



## ACTIONS/MINUTES

LOUISIANA STATE POLICE COMMISSION  
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023  
10:00 A.M.

John Bel Edwards  
Governor

Jason Hannaman  
Executive Director

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

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- I. Call to Order  
The State Police Commission convened its monthly general business meeting at 9:59 A.M. on Thursday, January 12, 2023.
- II. Roll Call  
Present were Chairman Eulis Simien, Jr., Vice-Chairman Brian Crawford, Commissioners Leonard Knapp, Jr., Monty Montelongo, Jared Caruso-Riecke, and Harold Pierite, Sr. There was a quorum. Additionally, Commission Referee Lenore Feeney, Deputy Director Aarika Dorsey, and Executive Director Jason Hannaman were present.
- III. Moment of Silence  
A moment of silence was observed.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance  
Chairman Eulis Simien, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. Opportunity to Address the Commission by employees or others concerning items on the agenda (Please submit a speaker request form prior to the meeting being called to order.)  
Several requests were received and were deferred, without objections, to be heard during the discussion of the relevant business item on the agenda.

A request was received from Mr. Robert Burns of Sound Off Louisiana to advise the Commission that Ms. Dinelle Hardin, the sister of Ronald Green, was on her way and would like to speak on Clary/York items.

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- VI. Business
    1. Election of Officers – per SPC Rule 2.1 (b).

Chairman: Eulis Simien, Jr. was re-elected without opposition to serve as Chairman.  
In Favor: All  
Opposed: None

Vice-Chairman: Brian Crawford was re-elected without opposition to serve as Vice-Chairman.  
In Favor: All  
Opposed: None
    2. Consideration of the meeting minutes from December 8, 2022.  
On motion duly made by Commissioner Knapp, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission unanimously voted to adopt the meeting minutes from December 8, 2022.  
In Favor: All  
Opposed: None

3. Consideration of a request from the Office of State Police, in accordance with SPC Rule 12.5, to place Lieutenant Kirk Thibodeaux on suspension without pay pending criminal proceedings until the resolution of these criminal charges, or there is no longer a need for the suspension. (Representative of the agency to be available to answer any questions of the Commission.)
  - Opportunity to Respond  
Attorney Michele Giroir appeared on behalf of the Department of Public Safety, Office of State Police. Attorney Mary Ann White appeared on behalf of the appellant, Lieutenant Kirk Thibodeaux.
  - Executive Session to discuss investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct (possibly deferred until after item #5)  
On motion duly made by Chairman Simien, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to defer Executive Session until after agenda item #5.  
In Favor: All  
Opposed: None
  - Public discussion and possible vote  
*Following Executive Session for agenda items 3, 4, and 5:*  
  
On motion duly made by Commissioner Montelengo, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission granted the department's request to place Lieutenant Kirk Thibodeaux on suspension without pay pending criminal proceedings provided that Lieutenant Kirk Thibodeaux would be allowed to exhaust accumulated annual leave balances and compensatory leave time balances.  
In Favor: All  
Opposed: None
4. Consideration of a request from the Office of State Police, in accordance with SPC Rule 12.5, to place Lieutenant John Clary on suspension without pay pending criminal proceedings until the resolution of these criminal charges, or there is no longer a need for the suspension. (Representative of the agency to be available to answer any questions of the Commission.)
  - Opportunity to Respond  
Attorney Michele Giroir appeared on behalf of the Department of Public Safety, Office of State Police. Attorney Kyle Green appeared on behalf of the appellant, Lieutenant John Clary.
  - Executive Session to discuss investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct (possibly deferred until after item #5)  
On motion duly made by Chairman Simien, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to defer Executive Session until after agenda item #5.  
In Favor: All  
Opposed: None



- Public discussion and possible vote

***Following Executive Session for agenda items 3, 4, and 5:***

Ms. Dinelle Hardin arrived and spoke against Lieutenant John Clary and Trooper Kory York being on paid administrative leave.

Chairman Simien clarified that the department requested to place the employees on suspension without pay pending criminal proceedings. Granting the request of the department to suspend the employees would ensure that the employees are kept off the streets. The Commission, as in similar situations, would consider requests from the employees to utilize the leave they accumulated during their employment.

On motion duly made by Commissioner Montelongo, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission granted the department's request to place Lieutenant John Clary on suspension without pay pending criminal proceedings provided that Lieutenant John Clary would be allowed to exhaust accumulated annual leave balances and compensatory leave time balances.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

5. Consideration of a request from the Office of State Police, in accordance with SPC Rule 12.5, to place Trooper Kory York on suspension without pay pending criminal proceedings until the resolution of these criminal charges, or there is no longer a need for the suspension. (Representative of the agency to be available to answer any questions of the Commission.)

- Opportunity to Respond

Attorney Michele Giroir appeared on behalf of the Department of Public Safety, Office of State Police. Attorney Mike Small and co-counsel Taylor Townsend appeared on the behalf of the appellant, Trooper Kory York.

- Executive Session to discuss investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct

On motion duly made by Commissioner Knapp, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to go into Executive Session for items 3,4, and 5 at 10:09 A.M.

