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Commission Meeting
MINUTES

West Baton Rouge Conference Center
2750 North Westport Drive
Port Allen, Louisiana 70767

December 4, 2025
10:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quarterly meeting of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice was held on Thursday, December 4, 2025, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III, Commission Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:19 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Col. Hodges, and the Invocation was led by Representative Bacala.

II. ROLL CALL

Ms. Lisa Dreher conducted the roll call. A membership quorum was present.

The following Commission members or their representatives were present: Judge Brian K. Abels; Sheriff Jason Ard; Representative Tony Bacala; Assistant Chief Joe Salmon, proxy for Chief Darrell Basco; Judge Sandra Jenkins, proxy for Chief Judge Roland Belsome; Ms. Lauren Renfroe, proxy for Ms. Lindsay Blouin; Mayor Ray Bourque; Mr. Bradley R. Burget; Mr. Kevin Cobb; Mr. Salvador M. Lejarza, proxy for Chief Keith Conley; Cpl. Farris Fife; Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III; Judge Gail Grover; Chief Randal Hermes; Col. Robert P. Hodges; Mr. Alfred Carter, proxy for Mr. Kenneth Loftin; Mr. Mike Knaps, proxy for Chief Bobby Madison; Mr. Kevin Cobb, proxy for Justice Jay McCallum; Judge Tess Stromberg, proxy for Chief Judge Page McClendon; Mr. Scott Sutterfield, proxy for Mr. William K. "Billy" McConnell; Mr. Larry Frieman, proxy for Attorney General Liz Murrell; Chief Vance Olivier; Chief Deputy Steve Pezant; Mr. Tod Ardoin, proxy for Chief Judge Elizabeth Pickett; Mr. Lee Roy Clemons, proxy for Chief Judge Frances Pitman; Chief Richard Fleming, proxy for Sheriff Thomas S. Romero; Sheriff Sid Gautreaux, III, proxy for Ms. Kristine Russell; Sheriff Randall Smith; Sheriff Brett Stassi; Col. Carlos Stout; Chief Deputy Brian Shoemaker, proxy for Sheriff Mike Tubbs; Chief Deputy Lon J. Boudreaux,

Jr., proxy for Sheriff Gerald Turlich, Jr.; Mr. Salvador M. Lejarza, proxy for Representative Debbie Villio; Mr. John Swearingen, proxy for Mr. Doug Welborn; Mr. Francis Abbott, proxy for Secretary Gary Westcott; and Chief Jim Craft, proxy for Sheriff Julian Whittington.

The following District Directors or their representatives were present: Mr. Jeremy Edwards, District 1 – Northwest Law Enforcement Planning District Inc. and District 3 – Red River Delta Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.; Chief Deputy David Rigdon, District 2 – North Delta Law Enforcement Planning District, Inc. Mr. Ronald Lampard, District 7 – Jefferson CJCC and Metropolitan District (METLEC); and Chief Jim Craft, District 8 – State Level.

LCLE staff members present included: Mr. Grant Arbour; Ms. Autumn Blache, Ms. Rutha Chatwood, Chief Jim Craft, Ms. Lisa Dreher, Ms. LaShinna Gauthier, Ms. Linda Gautier, Ms. Shineisha Jackson, Ms. Melissa James; Mr. Demetrius Joubert, Mr. Marshall Menou, Ms. Brittany Onezine; Ms. Brandy Payne, Ms. Tiffany Robichaux, Mr. Ingram Scott, and Ms. Rebekah Taylor-Hill.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to adopt the agenda. A motion was made by Rep. Bacala, seconded by Sheriff Ard, and the motion passed without opposition.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on September 25, 2025. A motion was made by Sheriff Stassi, seconded by Rep. Bacala, and the motion passed without opposition.

V. COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

A. Report of the Priorities Committee

Chief Craft reported that, on November 14, 2025, the Priorities Committee received all proposed allocations, applications, sole source for program requests, waiver requests, and grant increase requests via electronic mail.

On November 20, 2025, the Priorities Committee approved all items as presented and the following items will be considered for final approval at today's meeting:

- 93 allocations totaling \$4,532,746
- 94 applications totaling \$4,902,241
- 17 match waiver requests totaling \$208,319
- 1 waiver request for supplies totaling \$10,218
- 11 grant increase requests totaling \$188,754
- 4 sole source for program requests totaling \$540,562

These items total \$10,382,840, which will be awarded at today's meeting.

This concludes the report of the Priorities Committee.

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Mr. Mike Knaps, acting as proxy for Chief Madison, and seconded by Sheriff Stassi. The motion passed without opposition.

