

Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee
State of Louisiana

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Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR



Euclid Talley
CHAIRMAN

APPROVED - MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2024

The Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) met on Wednesday, February 21, 2022, at the State Emergency Operations Center, located at 7667 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, and via Teleconference.

I. Call to Order

A. Chairman Euclid Talley called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

II. Roll Call

A. GOHSEP, Jake Chatfield, conducted the SIEC roll call and a quorum was established.

B. The following SIEC members were present or absent as noted:

Committee Members Present	Representing Agency
Euclid Talley - Assistant Deputy Director (ADD) of Homeland Security & Interoperability Division	Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP)
Steven Cockerham –Designee for Adjutant General of the Louisiana National Guard	Louisiana National Guard
Richard “Dick” Gremillion, Director Calcasieu OHSEP	Regional Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Director's Committee
Bill Vincent, Secretary/Treasurer APCO Lafayette Parish Communications District (Ret.)	Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO)
Robert Daughdril Emergency Preparedness Coordinator	Louisiana Ambulance Alliance
Bryan Zeringue, Chief Thibodaux Police Department	Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police
Stacey Blanchard, CPT Assistant Director, St. Martin Sheriff's Office/OHSEP	Region 4
Richard McGuire Executive Director Calcasieu Parish Communications District	Region 5

Committee Members Present	Representing Agency
Ellis Boothe Parish Director	Region 6
Doyle Dempsey, MAJ Support Bureau / Asset Management Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office	Region 7
Robert "Bobby" Moore, Fire Service & Supply Technician, Ouachita Parish Fire Department	Region 8

Committee Members Absent	Representing Agency
Jeb Tate Director, IT & Telecommunications, Jefferson Parish Government	Region 1
Billie Metz Giroir, DPTY Chief Civil Deputy, West Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office	Region 2
Conrad Baker, CPT Technology/911 OPS Center St. John Parish Sheriff's Office	Region 3
Michael "Mike" Moore, SGT Canine & Patrol Division Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office	Region 9
Pat Arnould Executive Director	Governor's Office of Indian Affairs
Robert Benoit, Chief Lafayette Fire Department	Louisiana Fire Chief's Association
Jayson Richardson Sheriff of Desoto Parish	Louisiana Sheriff's Association
Chris Eskew, LTC Deputy Superintendent	State of Louisiana Department of Public Safety & Corrections, Public Safety Services, Louisiana State Police (DPS)

III. Approval of Minutes

Bill Vincent made a motion to approve the October 25, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Doyle Dempsey seconded the motion. The SIEC voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2023 meeting.

IV. Chairman's Report

- A. Chairman Euclid Talley began by thanking the members for attending the meeting.
- B. Interoperability Program Manager, Jake Chatfield updated the board on the status of the Hazardous Mitigation Grant Project.
- C. Statewide System Maintenance Report – Ravi Penumarthi with the DPS Radio Communications Section provided detailed information about the LWIN system. This presentation is available on the SIEC Website under the Meeting Minutes link.

V. Advisory Committee Reports

- A. Budget and Finance
No updates.
- B. Technical
No updates.
- C. Policy and Planning
No updates.
- D. Training and Outreach
No update to training and outreach.

II. Unfinished Business

- A. Jake Chatfield updated the SIEC Board on the status of the Independence site, and what the next steps are for the project.
- B. Julio Peck from LSP discussed the status of the Ethernet Project was going along with the updated timeline
- C. The Policy and Planning Committee, and the SIEC Technical Committee will be having a meeting in March to discuss Motorola Smart Connect issues.

III. New Business

- A. Calcasieu Parish is requesting permission to build a new tower, and turn it over to the state. Steven Cockerham made a motion to approve, and Doyle Dempsey second the motion. The SIEC voted unanimously to approve the new tower.
- B. Jake Chatfield advised the board that the state is approving three people as COML's, and COMT's for the state. Asked the SIEC members to recognize more state personal to get certified.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

V. Next Quarterly Meeting

Chairman Euclid Talley advised the committee that without objection, the next quarterly meeting of the SIEC would be April 24, 2024 at 1:30 PM, in person at the GOHSEP's EOC. There were no objections.

VI. Adjournment

Richard McGuire made a motion to adjourn. The SIEC voted unanimously to adjourn at 2:35 pm.