

Regional Parish OHSEP Director's Subcommittee  
State of Louisiana

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JOE GANOTE  
CHAIRMAN

**Regional Parish OHSEP Director's Subcommittee Monthly Meeting**

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 10:00 AM  
7667 Independence Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
Over Watch Meeting Room

**ATTENDEES**

Dawson Primes, Lee John, Patrick Harvey, Earl Eues, Tracy Hilburn, Chris Guilbeaux, Clay Rives, Christina Dayries, Kenneth Moore, Norman Pineda, Teresa Basco, Johnathan McLemore, Liz Hill, Todd Smith, Jacie Maples, Matthew Hammons, Ashley Beetz, Dick Gremillion, Todd Derrick, Neal Brown, Rubby Douglas, Trevis Thompson, Melton Gaspard, Kelly Feet, Amy Dawson, Catesha Williams-Smith, Lybil Brown, Veronica Sizer, Toni Rochelle.

**Call to Order /Welcome**

Vice Chairman Dawson Primes called the meeting to order at 10:05 PM. He completed roll call and a quorum was established. He welcomed everyone.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES from May 2022**

Motion by: Clay Rives  
Seconded by: Liz Hill

There were no oppositions. May 2022 minutes approved.

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**Election of Chairman**

Joe Ganote has resigned as the Regional Director Chairman, leaving the seat vacant. Vice Chairman Primes asked for nominations for Chairman.

Earl Eues nominated Dawson Primes to serve as Chairman and moved to close the nominations. Nominations were closed.

Motion by: Earl Eues  
Seconded by: Clay Rives

There were no oppositions. Dawson Primes was approved as Chairman.

Chairman Primes asked for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Clay Rives nominated Earl Eues to serve as Vice Chairman and moved to close the nominations. Nominations were closed.

Motion by Clay Rives  
Seconded by Patrick Harvey

There were no oppositions. Earl Eues was approved as Vice Chairman.

## **GOHSEP UPDATES\ REPORTS**

Christina Dayries, Deputy Director

### **GOHSEP Updates:**

- **New Hires:**
  - Wayne Tedesco has replaced Christina Dayries as the new Asst. Deputy Director of Grants and Administration.
  - The Regional Support section new hire were introduced:
    - Denda Ball – Section Chief
    - Area Manager for Regions 6, 7, 8 – Tracy Hilburn
    - Area Manager for Regions 2, 4, 5 – Lee John
    - Area Manager for Region 1, 3, 9 – interviews set for 6/22
    - Region 1 - Norman Pineda
    - Region 2 – Jacie Maples
    - Region 3 – Ashley Beetz
    - Region 4 – Darren Guidry
    - Region 5 – Cade McLemore
    - Region 6 – Teresa Basco
    - Region 7 – Todd Derrick
    - Region 8 – Todd Smith
    - Region 9 – Matthew Hammons
    - DCM Laura/Delta Manager – Lennie LaFleur
    - DCM Ida Manager – offer pending
  - Governor’s Fellows Program –Melvin Ukaegbu.
- **Legislation Updates: UPDATE – GOHSEP will provide a detailed review on all emergency management related bills to the OHSEP Directors very soon.**
  - HB1 – Budget bill
    - Increase of 2 TO (one in executive office and one in operations)
    - 2 replacement vehicles
    - \$1.2M for the Ethernet increase for annual charges from AT&T
    - Replaced executive staff salaries from EMPG to General Fund

- HB1070 – pending Governor’s signature.
  - Creates a Statutory Dedicated Fund - Emergency Communications Interoperability Fund (SD ECIF)
  - Funds bill puts \$6.9M in ECIF for LWIN Ethernet project
  - No appropriation for expenditures out of the fund will require a BA7.
  - Report to legislature on updates to LWIN projects, redundant and resiliency of communication system.
  - Requires prepositioned contracts.
  - Requires an inventory of portable generators owned by the state and local governments capable of operating during a major disaster.
  - Requires EM software with certain requirements
  - Provide training to local officials, employees identified by the parish president, members of the legislature.
  - Develop program to provide additional funding and resources for temporary housing and shelter assistance including parish certification to waive land use requirements.
- SB311 - pending Governor’s signature.
  - Prior to August 1, 2022, promulgate standards and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act regarding disbursement of assets and diversion of resources during a federally or gubernatorially declared emergency.
  - Updates the former nonprofit security commission to include schools. Now called the Louisiana Commission on School and Nonprofit Security.
  - Requires GOHSEP to create a grant program for schools and nonprofits to make application. (Note: no funding appropriated for the grant program).
- HB524 -Pending Governor’s signature.
  - Creates a Disability-Focused Disaster Preparedness and Response Fund.
  - 2% or up to \$500,000 from the gaming proceed from sports wagering will be deposited into fund.
  - GOHSEP to receive up to 3% for grant program administration.
  - GOHSEP to contract with a DACE director to develop statewide plan.
- **2022 LEMC Evaluation Survey** – if you have received , please complete survey
- **Fall LEMC:**
  - Planning is ongoing for a Fall LEMC Educational Workshop. Tentative dates (most likely to change) is October 17<sup>th</sup> –19<sup>th</sup>
  - L’auberge Hotel, Lake Charles

- \$50.00 registration fee
- \$90.00 per night for room
- Meals provided (Breakfast/Lunch). On own for dinner as of now.

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### **Region 2 and Region 9 Parish Assignments**

Dawson Primes, Chairman

- Mark Harrell inquired about reassigning Livingston Parish from Region 2 to Region 9. Chairman Dawson requested GOHSEP review who or what agency has the authority to reassign the parishes including any impacts to programs or services, and report back on their recommendation at the next scheduled meeting.

### **Emergency Alert System/IPAWS**

Christina Dayries, Deputy Director

- Ms. Dayries announced that GOHSEP will be transitioning to a new IPAWS emergency alert system on July 1, 2022. Rave Alert was chosen and is on state contract.
- Brain O'Donnell, (Rave System Rep) briefed the group on the new system.
- Rave Alert System training will be begin with GOHSEP, State Police and then to the Parishes.

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### **2022 Grant Updates**

Christina Dayries, Deputy Director

- All 2023 grant programs were applied for by the deadline of June 13, 2022.
- Distributed the potential parish allocations for EMPG and SHSP.
- New fully electronic grant system will roll out during the summer. All 2023 grant programs will be award/applied for in this new system. Similar to LAPA and LAHM software.

### **School Safety Presentation**

Trevis Thompson, Homeland Security Officer II

- The group was provided with 10 essential steps for School Safety, <https://cops.usdoj.gov/RIC/Publications/cops-w0891-pub.pdf>
- Code Ana is available for free training
- Refer to the following link for information [GOHSEP School Safety Presentation](#)

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### **Preparedness Section Updates**

Rubby Douglas, Preparedness Section Chief

- STEMS utilization
  - NEMBA- begins in January 2023 there will be courses for EM available
  - NQS initiative for SAR
  - Dates for Housing Summit are July 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> in Lake Charles. Terrebonne TBD.
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**Open Discussion**

- None.

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**Adjournment**

**Motion by:** Earl Eues.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.

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