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Louisiana Sexual Assault Oversight Commission Minutes  
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1:00pm

Louisiana Department of Justice  
Office of Attorney General Liz Murrill  
1201 N. Third St. – Claiborne Building  
Thomas Jefferson Room 136C  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

**Board Members/Designees:** PRESENT - John Sinquefield, Monica Taylor, Olivia Jones, Erica Sparacino, Kim Young, Michelle Jackson, Morgan Lamandre, Dr. Zeb Stearns, Danielle Lax, Senator Beth Mizell, Representative Annie Spell, Rafael de Castro, Heidi Martin, Greg Waddell, Dr. Juliette Saussy and Frank Young

**Other Attendees:** Jeddie Smith, Kim Wall, Dr., Jason Eastin, Kreslyn Kelley-Ellis, Keith Talamo, Mark Medina, Dr. Randall Brown, Tammy Smith, John Laws, Heather Furnes, Carrie Whittington, Bridget Depew, Natasha Poe, Debbie St. Germain, Natalie Walton, Kristen Jacobs, Brandy Sheely, Captain Chad Guidry, Julie Ralph, Cassandra Billiot, Shirley Young, Kaya Foster, Bonnie McKneely, Michelle Johnson, Jencie Olivier, Alliece Cole, Robyn and Mary Claire Landry

- **Call to Order and Roll Call**

- Kim Wall called the meeting to order, made roll call and confirmed a quorum of members.

- **Chairman's Report**

- Opening remarks by Chairman John Sinquefield included an article in the Advocate relating to a man being convicted of the theft of millions of dollars from widows in romance scams. Mr. Sinquefield stated that romance scams are costing victims hundreds of millions of dollars nationally and that more attention needs to be given to protection of victims of these scams.

- **Approval of the Minutes**

- Minutes of the October 15, 2025, meeting were unanimously adopted.

- **Topics of Discussion**

- Kit Tracking Update
  - o Captain Chad Guidry of the Louisiana State Police reported that all is going well with the kit tracking system. He reported that there are still some issues with law enforcement on the police department side not participating or not registered. They are still waiting on the LCLE report to do a comparison. Captain Guidry stated that between July 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025, there have been over 1400 kits entered into the system. There are some issues of reported cases with a synopsis from law enforcement saying case is closed. There are still

some issues with law enforcement not picking up kits from SANEs or hospitals. Also, there have been issues of kits that were collected from victims in other states and questions as to jurisdiction. Also there were questions of whether they were reported or unreported, and how this has been affected by hospital regions. Morgan Lamandre stated that the law was clarified in 2023 in the Survivor's Bill of Rights as to reported or unreported incidents/sexual assault collection kits. Senator Mizell stated that she finds this confusing, and wanted to know who is responsible? There was a question as to whether it was the Governor, DOJ, AG or LDH? Dr. Stearns said that they need more funding legislation. Morgan believes the problem needs to be fixed by legislation. Monica Taylor said this was the reason for the Auditor's report, which hasn't come out yet.

- STAR Activities
  - Commissioner Morgan Lamandre reported that she got the Rural Grant but is still waiting on the AG Grant that was applied for.
  - Lt. Laws talked about issues of a kit he was called to pick up but it went to another jurisdiction. He was called to pick up a kit in Watson, which is in Livingston Parish, but the kit was in Jefferson Parish due to the events regarding past actions of the St. Tammany Parish Coroner.
- Legislative Activities
  - Senator Beth Mizell had questions for the LSP Crime Lab about operations of the kit tracking system, regarding asking for information from District Attorneys on issues of local law enforcement not acting on CODIS matches, particularly the possibility of flagging driver's licenses. Senator Mizell indicated she may have legislation regarding a mandatory minimum on child sex crimes. Representative Annie Spell indicated that she may sponsor legislation to provide uniformity statewide to SANE coordination, and access to health care funding. She has talked to auditors in other states. She has discussed SMART SANE Legislation and the issue of funding. SMART stands for:
    - S-sustainable
    - M-measurable
    - A- Access
    - R-Reliable
    - T- TransparencyThe Commissioners discussed what services SANE forensically trained nurses can provide. Credentialing of SANE/forensic nurse was discussed. Dr. Juliette Saussy stated there is a need to change qualified healthcare provider terminology.
- Presentation, Sexual Violence Crisis
  - Dr. Anita Raj, PhD, Executive Director, the Newcomb Institute gave a Power Point presentation highlighting data collected in 2023 and 2025 on sexual violence which includes sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual exploitation and sex trafficking. She answered questions from Commission Members about her programs and findings.
- Mission, Vision and Goals for 2026 of the Louisiana Forensic Nurse Coalition
  - Unite and support SANES across the state.
  - Identify how many nurses in the state.
  - Provide training at a low cost.
- **Public Comment**
  - Public comment was solicited and received on all issues before the Commission.

- **Votes**
  - No votes other than for approval of minutes and adjournment were taken.
- **Assign Tasks & Schedule Next Meeting**
  - Chairman Sinquefield requested and was granted permission from the Commission to have some flexibility in setting the next meeting date depending on the availability of the Claiborne Building Meeting Rooms.
- **Adjourned**
  - Motion to adjourn was made and seconded and the meeting was adjourned.