

**Regional Parish OHSEP Director's Subcommittee
State of Louisiana**

Jeff Landry
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Dawson Primes
CHAIRMAN

Regional Parish OHSEP Director's Subcommittee Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 10:00 am

Over Watch Meeting Room

7667 Independence Blvd.

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

ATTENDEES

B.G. Jason Mahfouz, Neal Fudge, Mark Ward, Melton Gaspard, Matthew McKey, Lynne Browning, Dean Davis, Sandra Gaspard, Dawson Primes, Earl Eues, Brandon Miguez, Brian Williams, Joey Frank, Clay Rives, Raymond Guedry, Jared Maze, Leah Tatum, Teresa Basco, Todd Smith, Todd Derrick, Darren Guidry, Kim Beetz, Meg Dejean, and Marcella Horne

Call to Order /Welcome

Dawson Primes called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Dawson completed the roll call and a quorum was established. Dawson welcomed the group.

Regions	Directors	Meeting Designee	Present	Absent
Region One	Raymond Guedry		P	
Region Two	Clay Rives		P	
Region Three	Earl Eues		P	
Region Four	Brandon Miguez		P	
Region Five	Jared Maze		P	
Region Six	Joey Frank		P	
Region Seven	Ian Snellgrove	Brian Williams	P	
Region Eight	Rodger McConnell	Todd Smith	P	
Region Nine	Dawson Primes		P	
GOHSEP Director	Brig. Gen. Jason Mahfouz		P	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from May 2026

Motion by: Earl Eues

Seconded by: Joey Frank

There were no oppositions. May 2026 minutes were approved.

GOHSEP Updates/ Reports

B.G. Jason Mahfouz, GOHSEP Director

- **Legislative Updates** – The latest legislative session concluded earlier this month, with the most significant measures affecting GOHSEP being **SB 75 & HB 940**
 - **SB 75-** establishes the framework for developing statewide cybersecurity standards through administrative code in coordination with the Division of Administration.
 - **HB 940-** formalizes Louisiana's counter-drone coordination structure, expands the state's operational capability through Louisiana State Police, and maintains GOHSEP's role as the central coordinating entity for stakeholder engagement and task force activities.
- **FEMA Review Council**
 - ***Note* Recommendations are not automatically implemented.** Any substantive changes must go through the federal rulemaking process:
 - Publication in the Federal Registry, approximately 30-day public/interagency comment period, congressional review and hearings, and a final rule development and implementation.
 - **Preparedness grants (such as EMPG & SHSP)** - expected to remain available; however, jurisdictions should anticipate changes to allowable uses and spending priorities moving forward.
 - Future NOFOs (FY28/FY29 and beyond) could introduce restrictions on the use of preparedness grant funds for personnel costs. If adopted, recommendations to remove personnel expenses as an allowable cost under EMPG & SHSP would likely be implemented through a phased, diminishing approach.
 - **Future of Individual Assistance (IA)-** Both FEMA leadership and the FEMA Review Council appear to view a state-run IA program as the future direction of IA.
 - IA funding would likely provided to states through a major disaster declaration as a grant. States would be responsible for administering the program rather than FEMA directly managing assistance to survivors.
 - **Other key takeaways:**
 - Increased reliance on EMAC
 - Shift in FEMA's strategic focus with greater emphasis on state capability development, regional mutual aid, self-sustainment, and reduced dependence on federal response resources.
 - Future pre-storm declarations may be more limited in scope. Jurisdictions should anticipate a narrower application centered on Direct Federal Assistance (DFA), with Cat B assistance evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Preparedness Division Updates

Matthew McKey, Preparedness Division Director

- **Preparedness Grants**

- EMPG 2022 POP has closed.
- FY 22, 23, & 24 EMPG and HSGP have either requested to extend or already extended.
- **FY 25 EMPG and HSGP funding agreements are out and must be signed and completed by July 15, 2026**
- FY 26 EMPG and EOC NOFOs sent to parish directors on June 16, 2026.
 - Due to quick turnaround time, GOHSEP is hosting Grant Application Workshops on June 25th and 26th from 9:00 am-3:00 pm to assist parishes with completing applications.

