

State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2016 – 43

DRUG CONTROL AND VIOLENT CRIME POLICY BOARD

WHEREAS, incidents of violent crimes and drug abuse are problematic for the State of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, the federal government provides financial assistance to the State to improve the operational effectiveness of our drug and violent crime control efforts through such programs as the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, 42 U.S.C.A. §13701 *et seq.*, and the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant Assistance (JAG) Program, 42 U.S.C.A. §3750 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the interests of the citizens of the State of Louisiana would be best served through the utilization of a single coordinating board to administer these federal assistance programs in order to function as a communication forum and to facilitate the coordination of drug abuse and violent crime projects within the State.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The Louisiana Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board (“Board”) is reestablished within the executive department, Office of the Governor.

SECTION 2: The duties of the Board shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Serve as an advisory body to the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice;
- B. Develop a statewide drug control and violent crime strategy encompassing all components of the criminal justice system; and
- C. Perform any duties and functions requested by the Governor and/or the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice.

SECTION 3: The Board shall be composed of a maximum of eighteen (18) members, who unless otherwise specified, shall be designated by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The membership of the Board shall be as follows:

- A. The Superintendent of State Police, or the Superintendent’s designee;
- B. Three (3) district attorneys, one each from the eastern, the western, and the middle areas of the state;
- C. The executive director of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association, or the executive director’s designee;
- D. Three (3) sheriffs, one each from the eastern, the western, and the middle areas of the state;
- E. The executive director of the Louisiana Sheriffs’ Association, or the executive director’s designee;
- F. Three (3) chiefs of police, one each from the eastern, the western, and the middle areas of the state;

- G. One (1) marshal or constable selected from either the eastern, the western, or the middle areas of the state; and
- H. Five (5) at-large members who are private citizens and/or former members of the state judiciary and who are active in community drug control and prevention.

SECTION 4: The chair of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor from the membership of the Board. All other officers, if any, shall be elected from the membership of the Board.

SECTION 5: The Board shall meet at regularly scheduled intervals and at the call of the chair.

SECTION 6: Board members shall not receive additional compensation or a per diem from the Office of the Governor for serving on the Council.

Board members who are employees or elected public officials of the State of Louisiana or a political subdivision thereof may seek reimbursement of travel expenses, in accordance with PPM 49, from their employing and/or elected department, agency and/or office.

Board members who are also members of the Louisiana Legislature may seek a per diem from the Louisiana State Senate or House of Representatives, as appropriate, for their attendance.

SECTION 7: Support staff, facilities, and resources for the Board shall be provided by the Office of the Governor.

SECTION 8: All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and officers of the State of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Board in implementing the provisions of this Order.

SECTION 9: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 4th day of August, 2016.



GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE