



Actions/Minutes
AGENDA

LOUISIANA STATE POLICE COMMISSION
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017
9:00 A.M.

John Bel Edwards
Governor

Jason Hannaman
Executive Director

*STATE POLICE COMMISSION, VETERANS MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM, SUITE 1247,
DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY BLDG., 5825 FLORIDA BLVD., BATON ROUGE, LA 70806*

Executive Session will be held in the Veteran's Memorial Auditorium. Upon the acceptance of a motion to enter into Executive Session, members of the general public shall exit the auditorium to the building atrium until notice is given that the commission is ready to be called back into regular session.

I. Call to Order

The State Police Commission convened its monthly general business meeting at 9:01 A.M. on Thursday, December 14, 2017. Present were Chairman Eulis Simien, Jr., Vice-Chairman Dr. Michael W. Neustrom, and members Jared Caruso-Riecke and Harold Pierite, Sr. Four members were present; therefore, there was a quorum. Additionally, Commission Referee Lenore Feeney and Executive Director Jason Hannaman were present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Simien led the Pledge of Allegiance

III. Opportunity to Address the Commission by Employees or Others

Mr. Robert Burns appeared before the Commission to briefly discuss his belief that a written report should be issued by former commission attorney Taylor Townsend in regards to the LSTA Political Contributions investigation and he provided his recommendation that the Commission should sue Mr. Townsend for breach of contract. Chairman Simien provided confirmation that a written report has not been received by the Commission from Mr. Townsend.

IV. Business

1. Consideration of the November 9, 2017 minutes:

On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2017 meeting.

2. In the matter of David Easley:

a.) Executive Session to discuss investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct

On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to go into Executive Session at 9:08 A.M.

Roll Call Vote:

In Favor: Chairman Simien., Vice-Chairman Neustrom, Jared Caruso-Riecke, Harold Pierite, Sr.

Opposed: None

The Commission voted unanimously to return to Regular Session and was called back to order at 9:43 A.M.

- b.) Consideration of the matter of David Easley, Docket No. 17-233-S and vote on whether to grant or deny the relief sought in the appeal.

On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to deny the relief sought in the appeal.

Roll Call Vote:

In Favor: Chairman Simien., Vice-Chairman Neustrom, Jared Caruso-Riecke, Harold Pierite, Sr.

Opposed: None

3. Oral argument by counsel related to briefs filed by both parties pursuant to Interlocutory Order in the Motion to Consolidate (Re: The Appeals of Thurman D. Miller, Derrell Williams, and Rodney Hyatt)

- a. Consideration of the Motion to Consolidate

On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the Commission voted to approve the motion to consolidate the appeals of Thurman D. Miller, Derrell Williams, and Rodney Hyatt. Chairman Simien advised that the rights are reserved by both parties to file procedural issues before the Commission.

4. In the matter of Investigation of LSTA Political Contributions, Docket No. 16-221-I.

- a. Executive Session to discuss litigation

On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to go into Executive Session

Roll Call Vote:

In Favor: Chairman Simien., Vice-Chairman Neustrom, Jared Caruso-Riecke, Harold Pierite, Sr.

Opposed: None

The Commission voted unanimously to return to Regular Session and was called back to order at 10:27 A.M.

On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the Commission voted to defer this matter for future consideration at the next meeting.

5. Presentation of a proposal to hire a videographer to videotape all LSPC meetings (appearance by Mr. Robert Burns):

Prior to Mr. Burns' comments, Director Jason Hannaman updated the Commission about the upcoming transition to the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry building and the continued use of the Auditorium; he advised that there is a proposal underway to upgrade the audio and possibly the video capabilities within the upcoming months.

Mr. Robert Burns discussed the benefits of having all meetings video recorded in the interest of transparency. He hopes that the Commission sees the added value of having video recordings for overall public interest in Commission business and for making transcription services much easier for possible future litigation.

6. Other Commission Business

None.

V. Director's Report

- Employee Election

Sgt. Jeffrey Foss is the official winner of the Special Election for the Classified Employee Member of the State Police Commission. General Circular 189 was issued to officially proclaim Sgt. Foss the winner; we look to have him join the Commission at the January 2018 meeting.

- Louisiana College Nominee

The letter of nominees has been mailed from Louisiana College; however, we do not have a copy at this time. The 7th member of the Commission could potentially be seated at the January meeting; however, it is more likely that it will occur by the February 2018 meeting.

- FY 18/19 Budget

Meeting set with the Commissioner of Administration to discuss the upcoming budget request.

- Monthly Budget Report

VI. Opportunity to Address the Commission by employees or others concerning items discussed but not previously listed on the agenda and for which prior comment was not received.

VII. Adjourn

There being no further business, on a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to adjourn at 10:39 A.M. on Thursday, December 14, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jason Hannaman, Executive Director



Eulis Simien, Jr., Chairman