

**MINUTES  
STATE POLICE COMMISSION**

Date: August 11, 2016 Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Location: State Police Commission  
Office of Management Finance & OMV Building  
7979 Independence Boulevard, Suite 208  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806  
Present: Calvin W. Braxton, Sr. Cathy Derbonne, Executive Director  
Donald Breaux M. Lenore Feeney, Referee  
Thomas "T.J." Doss T. Taylor Townsend, Referee  
W. Lloyd Grafton  
Jared Caruso-Riecke  
Eulis Simien, Jr.  
Absent: 0 Vacancies: 1  
Scribe: Cathy Derbonne, Executive Director

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**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order: Trooper Thomas "TJ" Doss, Chairman
  2. Roll Call of the Members - Cathy Derbonne, Director  
Pledge of Allegiance
  3. Opportunity to Address the Commission by Employees or Others (*None Scheduled*)  
STATE POLICE COMMISSION BUSINESS
  4. Consideration of July 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes
  5. Proposed Rule Changes
    - a. Rescind General Circular No. 180 Revision of SPC Chapter 6: Uniform Pay and Classification Plan; Transmittal Sheet #58
    - b. General Circular No. 181 Revision of SPC Chapter 6: Pay Plan
  6. Investigations
    - a. In the Matter of SPC Investigation Docket No: 16-226 I - SPC Rule 14.3 (g)
  7. Request for an unclassified position in the State Police Service: Lieutenant Colonel as Deputy Superintendent, Chief Administrative Officer
  8. Legal Representation of the State Police Commission; request by Attorney General on the quality and scope of the services currently being afforded to the Commission.
  9. Request for reinstatement of sick leave for State Police Senior Trooper Willie Palmer in the amount of 149.82 hours due to an injury sustained on February 7, 2014.
  10. Request for Detail to Special Duty with pay for State Trooper David Bergeron to State Police Sergeant retro-active to February 1, 2016 within the Protective Services Section.
  11. Request for Detail to Special Duty with pay for State Trooper Michael Schexnayder to State Police Sergeant retro-active to February 1, 2016 within the Protective Services Section.
  12. Request of State Police Sergeant position in Patrol / Region 1 for the New Orleans Enforcement Detail.
- Adjournment
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1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m. by Trooper Thomas "TJ" Doss, Chairman

2. **Roll Call.** Ms. Derbonne called the roll. All members were present, which constitute a quorum. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Trooper Doss led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Opportunity to Address the Commission by Employees or Others.**

The Commission was addressed by:

a. **Leon Millet** (Louisiana State Police Lieutenant Retired) inquired about the status of a report of the investigation performed by Taylor Townsend, of prohibited political activity involving classified members of the State Police Service. A written request for summary disposition, was filed on August 11, 2016 by Millet, referenced SPC Rule 16.19, "The Commission shall, upon concluding its public hearing and investigation, render a decision in writing, which shall contain its findings of fact, conclusions of law, and pertinent orders and instructions; and shall file same with the Director. The decision shall be final on the day it is filed."

b. In addition, **Leon Millet** (Louisiana State Police Lieutenant Retired) filed written charges on August 11, 2016, alleged violation of the rules of Louisiana State Constitution Article 10 Section 43c, State Police Commission. Specifically, he alleged "whether or not Commission members, with the exception of (1) one, were appointed in violation of the intent and what constitution authority does the Commission have to act in any official capacity?" In accordance to Article 10 Section 43c, "The State Police Commission is composed of seven (7) individuals representing each of the six congressional district of the state. Six (6) members are nominated by the Presidents of certain private universities and then appointed to serve by the Governor. The seventh member is an "employee representative," who is elected by his fellow classified members of the State Police Service."

4. **Minutes from the July 14, 2016 meeting.** Mr. Caruso-Riecke moved to approve the minutes from July 14, 2016 meeting, which motion was seconded by Mr. Braxton, and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the Members present.

5. **Proposed Rule Changes.**

- a. Rescind General Circular No. 180 Revision of SPC Chapter 6: Uniform Pay and Classification Plan; Transmittal Sheet #58
- b. General Circular No. 181 Revision of SPC Chapter 6: Pay Plan

Mr. Braxton moved to approve the extension for an additional (60) sixty days to allow State Police to seek approval by the Governor for the longevity pay, which motion was seconded by Mr. Caruso-Riecke, and with no opposition.

6. **Investigations.** Trooper Doss moved to hold an executive session regarding personnel matters, beginning 9:20 a.m. upon affirmative vote of two-thirds of its constituent members present, which motion was seconded by Mr. Breaux and Mr. Braxton. The meeting resumed at 9:55 a.m.

- a. In the Matter of SPC Investigation Docket No: 16-226 I - SPC Rule 14.3 (g); Mr. Townsend requests additional time to complete the investigation, Mr. Caruso-Riecke moved to approve the extension for an additional thirty days, which motion was seconded by Trooper Doss, and passed with no opposition.

7. **Request for an unclassified position in the State Police Service:** Colonel Michael Edmonson made the request to establish the unclassified position of Deputy Superintendent, Chief Administrative Officer, designed to support the efforts of the Office of Management and Finance and the duties of the Undersecretary to better serve the needs of State Police, members of the state police service, and the agencies that comprise Public Safety Services. The establishment of this position does not conflict with the formal appointment of an Undersecretary and will certainly improve the operations of the Department. Mr. Braxton moved to approve the unclassified position of Deputy

Superintendent, Chief Administrative Officer, which motion was seconded by Mr. Simien, and passed with no opposition.

8. **Legal Representation of the State Police Commission;** request by Attorney General on the quality and scope of the services currently being afforded to the Commission. Mr. Caruso-Riecke moved to make a report, which motion was seconded by Mr. Simien, and passed with no opposition.
9. **Request for reinstatement of sick leave for State Police Senior Trooper Willie Palmer** in the amount of 149.82 hours due to an injury sustained on February 7, 2014. Mr. Braxton moved to approve the reinstatement of sick leave for Trooper Palmer, which motion was seconded by Mr. Caruso-Riecke, and passed with no opposition.
10. **Request for Detail to Special Duty with pay for State Trooper David Bergeron** to State Police Sergeant retro-active to February 1, 2016 within the Protective Services Section. Mr. Braxton moved to approve the detail to Special Duty for Trooper Bergeron, which motion was seconded by Mr. Caruso-Riecke, and passed with no opposition.
11. **Request for Detail to Special Duty with pay for State Trooper Michael Schexnayder** to State Police Sergeant retro-active to February 1, 2016 within the Protective Services Section. Mr. Braxton moved to approve the detail to Special Duty for Trooper Schexnayder, which motion was seconded by Mr. Caruso-Riecke, and passed with no opposition.
12. **Request of State Police Sergeant position in Patrol / Region 1 for the New Orleans Enforcement Detail.** Mr. Braxton moved to approve the position in Patrol / Region 1 for the New Orleans Enforcement Detail, which motion was seconded by Mr. Caruso-Riecke, and passed with no opposition.

**Next meeting:** The next regularly regular business meeting of the State Police Commission will be held on September 8, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., at Office of Management Finance & OMV Building, 7979 Independence Blvd., Suite 208, Baton Rouge, La. 70806.

**Adjournment.** At the conclusion of the Commission's agenda, Braxton moved to adjourn the meeting, which motion was seconded by Mr. Breaux, and passed with no opposition. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

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Respectfully Submitted by:

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Trooper Thomas "T. J." Doss

  
Cathy Derbonne, Director