

Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee
State of Louisiana

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Euclid Talley
CHAIRMAN

APPROVED - MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 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, 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)
Scott Kelly –Designee for Adjutant General of the Louisiana National Guard	Louisiana National Guard
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
Deputy David Luker , -Designee West Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office	Region 2
Conrad Baker, CPT Technology/911 OPS Center St. John Parish Sheriff's Office	Region 3
Stacey Blanchard, CPT Assistant Director, St. Martin Sheriff's Office/OHSEP	Region 4
Ellis Boothe Parish Director	Region 6
Charles Dowdy	Region 8

Committee Members Present	Representing Agency
Ouachita Parish Fire Department	
Michael “Mike” Moore, SGT Canine & Patrol Division Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff’s Office	Region 9
Barry Milligan- Designee 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)

Committee Members Absent	Representing Agency
Jeb Tate Director, IT & Telecommunications, Jefferson Parish Government	Region 1
Richard McGuire Executive Director Calcasieu Parish Communications District	Region 5
Robert Benoit, Chief Lafayette Fire Department	Louisiana Fire Chief’s Association
Robert Daughdril Emergency Preparedness Coordinator	Louisiana Ambulance Alliance
Bryan Zeringue, Chief Thibodaux Police Department	Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police
Executive Director	Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs

III. Approval of Minutes

Bill Vincent made a motion to approve the October 23, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Bryan Zeringue seconded the motion. The SIEC voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2024 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, and status of tower projects from the supplemental budget.

- 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 updates.

II. Unfinished Business

- A. Julio Peck from LSP discussed the status of the Ethernet Project was going along with the updated timeline.
- B. Travis Johnson discussed the importance of the National Weather Service Project status.
- C. Jake Chatfield requested that state communications contacts ensure proper channels are coded into all radios to ensure effective communications.

III. New Business

- A. Jake Chatfield explained the additional channels for the Super Dome and microwave prior to the Super Bowl. These last minute upgrades ensured effective communications for emergency services in and around the Super Dome, New Orleans downtown.
- B. Federal Engineering Public Safety Mobile Radio Consulting detailed their capabilities, and how they could support state communication services.
- C. Jake Chatfield discussed having a Budget and Finance Subcommittee meeting to discuss tower leases and increase funding for some departments.

IV. Public Comments

No 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 24, 2024 at 1:30 PM, in person at the GOHSEP's EOC. There were no objections.

VI. Adjournment

Bill Vincent made a motion to adjourn. The SIEC voted unanimously to adjourn at 2:50 pm.