The items listed on the Agenda are incorporated and considered to be a part of the minutes herein.

Chair Laura Lapeze called the meeting to order. Then Julie Magee called the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ternisa Hutchinson, as designee for the Commissioner of Administration

Gary Bennett, as designee for Louisiana Sheriffs’ Association

Laura Lapeze, as Chair and designee for the State Treasurer

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT:

Ron Henson, First Assistant State Treasurer

Thomas Enright, Executive Counsel for State Treasurer’s Office

Lindsay Schexnayder, Fiscal Control Manager for State Treasurer’s Office

Julie Magee, Fiscal Control Analyst for State Treasurer’s Office

Roger Harris, Assistant Legislative Auditor and Director of Investigative Audit

Brent McDougall, Investigative Auditor for Legislative Auditor’s Office

 Mr. Bennett moved approval of the minutes for the October 20, 2014 meeting, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, and without objection, the minutes were approved.

The Legislative Auditor’s Office opened with a presentation of the Orleans Parish Sheriff’s Office Investigative Audit Report. Brent McDougall, Investigative Auditor for the Legislative Auditor’s Office, led the investigative audit that was administered upon an allegation regarding the Deputy Sheriff Supplemental Pay (DSSP) for the Orleans Parish Sheriff’s Office. The audit covered the period from January 2011 to September 2014. It concluded that the Orleans Parish Sheriff’s Office received a total of $13,574,000.00 for supplemental pay, $1,026,083.00 of which was paid to deputies who appeared to be ineligible to receive this pay based upon their positions and job duties.

Ms. Hutchinson made a motion to accept the Louisiana Legislative Auditor’s Orleans Parish Sheriff’s Office Investigative Audit Report, seconded by Ms. Lapeze, and without objection, the report was accepted.

Executive Counsel for the State Treasurer’s Office, Thomas Enright, brought four actions before the Deputy Sheriff Supplemental Pay Board for consideration.

1. Authorize the Louisiana Department of Treasury to request an Attorney General Opinion.
2. Allow Treasury to draft language to define “care, custody and control of inmates” and, upon approval by the Board, promulgate under the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act under DSSP rules for future eligibility determination.
3. Work with OPSO to narrow the list of 38 deputies that LLA questioned eligibility but OPSO is still requesting payment. Treasury will approve eligible deputies upon receipt of documentation from OPSO and report to the Board those approved and those still remaining.
4. Convert the DSSP rules so that they are in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, after presenting to the Board for approval, begin the normal rulemaking publication process.

Ms. Hutchinson made a motion to accept the four actions brought before the Deputy Sheriff Supplemental Pay board, seconded by Mr. Bennett, and without objection, the actions were approved.

Ms. Magee provided a synopsis of eligibility determination criteria for Item 4 A, Deputy Christopher Mott, Catahoula Parish. After reviewing the application details, Ms. Hutchinson moved approval, seconded by Mr. Bennett, and without objection, Item 4 A was approved for supplemental pay of $549.29 effective May 29, 2015 to June 30, 2015.

Ms. Magee provided a synopsis of eligibility determination criteria for Item 4 B, Deputy Blade Bonnette, Evangeline Parish. After reviewing the application details, Ms. Hutchinson moved approval, seconded by Mr. Bennett, and without objection, Item 4 B was approved for supplemental pay of $443.61 effective June 04, 2015 to June 30, 2015.

Ms. Magee provided a synopsis of eligibility determination criteria for Item 4 C, Deputy Caleb Stelly, Evangeline Parish. After reviewing the application details, Ms. Hutchinson moved approval, seconded by Mr. Bennett, and without objection, Item 4 C was approved for supplemental pay of $312.17 effective June 11, 2015 to June 30, 2015.

Ms. Magee provided a synopsis of eligibility determination criteria for Item 4 D, Deputy Jared G. Page, Lafourche Parish. After reviewing the application details, Ms. Hutchinson moved approval, seconded by Mr. Bennett, and without objection, Item 4 D was approved for supplemental pay of $147.87 effective June 22, 2015 to June 30, 2015.

