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LAW ENFORCEMENT EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE (LEEMI) GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

March 13, 2019

MINUTES

APPROVED 07-10-19

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quarterly meeting of the Law Enforcement Executive Management Institute (LEEMI) Governing Board was held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at the L'Auberge Casino and Resort in Lake Charles. The meeting was called to order by Chief Jim Craft.

II. ROLL CALL

Ms. Briana Blanchard, LCLE POST Section, called the roll. A membership quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor David Butler, Chief Jim Craft, Chief Scott Ford, Chief James Harris, and Chief Carl Dunn, proxy for Chief Michael Kazerooni.

Also in attendance was Mr. Fabian Blache, Executive Director of the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police (LACP).

III. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Chief Craft called for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on October 17, 2018. A motion was made by Mayor Butler, seconded by Chief Harris, and the motion passed.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on 2019 LEMI New Chiefs' Training

Briana Blanchard provided an update on the 2019 LEEMI New Chiefs' Training that was held on February 4 – 8, 2019 at the Joint Emergency Services Training Center (JESTC). This year was the largest class that has ever been held, with over 50 new chiefs attending.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Membership Changes

Chief Craft announced the reappointment of Chief James "Spike" Harris and the appointment of Chief Michael Kazerooni to the LEEMI Governing Board.

B. Election of Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Chief Ford nominated Chief Harris as the Board Chairman, and Chief Craft seconded the nomination. Chief Ford motioned to close nominations and select Chief Harris as the Board Chairman. Mayor Butler seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Chief Ford nominated Chief Kazerooni as the Board Vice-Chairman. Mayor Butler seconded the nomination. Chief Ford motioned to close nominations and select Chief Kazerooni as the Board Vice-Chairman. Chief James Harris seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Fabian Blache, Executive Director of LACP, asked to speak about the consequences that Chiefs may face for failing to complete their required twelve hours of continuing education annually. Mr. Blache stated that it is up to the LEEMI Governing Board to dictate what the consequences are and then follow through with them. Mayor Butler stated that there should be no excuse for not completing the required training, and the names of all Chiefs who are deficient should be submitted to the Supplemental Pay Board and the Office of Risk Management. Chief Bry Layrisson explained that, if a Chief makes up their training within 6 months, they should receive back pay, but if they go past 6 months, they will not receive back pay. Chief Craft motioned to adopt Mayor Butler's suggestion of notifying the Supplemental Pay Board and the Office of Risk Management of Chiefs with deficient training. Chief Ford seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chief Craft called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Chief Ford and seconded by Chief Dunn.