



## LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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### MEETING MINUTES

## **LOUISIANA AUTOMOBILE THEFT & INSURANCE FRAUD PREVENTION AUTHORITY**

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 10:00 am  
LDI Training Conference Room  
1702 North Third Street, Poydras Building  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Members present: Warren Byrd, Rene Free, David Marcantel, Kade Griffon, Rep. Mike Huval, Barry Milligan, Thomas Jeter, David Clements

Members absent: Mike Lane, Michael Wilkerson, Sen. Kirk Talbot

Staff present: John Ford, Kevin Smith

Chairman Byrd called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Old Business: Mr. Marcantel moved to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021, meeting. Mr. Jeter seconded the motion. After allowing for public comment, of which there was none, the minutes were approved without objection.

New Business: Mr. Ford gave the budget update.

Mr. Smith provided an update on the Educational and Community outreach programs. He reported no new activity since the last board meeting due to COVID-19 but said that the first post-COVID event is coming up in Ascension with seniors.

Mr. Smith gave the NICB report. He updated the board on LPRs with recent reporting issues, including Southeastern University, Northwestern State University, and others. Rep. Huval requested that the University of Louisiana in Lafayette be added to the list for a status check as they have had reporting issues as well. Mr. Smith then went through the entire LPR reporting spreadsheet to provide updates on all LPRs with reporting issues. The board requested status updates at the next board meeting on the following LPRs: Kenner, Louisiana State Police, LSU, ULL, and ULM. Chairman Byrd also requested that LATIFPA staff work with NICB to update the spreadsheet with the correct contact information for the Louisiana State Police as well as with information about where each of the five LSP LPRs operate.



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Chairman Byrd also requested that LATIFPA staff write letters to all LPR partners with a reminder of their reporting requirements and directed that partners who have reporting issues should be specifically reminded of their responsibilities. Additionally, there was consensus that the bait care program should come to an end. Chairman Byrd directed LATIFPA staff to determine whether we need to recover the bait cars and equipment as we are ending the VIPER program. If it is not cost effective to do so, obtain a letter stating this is the case. Chairman Byrd requested that Mr. Smith, Mr. Applewhite, and Mr. Lohmann (if available) provide a report at the next board meeting regarding the process for compiling the NICB LPR report.

The St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Office submitted an application for a mobile LPR system. Colonel Peter Tufaro was on hand to present the application and answer questions. After board review and discussion of the application, Mr. Jeter moved to approve the application. Mr. Milligan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Mr. Ford presented on the Louisiana Legislature's Task Force on Affordable Automobile Insurance and requested that any board members who have recommendations for legislation, data, or any other information that could help reduce the cost of auto insurance submit that information to him as soon as possible.

There being no other business, Mr. Jeter moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Marcantel seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 11:04 am.