

## **LHSC COMISSION MEETING MINTUES**

Louisiana Highway Safety Commission  
 East Baton Rouge Parish Main Library  
 7711 Goodwood Boulevard  
 Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
 June 10, 2019  
 9:30am

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Commission members were welcomed by LHSC Chairman Jim Craft and LHSC Executive Director Lisa Freeman. All LHSC Commission Members were presented with packets containing the following information:

Agenda, November and March Meeting Minutes, FFY 2020 Problem Identification, LSP Troop Map, HSP Project Descriptions, Ballot, Three-Year Project List and Code of Ethics Excerpts

### **ROLL CALL**

Chairman James P. "Jim" Craft  
 Sheriff Rodney Arbuckle (Ret.)  
 Cherie M. Ausberry  
 ADA Russell Haman  
 Chief Michael Kazerooni  
 Jeffrey McKneely  
 Wally McMakin  
 Lt. Col. Mark Oxley (Ret.)  
 Sheriff James Pohlman  
 Major Dustin Reynolds  
 Mayor Reggie Skains  
 John Snow  
 Attorney Chris Tyson

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Craft asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2018 and March 11, 2019 commission meetings. A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded by Commissioner Arbuckle, and with no objections, the minutes of both meetings were approved.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

LHSC Consultants Mike Barron, Cathy Childers and Bobby Breland presented the Laws that were passed in the 2019 Legislative Regular Session regarding highway safety issues.

### **PRIORITY PROGRAM AREAS**

LHSC Deputy Director Dortha Cummins gave an overview of LHSC planning, Problem Identification and grant process.

### **FINANCIAL OVERVIEW**

LHSC Accountant Linda Tillman presented the budget details for Federal Fiscal Year 2020.

**ETHICS**

Steven Quid, DPS Attorney Supervisor, Office of Legal Affairs, provided information to the Commissioners regarding the Louisiana Code of Ethics, with particular emphasis on conflicts of interests and recusals.

**GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Director Freeman requested that each LHSC Staff Member introduce themselves to the board members and present their grant recommendations for each particular traffic safety emphasis area.

A'Kimberly Short – Occupant Protection, Motorcycle Safety, Bike-Pedestrian Safety

Chanita Vazquez – Regional Coalitions, Diversity Outreach

Chela Mitchell – Impaired Driving

Jessica Bedwell – Young Drivers, Distracted Driving, Earned Media

Chuck Miller – Traffic Records, LADRIVING, Hazard Elimination

Lyrice Johnson – Police Traffic Services

Dortha Cummins – Planning & Administration, Paid Media, Observational Surveys

- Commission members were given ballots to adopt the funding recommendations. Chairman Craft instructed Commissioners to complete the ballots by choosing to approve, deny or abstain from each project. Completed ballots were submitted LHSC Planner Lyrice Johnson for tallying completion.
- Nomination was made for LHSC Vice-Chair replacement. Commissioner Pohlman nominated Commissioner Oxley to fill the vacancy. Without further nomination, a motion was made by Commissioner Arbuckle and seconded Commissioner Snow to approve the nomination, and with no objections, Commissioner Oxley became LHSC Vice Chairman.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Director Freeman noted that while LHSC has undergone recurrent audits in the past year, LHSC Office is addressing audit findings by implementing various procedures and processes to resolve and correct prior findings.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Director Freeman introduced Mark Lambert, Earned Media Consultant, who spoke about press releases and distribution of information to Commissioners regarding LHSC traffic safety events and initiatives. Also, the Director informed Commissioners about the two LHSC Commission vacancies resulting from departures of Commissioners Dickerson and Hughes, and then discussed 2020 Commission meeting dates and locations.

**ADJOURNMENT**

After the presentation of old and new business, Chairman Craft called for a motion to adjourn, which was offered and then seconded by Commissioner Arbuckle, and without objections the meeting was adjourned.

Sincerely,

Lisa Freeman