

Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee
State of Louisiana

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Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR



Euclid Talley
CHAIRMAN

APPROVED - MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 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)
Steven Cockerham –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)
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
Stacey Blanchard, CPT Assistant Director, St. Martin Sheriff's Office/OHSEP	Region 4
Richard McGuire Executive Director	Region 5

Committee Members Present	Representing Agency
Calcasieu Parish Communications District	
Ellis Boothe Parish Director	Region 6
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
Jayson Richardson Sheriff of Desoto Parish	Louisiana Sheriff's Association
Robert Benoit, Chief Lafayette Fire Department	Louisiana Fire Chief's Association

Committee Members Absent	Representing Agency
Richard "Dick" Gremillion, Director Calcasieu OHSEP	Regional Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Director's Committee
Robert Daughdril Emergency Preparedness Coordinator	Louisiana Ambulance Alliance
Bryan Zeringue, Chief Thibodaux Police Department	Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police
Chris Eskew, LTC Deputy Superintendent	State of Louisiana Department of Public Safety & Corrections, Public Safety Services, Louisiana State Police (DPS)
Michael "Mike" Moore, SGT Canine & Patrol Division Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office	Region 9
Pat Arnould 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. Steven Cockerham 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. Also, updated the committee that OTS is going to conform a statewide standard operations procedures for issuing out Starlinks during a statewide emergency.
- 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
Laura Beth provided detailed information about the FY2025 Budget proposal. The presentation is available on the SIEC Website under the Meeting Minutes link.
- B. Technical
Committee had a meeting prior to the SIEC Meeting discussed SMART connect SSID.
- C. Policy and Planning
No updates.
- D. Training and Outreach
No update to training and outreach.

II. Unfinished Business

- A. Neal Fudge did not have any updates for the SIEC Board on the status of the Independence site, and is still working on further details.
- B. Julio Peck from LSP discussed the status of the Ethernet Project was going along with the updated timeline

III. New Business

- A. Motorola briefed the committee on the status of the LSU stadium project, and the full scope of the project.
- B. Committee discussed upcoming tower projects for Golden Meadow, Zachary, and Iberville tower sites. All the sites have been approved and the board is waiting on funding to move forward with all projects.

IV. Public Comments

Chief of Bossier City Police, and the Fire Chief of Bossier City requested an official coverage tests done for the entire parish due to a lack of coverage from the LWIN

towers in that area. They detailed the technical issues they have with their emergency services responding to incidents and not having the appropriate radio coverage to safely conduct the mission. LSP has taken note and will send a team up there immediately to conduct a parish wide coverage assessment.

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.