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Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement
and Administration of Criminal Justice

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Commission Meeting

MINUTES

Hilton Capitol Center
201 Lafayette Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801
September 27, 2018
11:00 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 27, 2018, at the Hilton Capitol Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. by Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III, Chairman of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice.

Chairman Gautreaux thanked those who attended the 2018 Louisiana Law Enforcement Medal of Honor Ceremony at the Louisiana Old State Capitol prior to the Commission meeting. He requested a moment of silence to remember the five law enforcement officers and one canine who were honored at the ceremony: Sgt. Shawn Thomas Anderson, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office; Deputy Justin Levi Beard, Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office; Officer Michael D. Louviere, Westwego Police Department; Officer Marcus Anthony McNeil, New Orleans Police Department; Cpt. Michael Paul Middlebrook, Lafayette Police Department; and Roscoe (canine), Crowley Police Department.

Chairman Gautreaux announced the appointment of the following new Commission members and welcomed them to the meeting: Sheriff Craig Webre, Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office, as President of the Louisiana Sheriffs Association; Chief Thomas D. "Tom" Bass, Oil City Police Department, as President of the Louisiana Chiefs of Police Association; Honorable Charles Ballay, District Attorney, Twenty-fifth Judicial District, as President of the Louisiana District Attorneys' Association; and Honorable Harry Lewis, Mayor, Town of Rayville, as President of the Louisiana Municipal Association.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sheriff Mike Cazes, and the Invocation was led by Constable Reginald Brown.

II. ROLL CALL

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

The following Commission members or their representatives were present: Honorable Tony Bacala; Honorable Charles Ballay; Assistant Chief Joe Salmon, proxy for Deputy Chief Darrell Basco; Chief Thomas D. “Tom” Bass; Honorable John F. K. Belton; Chief Hal Hutchinson, proxy for Chief Barry Bonner; Constable Reginald Brown; Ms. Ellyn Toney, proxy for Dr. James K. Bueche; Sheriff Mike Cazes; Ms. Cynthia Austin, proxy for Honorable Paul Connick, Jr.; Sheriff Mike Cazes, proxy for Sheriff J. Austin Daniel; Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III, proxy for Sheriff Austin Daniel; Honorable John F. DeRosier; Mr. James T. Dixon, Jr.; Col. Carlos Stout, proxy for Honorable Thomas Duplantier; Honorable Blair Edwards; Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III; Sheriff William Hilton; Ms. Debbie Hudnall; Chief Hal Hutchinson; Honorable John F. DeRosier, proxy for Honorable Jennifer Jones; Chef William P. “Bill” Landry; Mr. Jeff Bergeron, proxy for Honorable Jeff Landry; Chief Bry Layrison; Honorable James P. “Jay” Lemoine; Capt. Robert Broussard, proxy for Sheriff Tony Mancuso; Mr. Lee Roy Clemons, proxy for Honorable John “Schuyler” Marvin; Mr. Malcolm Myer; Capt. Mark Richards, proxy for Col. Kevin Reeves; Chief Gerald Sticker; Col. Carlos Stout; Mr. Tod Ardoin, proxy for Honorable Ulysses G. Thibodeaux; Mr. John Dale “J. D.” Thornton; Sheriff Beauregard “Bud” Torres; Sheriff Mike Tubbs; and Honorable J. Reed Walters,

The following District Directors or their representatives were present: Mr. Jeremy Edwards, District 1 – Northwest Law Enforcement Planning District, Inc., District 3 - Red River Delta Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc. and representing Ms. Amanda Bourque; District 4 – Evangeline Law Enforcement Council, Inc.; Ms. Wanda Johnson, District 5 – Capital District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.; Mr. Ronald Lampard, District 7 – Jefferson Parish Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and Metropolitan District Law Enforcement Planning and Action Commission, Inc.; Mr. George Lawrence, District 9 – City of New Orleans/Office of Criminal Justice Coordination.

LCLE staff present included: Ms. Melinda Bender, Chief Jim Craft, Ms. Rutha Chatwood, Ms. Lisa Dreher, Ms. Fredia Dunn, Ms. Linda Gautier, Ms. Erica Johnson, Mr. Derek Odom, and Mr. Bob Wertz.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to adopt the agenda. A motion was made by Constable Brown, seconded by Mr. Myer, and the motion passed.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Minutes

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 7, 2018. A motion was made by Mr. Lemoine, seconded by Chief Landry, and the motion passed.

B. Report of the Priorities Committee

Chief Jim Craft, Executive Director of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement (LCLE), reported that, on September 5, 2018, the Priorities Committee received all allocations, applications, and proposed increases, and waiver requests via electronic mail-out. The Priorities Committee reviewed these items and recommended approval.

On September 7, 2018, one additional waiver request was submitted to the Committee for consideration. The Priorities Committee reviewed this item and recommended final approval on September 11, 2018.

This concludes the report of the Priorities Committee.

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Mr. Myer and seconded by Sheriff Tubbs. The motion passed.