**Roll Call Vote:**

In Favor: Vice-Chairman Crawford, Commissioners Knapp, Montelongo, Pierite, Riecke, and Chairman Simien

Opposed: None

On motion duly made by Commissioner Knapp, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to end Executive Session for items 3,4, and 5 at 10:21 A.M.

**Roll Call Vote:**

In Favor: Vice-Chairman Crawford, Commissioners Knapp, Montelongo, Pierite, Riecke, and Chairman Simien

Opposed: None

- Public discussion and possible vote

On motion duly made by Commissioner Montelongo, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission granted the department's request to place Trooper Kory York on suspension without pay pending criminal proceedings provided that Trooper Kory York would be allowed to exhaust accumulated annual leave balances and compensatory leave time balances.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

6. Consideration for a Motion for Summary Disposition filed by the Office of State Police in the matter of Kasha Domingue (Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police), Docket No. 21-250-T.

- Oral argument

Attorney Michele Giroir appeared on behalf of the Department of Public Safety, Office of State Police. Attorney Giroir stated that no opposition was been received by the January 5<sup>th</sup> deadline as set by Commission Referee Feeney. Ms. Giroir asked that the Commission grant the department's request to summarily dismiss Ms. Domingue's appeal.

- Executive Session to discuss investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct

On motion duly made by Chairman Simien, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to go into Executive Session in the matter of Kasha Domingue at 10:38 A.M.

**Roll Call Vote:**

In Favor: Vice-Chairman Crawford, Commissioners Knapp, Pierite, Riecke, and Chairman Simien

Opposed: None

Recused: Commissioner Montelongo

On motion duly made by Commissioner Riecke, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to end Executive Session in the matter of Kasha Domingue at 10:55 A.M.

**Roll Call Vote:**

In Favor: Vice-Chairman Crawford, Commissioners Knapp, Pierite, Riecke, and Chairman Simien

Opposed: None

Recused: Commissioner Montelongo

- Public discussion of motions filed and possible vote

On motion duly made by Commissioner Knapp, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to move forward with the proceeding and lift the stay in the matter of Kasha Domingue.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Recused: Commissioner Montelongo



Commissioner Knapp made a motion to dismiss the department's request for summary disposition and set the matter for a hearing; his motion was seconded.

Chairman Simien stated that voting for the motion does not speak to the merits of the determination. In a review of the matter, there are things in dispute that need to be resolved before a final determination can be made.

The Commission voted to approve Commissioner Knapp's motion.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Recused: Commissioner Montelongo

Following the regular business items, the Commission acknowledged that the January 2023 meeting would be the last opportunity that DPS Attorney Michele Giroir would appear before them due to her impending retirement from state service.

On motion duly made by Chairman Simien, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted that Attorney Michele Giroir leaves with a Commendation from the Commission in recognition of her hard work.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

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## VII. Director's Report

### Commission Expenditures:

The attention of the Commission was directed to the Commission's Monthly Expenditure Report that had been provided for its review. There were no questions regarding the report.

### Annual Training Requirements:

The commissioners were thanked for the completion of their annual training and they were advised that reporting had been submitted to ensure compliance for the 2022 calendar year.

### Vacancy:

The commissioners were updated on the status of the commissioner from the 2nd Congressional District. Louisiana Christian University submitted nominations and the governor selected Mr. Burnell Nevil, Jr. to fill the unexpired term. He has been sworn in and is eager to join the Commission at the February 9th meeting.

Director Hannaman advised that nominations were received for the new term for the commissioner from the 6th Congressional District. Xavier University submitted nominees and the governor selected Mr. Eulis Simien to serve a new full term on the Commission.

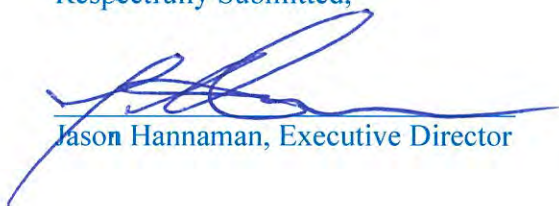
- VIII. Opportunity to Address the Commission by employees or others on matters, not on the agenda. (Please submit a speaker request form prior to the meeting being called to order.)  
No requests to address the Commission were received for matters not on the agenda.

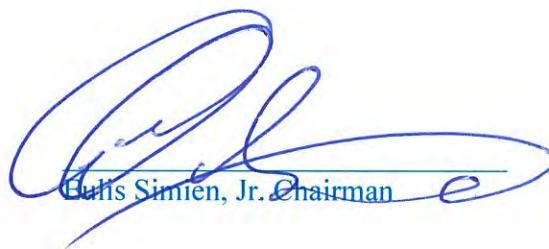
Commissioner Knapp advised that he enjoyed serving on the State Police Commission but that he would soon submit his resignation so that he can tend to other matters that he cannot deal with while being a member of the Commission. He stated that he would submit the resignation to the governor and furnish a copy to Director Hannaman.

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- IX. Adjourn  
There being no further business on a motion duly made by Chairman Simien seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to adjourn at 11:04 A.M. on Thursday, January 12, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Jason Hannaman, Executive Director

  
Curtis Simien, Jr., Chairman