Ms. Magee provided a synopsis of eligibility determination criteria for Item 4 E, Deputy Manuel Bautista, Orleans Parish. After reviewing the application details, Ms. Hutchinson moved approval, seconded by Mr. Bennett, and without objection, Item 4 E was approved for supplemental pay of $98.58 effective June 25, 2015 to June 30, 2015.

Ms. Magee provided a synopsis of eligibility determination criteria for Item 4 F, Deputy Reginald Gordon, Orleans Parish. After reviewing the application details, Ms. Hutchinson moved approval, seconded by Mr. Bennett, and without objection, Item 4 F was approved for supplemental pay of $98.58 effective June 25, 2015 to June 30, 2015.

Ms. Magee provided a synopsis of eligibility determination criteria for Item 4 G, Deputy Renell Loew, Orleans Parish. After reviewing the application details, Ms. Hutchinson moved approval, seconded by Mr. Bennett, and without objection, Item 4 G was approved for supplemental pay of $328.60 effective June 11, 2015 to June 30, 2015.

Ms. Magee provided a synopsis of eligibility determination criteria for Item 4 H, Deputy Barry Weatherspoon, Orleans Parish. After reviewing the application details, Ms. Hutchinson moved approval, seconded by Mr. Bennett, and without objection, Item 4 H was approved for supplemental pay of $98.58 effective June 25, 2015 to June 30, 2015.

Ms. Magee provided a synopsis of eligibility determination criteria for Item 4 I, Deputy Thomas Howard, Plaquemines Parish. After reviewing the application details, Ms. Hutchinson moved approval, seconded by Mr. Bennett, and without objection, Item 4 I was approved for supplemental pay of $1,377.89 effective May 08, 2015 to June 30, 2015.

Ms. Magee provided a synopsis of eligibility determination criteria for Item 4 J, Deputy Matthew Hicks, Red River Parish. After reviewing the application details, Ms. Hutchinson moved approval, seconded by Mr. Bennett, and without objection, Item 4 J was approved for supplemental pay of $2,500.00 effective February 01, 2015 to June 30, 2015.

Ms. Magee provided a synopsis of eligibility determination criteria for Item 4 K, Deputy Jonathan Morrison, Terrebonne Parish. After reviewing the application details, Ms. Hutchinson moved approval, seconded by Mr. Bennett, and without objection, Item 4 K was approved for supplemental pay of $500.00 effective January 01, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

Ms. Magee provided a synopsis of eligibility determination criteria for Item 4 L, Deputy Phillip Parfait, Terrebonne Parish. After reviewing the application details, Ms. Hutchinson moved approval, seconded by Mr. Bennett, and without objection, Item 4 L was approved for supplemental pay of $2,000.00 effective March 01, 2015 to June 30, 2015.

Ms. Magee provided a synopsis of eligibility determination criteria for Item 4 M, Deputy Joseph E. Kelley, Winn Parish. After reviewing the application details, Ms. Hutchinson moved approval, seconded by Mr. Bennett, and without objection, Item 4 M was approved for supplemental pay of $476.47 effective June 02, 2015 to June 30, 2015.

The first item under Other Business was for the Louisiana Department of Treasury to provide additional information of their financial position in regards to Deputy Sheriff Supplemental Pay after the budget reduction that occurred earlier in Fiscal Year 2016. The Louisiana Department of Treasury foresees a BA-7 may be needed for the last month of the Fiscal Year.

The second item under Other Business was for the Louisiana Department of Treasury to provide additional information regarding the upcoming Deputy Sheriff Database. The progress on the database is currently being suspended due to budget cuts but will continue at a later date contingent upon the state budget. The Louisiana Department of Treasury also informed the board that they are in the process of reviewing the Deputy Sheriff Supplemental Pay Forms for necessary revisions and will report these revisions to the board upon completion.

The third item under Other Business was to discuss a problematic delay in issuing POST certificates. With the change in administration, post certificates are in the process of being redesigned and have not been issued since the month of February. Several parishes have asked what actions will be taken if POST certificates continue to not be issued into the next fiscal year. Mr. Bennett will contact Jim Craft, Executive Director of Louisiana Commission of Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice, about this issue and will report gained knowledge to the board.

On the motion of the Chair, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, and without objection, the meeting was adjourned.