C. Report of the Priorities Committee – Appeal of Grant No. 4222, Orleans Parish Juvenile Court

Chief Craft reported that, at its quarterly meeting held on June 6, 2018, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Advisory Board denied Application #4222 submitted by Orleans Parish Juvenile Court for a proposed program titled, “Complete Expungement of Arrest and Records.” The application was denied for the following reasons:

1. The requested program does not meet the 32 JJDP Federal Standard Program areas;
2. Expungement is not a part of the three-year federal JJDP Plan;
3. An expungement program is already in existence in Orleans Parish and those services are available to Orleans Parish Juvenile Court.

Orleans Parish Juvenile Court appealed the JJDP Advisory Board’s decision. In accordance with Chapter 43, Section 4301, the Commission’s Priorities Committee scheduled an appeal hearing for 10:30 p.m. on September 27, 2018. At 4:25 p.m. on September 26, 2018, Orleans Parish Juvenile Court notified the Priorities Committee via email of their decision to withdraw the appeal and rewrite the application for another program for possible consideration at the December, 2018 Commission meeting.

This concludes the *special* report of the Priorities Committee.

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Constable Brown, seconded by Mr. Myer, and the motion passed.

D. Report of the Victim Services Advisory Board

On behalf of Chief Deputy Gary “Stitch” Guillory, Board Chairman, Ms. Rutha Chatwood reported that the Victim Services Advisory Committee met at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, at the Hilton Capitol Center in Baton Rouge. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 20 FY 2017 VOCA allocations totaling \$3,506,125
- 2 FY 2017 VOCA increases totaling \$67,856
- 147 FY 2017 VOCA applications totaling \$17,716,776
- 1 FY 2016 VOCA waiver request totaling \$147,200
- 12 FY 2017 VOCA waiver requests totaling \$309,234
- 1 FY 2016 STOP application totaling \$108,786
- 2 FY 2017 STOP applications totaling \$61,747

The Board also recommended that FY 2017 VOCA Application Number 4380 for Rapides Parish Sheriff’s Office in the amount of \$52,409 be *withdrawn*.

This concludes the report of the Victim Services Advisory Board.

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Col. Stout, seconded by Chief Hutchinson, and the motion passed.

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

In the absence of Mr. Julio Galan, Board Chairman, Mr. Jeremy Edwards reported that the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board met at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, at the Hilton Capitol Center in Baton Rouge. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended the approval of the following:

- 1 FY 2017 Title II JJDP allocation totaling \$15,000
- 3 FY 2017 Title II JJDP applications totaling \$90,071
- 1 FY 2016 Title II increase totaling \$4,392

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

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Constable Brown and seconded by Chief Hutchinson. The motion passed.

F. 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 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, at the Hilton Capitol Center in Baton Rouge. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 1 FY 2017 PREA allocation totaling \$70,675
- 1 FY 2017 PREA application totaling \$70,675

The Board agreed with the LCLE staff recommendation that benefits will no longer be required to be broken out, but entered as a one line item, only noting the percentage and types of benefits charged.

The FY 2017 Byrne JAG funds have been released to LCLE. Allocations and applications will be submitted at the December, 2018 meeting.

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

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Chief Hutchinson and seconded by Chief Landry. The motion passed.

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

In the absence of Sheriff Mike Stone, Mr. Bob Wertz, LCLE POST Section, reported that the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Advisory Board met at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, at the Hilton Capitol Center in Baton Rouge. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 71 D.A.R.E. state-funded grant applications to 18 police departments, 50 sheriffs' offices, one city constable's office, one D.A.R.E. training center, and one city marshal's office. Approval is recommended with the understanding that cuts will be made to the grants based on the available D.A.R.E. budget.

The Board recommended *tabling* one grant application for the City of St. Martinville due to not having a representative present at the mandatory D.A.R.E. Advisory Board meeting.

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to approve. A motion was made by Constable Brown, seconded by Chief Hutchinson, and the motion passed.

V. CALL FOR OTHER OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Gautreaux called for Other Old Business, and there was none to discuss.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Gautreaux called for a presentation of the District grant applications. A motion was made by Chief Layrisson to approve all of the District grant applications *in globo*. The motion was seconded by Sheriff Tubbs, and the motion passed.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Election of Commission Chairman and Vice-Chairman (Term Expiration)

Chief Craft opened the floor to receive nominations for Commission Chairman, a four-year term of office. Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, Jr. was nominated for re-election by Mr. Myer and seconded by Constable Brown. A motion to close the nominations was made by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Myer, and the motion passed. Sheriff Gautreaux was re-elected as the Commission Chairman by acclamation.

Chief Craft opened the floor to receive nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Commission, a four-year term of office. Honorable James “Jay” Lemoine was nominated for re-election by Mr. Myer and seconded by Constable Brown. Mr. Walters made a motion to close the nominations. Constable Brown seconded the motion, and the motion passed. By acclamation, Mr. Lemoine was re-elected as the Vice-Chairman of the Commission.

B. Next Commission Meeting

Gautreaux announced that the next Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at the Clarion Inn and Suites Conference Center in Covington. The Advisory Board meetings will be held on Wednesday, December 5, 2018, at the same location.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Myer, seconded by Constable Brown, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.