B. Report of the Victim Services Advisory Board

In the absence of Sheriff Gary “Stitch” Guillory, Board Chair, Mr. Julio Galan reported that the Victim Services Advisory Committee met at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 13 FY 2025 SASP allocations totaling \$899,327
- 13 FY 2025 SASP applications totaling \$899,327
- 9 FY 2023 VOCA increases totaling \$132,703
- 1 FY 2023 VOCA waiver totaling \$4,590
- 16 FY 2024 VOCA allocations totaling \$817,666
- 16 FY 2024 VOCA applications totaling \$817,666
- 14 FY 2024 VOCA waivers totaling \$166,933
- 2 FY 2024 VOCA waivers tabled totaling \$36,796, as follows:
 - Grant #8484 – Orleans Parish Criminal District Court
Domestic Violence Program, \$14,079
 - Grant #8495 – Orleans Parish Juvenile Court
Human Trafficking Victim Assistance, \$22,717
- 1 FY 2023 STOP allocation totaling \$275,000
- 1 FY 2023 STOP application totaling \$275,000
- 2 FY 2024 STOP allocations totaling \$102,550
- 2 FY 2024 STOP applications totaling \$102,550
- 35 FY 2024 STOP allocations totaling \$1,093,189
- 35 FY 2024 STOP applications totaling \$1,093,189

This concludes the report of the Victim Services Advisory Board.

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Mr. Cobb, seconded by Sheriff Stassi, and the motion passed with no opposition.

C. Report of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Advisory Board

Ms. Marcella Elliott, Board Chair, reported that the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board met at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 1 JJDP increase totaling \$1,603

This concludes the report of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board.

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Mr. Mike Knaps, acting as proxy for Chief Madison, and seconded by Sheriff Ard. The motion passed without opposition.

D. Report of the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board

Col. Carlos Stout, Board Chair, reported that the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board met at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 26 FY 2024 allocations totaling \$766,834
- 26 FY 2024 applications totaling \$1,122,329
- Grant staff requests the approval of all waiver requests and sole source requests (reviewed by LCLE staff)

All of this activity is listed in the eGrants system.

This concludes the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board Report.

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Mr. Bourque, seconded by Sheriff Stassi, and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Call for Other Old Business

Chairman Gautreaux called for Other Old Business, and there was none to discuss.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Professional Services Contract to Hire an Attorney

Chief Jim Craft, LCLE Executive Director, reported that the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice has contracted with an outside attorney for the past twelve months (January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025). In order to continue legal representation for POST Council curriculum-related matters, in addition to other matters that may require legal expertise, LCLE is seeking the Commission's approval to enter into a contract with an attorney for the period January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to approve. A motion was made by Col. Stout and seconded by Chief Deputy Pezant, The motion passed without opposition.

B. Planning Districts Request: Increase Fringe Benefits to 45% of Salary Costs

On behalf of the nine Planning Districts, Mr. Jeremy Edwards, Director of Planning Districts 1 and 3, reported that, pursuant to current Commission policy, the limitation on fringe benefits has remained at thirty percent (30%) of salary costs since 1992. Mr. Edwards requested the Commission's approval to increase the limitation to forty-five percent (45%) of salary costs and to revise Commission policy accordingly.

After discussion, the Commission agreed to defer voting on this item until the March 2026 Commission meeting to allow members additional time to receive and review further information.

C. Consideration of PMT Penalty

Chief Jim Craft, LCLE Executive Director, reported that, in an effort to reduce the frequency of delinquent quarterly federal Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) reporting by LCLE subrecipients, LCLE will implement a new award special condition. Subrecipients that are delinquent in reporting for a minimum of two consecutive reporting cycles will forfeit five percent (5%) of their federal award to LCLE or their respective Planning District. These funds will be reallocated to other agencies in accordance with the respective Planning District's board guidelines. This special condition will become effective in 2026, with quarterly penalty notices issued.

After discussion, a motion was made by Col. Hodges and seconded by Sheriff Stassi to increase the forfeiture amount up to twenty-five percent (25%), or the maximum percentage allowed under current guidelines. Chief Craft will consult with LCLE staff to determine the allowable percentage and provide this information to Commission members prior to the March Commission meeting. Voting on this item will be deferred until the March meeting.

D. Presentation of Grant District Applications

Chairman Gautreaux called for a presentation of the District grant applications. A motion was made by Mr. Cobb to approve all of the District grant applications *in globo*. The motion was seconded by Judge Grover, and the motion passed without opposition.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Gautreaux called for Other Business.

Sheriff Stassi thanked the Commission, the law enforcement community, and the broader local and national leadership for their prayers, kindness, and condolences during the recent fatal officer-involved shooting. The shooting claimed the life of Deputy Charles Riley and left his son, Capt. Brett Michael Stassi, severely injured and fighting for his life.

Chief Craft announced the upcoming retirement of Linda Gautier, LCLE Federal Grants Program Manager. Linda will retire at the end of 2025 with forty years of dedicated service to the state of Louisiana.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2026 Commission dates are as follows: March 19, June 11, September 24, and December 3, at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. The Advisory Boards will meet on the Wednesday prior to Thursday's Commission meeting at the same venue.

Over \$10,000,000 was awarded to deserving agencies at today's meeting.

The next Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., at this location. The advisory boards will meet at this venue on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Rep. Bacala, seconded by Mr. Mike Knaps, acting as proxy for Chief Madison, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.