

State of Louisiana
Office of the Governor
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement
and Administration of Criminal Justice

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APPROVED

Commission Meeting
MINUTES

Cook Conference Center at LSU
3848 W. Lakeshore Drive
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808
September 29, 2022
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, September 29, 2022, at the Cook Conference Center at LSU. In the absence of Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III, Commission Chairman, and the Honorable James "Jay" Lemoine, Commission Vice-Chairman, the meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chief Jim Craft, Executive Director of the Commission on Law Enforcement.

Chief Craft recognized the following new Commission members: Chief Rickey Anderson, Addis Police Department, President of the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police; Deputy Chief Darrell Basco, Pineville Police Department, President of the Louisiana Fraternal Order of Police; Sheriff Kevin Cobb, Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office, President of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association; The Honorable Bridget Dinvaux, District Attorney, 40th Judicial District, President of the Louisiana District Attorneys' Association; Marshal Pat Farris, Hammond City Marshal's Office, President of the Louisiana City Marshals and City Constables Association; The Honorable Billy Joe Harrington, District Attorney, 10th Judicial District; and the Honorable Jennifer Vidrine, Mayor, City of Ville Platte, President of the Louisiana Municipal Association.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sheriff Brett Stassi, and the Invocation was led by Sheriff Jason Ard.

II. ROLL CALL

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

The following Commission members or their representatives were present: Sheriff Jason Ard; State Representative Anthony “Tony” Bacala; Chief Barry Bonner; Chief Rickey Boudreaux; Sheriff Mike Cazes; Judge Hans Liljeberg, proxy for Chief Judge Susan Chehardy; Chief Civil Deputy David Rigdon, proxy for Sheriff Kevin Cobb; Ms. Cynthia Austin, proxy for Mr. Paul D. Connick, Jr.; Mr. Gregg Davies, proxy for Lt. Robert Davidson; Mr. Gregg Davies; Lt. Scott Davis, proxy for Col. Lamar Davis; Ms. Bridget A. Dinvaux; Mr. Stephen C. Dwight; Marshal Pat Farris; Sheriff Mark T. Garber; Judge Gail Grover; Mr. Billy Joe Harrington; Chief Rickey Boudreaux, proxy for Mr. Donald Landry; Mr. Jeff Bergeron, proxy for Mr. Jeff Landry; Chief William “Bill” Landry; Chief Bry Layrisson; Secretary James M. LeBlanc; Sheriff Joseph P. Lopinto, III; Judge Joy Lobrano, proxy for Chief Judge Terri Love; Chief Deputy Gary “Stitch” Guillory, proxy for Sheriff Tony Mancuso; Sheriff Mike Tubbs, proxy for Sheriff Willy J. Martin, Jr.; Mr. Jay O’Quinn; Sheriff Brett Stassi; Col. Carlos Stout; Sheriff Mike Tubbs; Mr. Billy Joe Harrington, proxy for Mr. J. Reed Walters; Mayor Jennifer Vidrine; and Judge Mitch Theriot, proxy for Chief Judge Vanessa Whipple.

The following District Directors or their representatives were present: Mr. Jeremy Edwards and Mr. Casey Palombe, District 1 – Northwest Law Enforcement Planning District Inc. and District 3 – Red River Delta Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.; Mr. David Rigdon, District 2 – North Delta Law Enforcement Planning District, Inc.; Ms. Amanda Bourque, District 4 – Evangeline Law Enforcement Council, Inc.; Ms. Dawn Hawkins, District 5 – Capital District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.; Ms. Calli Peloquin, District 6 – Southwest District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.; Mr. Ronald Lampart, District 7 – Metropolitan District/Jefferson CJCC; Mr. Jim Craft, District 8 – State Level; and Ms. Jenny Alber and Ms. Lisa Brown, District 9 – City of New Orleans, Office of Criminal Justice Coordination.

LCLE staff present included: Chief Jim Craft, Ms. Rutha Chatwood, Ms. Lisa Dreher, Ms. Fredia Dunn, Ms. LaShinna Gautier, Ms. Linda Gautier, Ms. Nakia Harris, Ms. Shelita Henry, Ms. Erica Johnson, Ms. Shantia Jones, Mr. Demetrius Joubert, Mr. Marshall Menou, Ms. Rebekah Taylor Hill, and Mr. Bob Wertz.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chief Craft called for a motion to adopt the agenda. A motion was made by Chief Landry, seconded by Sheriff Tubbs, and the motion passed without opposition.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Minutes

Chief Craft called for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 23, 2022. A motion was made by Chief Landry, seconded by Sheriff Tubbs, and the motion passed without opposition.

B. Report of the Priorities Committee

Chief Craft reported that, in accordance with Title 22, Chapter 41, Section 4105 (H), on September 1, 2022, an emergency meeting of the Priorities Committee was called to consider a

federal funding increase from the June 23, 2022 Commission meeting for the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program (LCLE Subgrant #4828, DMC/RED Coordinator). The Priorities Committee approved this funding increase on September 6, 2022.

