

Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee
State of Louisiana

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GOVERNOR



Euclid Talley
CHAIRMAN

APPROVED - MEETING MINUTES

April 30, 2025

The Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) met on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at the State Emergency Operations Center, located at 7667 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806.

I. Call to Order

A. Chairman Euclid Talley called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

II. Roll Call

A. GOHSEP, Jake Chatfield, conducted the SIEC roll call and a quorum was established. The meeting carried out the meeting with non-binding and did not constitute official action.

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
Bryan Zeringue , Chief Thibodaux Police Department	Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police
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
Ellis Boothe Parish Director	Region 6
Jayson Richardson Sheriff of Desoto Parish	Louisiana Sheriff's Association

Committee Members Absent	Representing Agency
Bill Vincent, Secretary/Treasurer APCO Lafayette Parish Communications District (Ret.)	Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO)
Richard “Dick” Gremillion, Director Calcasieu OHSEP	Regional Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Director’s Committee
Robert Daughdril Emergency Preparedness Coordinator	Louisiana Ambulance Alliance
Chris Eskew, LTC Deputy Superintendent	State of Louisiana Department of Public Safety & Corrections, Public Safety Services, Louisiana State Police (DPS)
Robert Benoit, Chief Lafayette Fire Department	Louisiana Fire Chief’s Association
Christine Verdin, Pointe-au-Chien Council Member	Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs
Stacey Blanchard, CPT Assistant Director, St. Martin Sheriff’s Office/OHSEP	Region 4
Richard McGuire Executive Director Calcasieu Parish Communications District	Region 5
Doyle Dempsey, MAJ Support Bureau / Asset Management Bossier Parish Sheriff’s Office	Region 7
Robert “Bobby” Moore, Fire Chief, Ouachita Parish Fire Department	Region 8
Michael “Mike” Moore, SGT Canine & Patrol Division Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff’s Office	Region 9

III. Approval of Minutes

The SIEC was unable to vote to approve the minutes due to not having a quorum.

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. Also discussed the new state Motorola contract that is being negotiated. Jake clarified the issues with the Youngsville Tower, and how going forward SIEC projects will be more specific on the funding.
- C. Statewide System Maintenance Report – Fefe Franklin 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 updates

II. Unfinished Business

- A. Julio Peck from LSP discussed the status of the Ethernet Project was going along with the updated timeline.

III. New Business

- A. Vernon McFadden discussed programming of radios and state interop channels. Requesting representatives ensure their regions have proper channels programmed and why it is so important. This has been an ongoing topic for statewide activations. Committee members inquired of better ways to hold agencies accountable to having these channels properly programmed. Discussions about how to verify agencies have adequate programming.
- B. Jake Chatfield discussed the plan for GOHSEP to host future training for state agencies.

IV. Public Comments

V. Next Quarterly Meeting

Chairman Euclid Talley advised the committee that without objection, the next quarterly meeting of the SIEC would be July 23, 2025 at 1:30 PM, in person at the GOHSEP's EOC. There were no objections.

VI. Adjournment