- **Plans, Training, and Exercises**

- GOHSEP is course correcting the NQS system to establish a standardized process for credentialing emergency managers across the state and maintaining qualifications that support eligibility for federal grant funding.
 - Regional Directors asked to review the revised SOP and provide feedback via email.

- **School Safety**

- Louisiana Center for Safe Schools (LCSS)- transferred from GOHSEP to Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement (LCLE) became effective June 8, 2026.

- **Cyber Security**

- Higher education institutions continue to be frequent targets of cyberattacks.
- SB 75 Rulemaking Input requested; parishes encouraged to review and provide feedback once draft cybersecurity rules are distributed.
- SLCGP update- FY23, FY24, and FY25 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program funding opportunities will close on June 30, 2026.

Response Division Updates

Mark Ward, Response Division Director

- **Logistics**

- LSA and base camp contracts have been awarded, with 12 LSA contracts and 14 base camp contracts now in place.

- Unified Logistics Exercise (ULE)- ULE exercise involving contracted vendors to validate capabilities, coordination procedures, and operational readiness prior to an incident held last week.
- RSA Preparations underway for upcoming Regional Support Area (RSA) operations.
- **Operations**
 - Monitoring following events/incidents:
 - Ongoing severe weather
 - Sulphur Dome activities
 - Hurricane Season preparations
 - New World Screwworm (12 cases reported in TX/NM)
 - Ongoing WebEOC and ESRI updates
- **Intelligence Coordination Center (ICC)**
 - ICC personnel attended analyst training hosted by LSP.
 - National Critical Infrastructure plan- GOHSEP submitted required info in support of the National Critical Infrastructure Plan process.
 - CISA Top 5 events submission- GOHSEP completed annual Top 5 events submission to CISA.
- **Homeland Security & Interoperability**
 - Shielding the Bayou (CUAS Summit)- June 18th and 19th
 - Riverbend Exercise- June 23
 - LWIN update- current Motorola communications network was built to last until 2029-2030; support and maintenance are expected to continue for an additional years.
- **Regional Support**
 - Attended parish and regional hurricane workshops.
 - Coordinated operational and security planning for Sail 250 commemorative events.
 - Participated in and supported multiple exercises within regions.
 - LANG/GOHSEP LNO training- June 24th

Recovery Division Updates

Lynne Browning, Recovery Division Director

- **Recovery Operations/Individual Assistance**
 - Crisis Track- not fully developed; continue using [Damage.la.gov/Survey 123](https://Damage.la.gov/Survey123) until Crisis Track is ready.

- Disaster Recovery Centers- although no formal guidance issued, FEMA indicated they do not anticipate serving as the lead agency for DRCs in future events.
 - To assist parish leadership in understanding these adjustments, the Recovery Division is developing a presentation and Concept of Operations (CONOPS) that will outline expectations, roles, and responsibilities.
 - Parishes should begin identifying DRC locations and identifying resources necessary to support operations including:
 - Identification of facilities.
 - Designation of a POC to ensure access to facility each day.
 - Reliable internet connectivity.
 - Tables and chairs.
- **Public Assistance**
 - EM-3638- 32 applicants
 - DR-1603
 - FEMA approved conditional extension of project completion dates for projects 21031, 21032, 20947 to June 2, 2028, and correspondingly extending prime grant POP to August 31, 2028.
 - Other projects in DR-1603 may be extended depending on their progress into construction
 - SALs- working with Juvare on Crisis Track development.
- **Hazard Mitigation**
 - Open FMA and BRIC application periods:
 - FMA FY24 applications due to GOHSEP by July 8th
 - BRIC FY24 & FY25 applications due to GOHSEP by June 25th
 - FY26 NOFOs projected to be released before the end of June

Financial Operations and Administration Updates

B.G. Jason Mahfouz, GOHSEP Director

- State Emergency Response Fund is gradually being replenished.

OHSEP Directors Updates

- Updates given by the Regional Directors.

Next Meeting

- Date: July 14, 2026
- Time: 10:00 a.m.
- Location: GOHSEP (Overwatch Room)

Adjourn

- Motion by: Brandon Miguez
- Seconded by: Jared Maze
- Meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.