. Lamar Davis; Ms. Bridget A. Dinvaout; Chief Carl K. Dunn; Mr. Stephen C. Dwight; Marshal Michael Barbee, proxy for Marshal Pat

Farris; Col. Carlos Stout, proxy for Sheriff Mark Garber; Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III; Judge Gail Grover; Chief Judge John M. Guidry; Mr. Billy Joe Harrington; Chief Bill Landry; Mr. Jeff Bergeron, proxy for Attorney General Jeff Landry; Col. Carlos Stout, proxy for Chief Bry Layrisson; Mr. J. Reed Walters, proxy for Mr. Jay Lemoine; Mr. Logan Coulon, proxy for Sheriff Joseph P. Lopinto; Sheriff Tony Mancuso; Sheriff Willy J. Martin, Jr.; Mr. Otha “Curtis” Nelson; Lt. Col. Mark Olexy, proxy for Mr. Jay O’Quinn; Sheriff Brett Stassi, proxy for Sheriff Jason Parker; Mr. Michael Williams, proxy for Chief Judge Elizabeth A. Pickett; Judge Jeff Cox, proxy for Chief Judge Frances J. Pitman; Sheriff Brett Stassi; Col. Carlos Stout; Chief Genoria D. Tilley; Sheriff Mike Tubbs; and 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.; Mr. David Rigdon, District 2 – North Delta Law Enforcement Planning District, 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.; Ms. Jody Moreau, District 7 – Metropolitan District/Jefferson CJCC; Chief Jim Craft, District 8 – State Level; and Ms. Jenny Alber, District 9 – City of New Orleans, Office of Criminal Justice Coordination.

LCLE staff present included: Ms. Melinda Bender, Mr. Steve Brailsford, Chief Jim Craft, Ms. Rutha Chatwood, Ms. Lisa Dreher, Ms. Fredia Dunn, Ms. LaShinna Gautier, Ms. Linda Gautier, Ms. Shelita Henry; 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 Col. Stout, seconded by Judge Grover, 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 December 8, 2022. A motion was made by Col. Stout, seconded by Col. Stout, and the motion passed without opposition.

B. Report of the Priorities Committee

Chief Craft reported that, on March 10, 2023, the Priorities Committee received all allocations, applications, proposed increases, sole source requests, and 48-month waiver requests for the March Commission meeting via electronic mail-out. The Priorities Committee reviewed these items and recommended approval on March 16, 2023. All items received preliminary approval for consideration at the March 30, 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 Chief Landry, seconded by Col. Stout, and the motion passed.

C. Report of the Victim Services Advisory Board

Board Chairman Gary “Stitch” Guillory reported that the Victim Services Advisory Committee met at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 12 FY 2022 SASP allocations totaling \$627,000
- 12 FY 2022 SASP applications totaling \$627,000
- 1 FY 2020 VOCA allocation totaling \$63,027
- 17 FY 2021 VOCA allocations totaling \$1,108,991
- 18 FY 2021 VOCA applications totaling \$1,133,991
- 5 FY 2020 VOCA increases totaling \$141,774
- 3 FY 2021 VOCA increases totaling \$89,456

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

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

Mr. William McDermott, JJDP Advisory Board Member, reported that the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board met at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at the West Baton Rouge Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 1 allocation for FY 2020 totaling \$13,333
- 1 application for FY 2020 totaling \$13,333
- 1 increase for FY 2019 totaling \$4,756

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 Sheriff Mancuso, seconded by Sheriff Breaux, 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, March 29, 2023, at the West Baton Rouge Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 20 allocations for FY 2021 totaling \$356,660
- 1 increase for FY 2020 totaling \$21,091 (Grant No. 6535)
- 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 No. 7257 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 Breaux, 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 Stassi, and the motion carried without opposition.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Approval of State Drug Abuse and Resistance (DARE) Advisory Board Policies

Mr. Bob Wertz, LCLE, reported the proposed policy revisions related to the Louisiana Drug Abuse and Resistance (DARE) Advisory Board and sought the Commission's approval to move forward with their implementation. Commission members were previously provided a copy of the proposed revised policies.

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to approve the policies, as presented by Mr. Wertz. A motion was made by Sheriff Mancuso, seconded by Chief Dunn, and the motion passed.

B. Introduction of LCLE Revised Grant Funding Formula

Chief Craft 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). Copies of the proposed update were distributed to the Commission members for their review.

After discussion, Chief Craft stated that the matter will be considered for approval at the June 22, 2023 Commission meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Gautreaux reported that a total of \$4,436,444 was awarded to deserving agencies at today's meeting and called for a motion to adjourn.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 22, 2023, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. The advisory board meetings will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at the same venue.

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