On September 14, 2022, the Priorities Committee received all allocations, applications, proposed increases, and sole source requests for the September Commission meeting via electronic mail-out. The Priorities Committee reviewed these items and recommended approval on September 16, 2022. All items were recommended for consideration at the September 29, 2022 Commission meeting.

This concludes the report of the Priorities Committee.

Chief Craft called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Chief Landry, seconded by Sheriff Ard, and the motion unanimously passed.

C. Report of the Victim Services Advisory Board

Chief Deputy Gary “Stitch” Guillory, Board Chairman, reported that the Victim Services Advisory Committee met at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at the Cook Conference Center in Baton Rouge, LA. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 2 FY 2021 SASP increases totaling \$31,889
- 1 FY 2021 VAWA allocation totaling \$9,807
- 1 FY 2021 VAWA application totaling \$9,807
- 1 FY 2021 VAWA increase totaling \$3,249
- 1 FY 2021 VAWA waiver totaling \$18,409
- 96 FY 2021 VOCA allocations totaling \$5,887,736
- 41 FY 2021 VOCA applications totaling \$3,003,140
- 4 FY 2020 VOCA applications totaling \$659,022
- 18 FY 2020 VOCA increases totaling \$190,000

This concludes the report of the Victim Services Advisory Board.

Chief Craft called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Chief Bonner, seconded by Col Stout, and the motion carried without opposition.

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

Ms. ViEve Martin-Kohrs, JJDP Advisory Board Member, reported that the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board met at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at the Cook Conference Center in Baton Rouge, LA. A membership quorum was present.

There were no applications for consideration at this meeting. Updated advisory board policies and bylaws were approved on this date. A discussion concerning data collection for racial and ethnic disparities was also conducted.

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

Chief Craft called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Sheriff Stassi, seconded by Chief Deputy Guillory, and the motion unanimously passed.

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

Col. Carlos Stout, Board Chairman, reported that the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board met at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at the Cook Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 32 FY 2021 allocations totaling \$1,787,129
- 28 FY 2021 applications totaling \$1,336,429
- 3 FY 2021 confidential applications totaling \$50,700
- 1 FY 2019 increase totaling \$66,505 and any future FY 2019 residual funds for Grant #6047
- 1 sole source purchase for City of New Orleans, New Orleans Police Department, Homicide Equipment totaling \$39,146
- Approval of all requested, received, and reviewed waiver requests and sole source requests

All of this activity is listed in the eGrants system

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

Chief Craft called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Mr. Bergeron, seconded by Sheriff Stassi, and the motion carried without opposition.

F. Report of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Advisory Board

In the absence of Sheriff Julian Whittington, Board Chairman, Sheriff Mike Tubbs, Board Member, reported that the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Advisory Board met at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at the Cook Conference Center. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 61 DARE state-funded grant applications to 15 police departments, 42 parish sheriff's offices, 1 city constable's office, 1 DARE training center, and 2 city marshal's office.

The DARE Advisory Board recommends approval to the Commission for 61 applications with the understanding that cuts will be made to the grants based on the available DARE budget.

This concludes the report of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Advisory Board.

Chief Craft called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Chief Deputy Guillory, seconded by Sheriff Stassi, and the motion passed without opposition.

V. CALL FOR OTHER OLD BUSINESS

Chief Craft called for Other Old Business, and there was none to discuss.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Revised Commission Policies

Commission members were previously provided a copy of the revised Commission Policies. After a brief report by Chief Craft, he called for a motion to accept the draft. Any additional changes made to the policies will be forwarded to the Commission members for their review. A motion was made by Col. Stout, seconded by Sheriff Ard, and the motion passed without opposition.

B. Presentation of Grant District Applications

Chief Craft called for a presentation of the District grant applications. A motion was made by Sheriff Tubbs to approve all of the District grant applications *in globo*. The motion was seconded by Col. Stout, and the motion carried without opposition.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Next Commission Meeting Date

Chief Craft announced that the next quarterly Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2022, at the Cook Hotel and Conference Center at LSU. The advisory boards will meet on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at the same location.

B. 2022 Louisiana Law Enforcement Medal of Honor Ceremony

Chief Craft announced that the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement will host the 2022 Louisiana Law Enforcement Medal of Honor Ceremony today at 2:00 p.m. at the Old State Capitol, 100 North Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA. He invited and encouraged all to attend. This year's ceremony will honor nine law enforcement officers and one canine who lost their lives in the line of duty during 2021.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chief Craft reported that a total of \$12,566,696 was awarded to deserving agencies at today's meeting and called for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sheriff Tubbs, seconded by Col. Stout, and the motion unanimously passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.