



MINUTES/ACTIONS
AGENDA
LOUISIANA STATE POLICE COMMISSION
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017
9:00 A.M.

John Bel Edwards
Governor

*STATE POLICE COMMISSION, SUITE 208, SECOND FLOOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT,
FINANCE & OMV BUILDING, 7979 INDEPENDENCE BLVD., BATON ROUGE, LA 70806*

I. Call to Order

THE STATE POLICE COMMISSION CONVENED ITS MONTHLY GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING AT 9:11 A.M. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017. PRESENT WERE TROOPER CHAIRMAN THOMAS "T.J." DOSS, VICE-CHAIRMAN MONICA J. MANZELLA, COMMISSIONERS CALVIN BRAXTON, SR., EULIS SIMIEN, JR., JARED CARUSO-RIECKE, AND DONALD BREAUX. ADDITIONALLY, COMMISSION REFEREES LENORE FEENEY AND T. TAYLOR TOWNSEND WERE PRESENT.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

CHAIRMAN DOSS LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Special Guest

THE NEW LSPC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JASON HANNAMAN, APPEARED BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND AND 12-YEAR WORK HISTORY IN STATE GOVERNMENT; HIS FIRST OFFICIAL DAY IS MONDAY, MARCH 20TH.

III. Business

1) Opportunity to Address the Commission by Employees or Others

MR. LEON MILLET APPEARED BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO:

1. FILE A FORMAL COMPLAINT WITH THE STATE POLICE COMMISSION REGARDING THE DETAIL AND REASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN LSP STAFF LISTED IN HIS COMPLAINT. HE ASKED THE COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE MATTER AND PROVIDE A COPY TO LSP COLONEL EDMONDSON.
2. QUESTION THE HIRING PROCESS OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE

DIRECTOR; HE ADVISED HIS CONCERNS REGARDING THE PROCESS OF SELECTING THE FINAL CANDIDATES FOR INTERVIEW.

COMMISSIONER RIECKE EXPRESSED THE FOLLOWING TO MR. MILLET:

- THE BOARD FORMULATED A MATRIX FOR HIRING THE NEXT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THAT THE RESUME AND MATRIX INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.
- SEVEN QUALIFIED APPLICANTS OUT OF APPROXIMATELY SEVENTY (ROUGHLY 10%) WERE INTERVIEWED FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S POSITION BEFORE A FINAL SELECTION WAS MADE.

2) Consideration of the Minutes from the regular meeting dated February 9, 2017, and the special meetings dated February 20, 22 and 24, 2017

COMMISSIONER BRAXTON MADE AN INQUIRY TO THE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE FORMAT OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES. THERE WAS NO MOTION ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INQUIRY.

ON MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED, AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED; THE COMMISSION VOTED TO PROCEED WITH CONSIDERING EACH OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES SEPARATELY RATHER THAN *IN GLOBO*.

ON MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED, AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED; THE COMMISSION VOTED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 9, 2017 MEETING AS WRITTEN.

ON MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED; THE COMMISSION VOTED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 20, 2017 AS WRITTEN (COMMISSIONERS SIMIEN AND BRAXTON OPPOSED).

ON MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED, AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED; THE COMMISSION VOTED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 22, 2017 MEETING AS WRITTEN.

ON MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED, AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED;

THE COMMISSION VOTED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 24, 2017 MEETING WITH THE FOLLOWING EDITS:

- ITEM #3 UNDER BUSINESS, PARAGRAPH 3, MS. JACQUELINE CUMMINGS LAST NAME WAS ADDED TO THE MINUTES;
- COMMISSIONER RIECKE'S NAME WAS ADDED TO THE ROLL CALL VOTE.

ON MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED, AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED; THE COMMISSION VOTED TO RECESS FOR TEN MINUTES TO ALLOW ALL COMMISSIONERS ADDITIONAL TIME TO REVIEW DOCKET NO. 16-229.

CHAIRMAN DOSS CALLED THE MEETING BACK TO ORDER AT 9:45 A.M.

- 3) Consideration of summary disposition of appeal of William R. Woodward, III
Docket No. 16-229

ON MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED; THE COMMISSION VOTED TO ADOPT THE DECISION WRITTEN TO DISMISS THE APPEAL. (COMMISSIONER BRAXTON OPPOSED). COMMISSIONER SIMIEN PROVIDED COMMENT TO THE UNTIMLINESS OF THE COMPLAINTS; HE FURTHER EXPRESSED THAT HE WISHED THE COMPLAINTS WOULD HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED ON A TIMELY BASIS SO THAT THEY COULD HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED ON THEIR MERITS.

- 4) Oral argument by counsel related to briefs filed by both parties pursuant to
Interlocutory Order in the appeal of Ronald Picou, Docket No. 16-222

CHAIRMAN DOSS ADVISED THAT THIS ITEM WILL BE TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING BASED ON THE REQUEST OF BOTH PARTIES.

- 5) Executive session to discuss litigation in the appeal of Ronald Picou, Docket no.
16-222

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- 6) Consideration and ruling on the motions argued by counsel in the appeal of
Ronald Picou, Docket No. 16-222

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7) Continued discussion of testing

VICE-CHAIRMAN MANZELLA PROPOSED THE COMMISSION CONSIDER ESTABLISHMENT OF A TESTING TASK FORCE. THE PURPOSE WOULD BE TO LOOK INTO TESTING AND REPORT BACK TO THE COMMISSION AT REGULAR BUSINESS MEETINGS TO ENSURE TESTING IS BEING DONE IN ALIGNMENT WITH BEST PRACTICES.

A MOTION WAS DULY MADE, AND SECONDED, TO APPROVE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VOLUNTEER TASK FORCE. HOWEVER, UPON FURTHER DISCUSSION, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT A TASK FORCE WAS NOT NECESSARY AS IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR THE ENTIRE COMMISSION TO HEAR FROM DR. HELEN WISE. THEREFORE, THE MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN.

ON MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED, AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED, THE COMMISSION ASKED THAT VICE-CHAIRMAN MANZELLA CONTACT DR. HELEN WISE AND INVITE HER TO SPEAK BEFORE THE COMMISSION AT HER EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

8) Other Commission Business

COMMISSIONER BRAXTON INQUIRED TO COMMISSIONER DOSS ON WHY HE WAS NOT ABLE TO RECEIVE DOCUMENTS FROM COMMISSION STAFF. COMMISSIONER DOSS ADVISED THAT HE COULD NOT ANSWER THE QUESTION UNTIL HE UNDERSTANDS THE ENTIRE SITUATION; HE FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE HAS NOT INSTRUCTED STAFF TO REFUSE ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS.

COMMISSIONER RIECKE COMMENTED ON THE IMPACT OF A MID-YEAR BUDGETARY CUT OF 5% TO THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE COMMISSION'S OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE REMAINDER OF FY 16/17. HE RECOMMENDED THAT APPROXIMATELY \$5,000 OF THE REDUCTION SHOULD COME FROM STAFF SALARIES RESULTING FROM ATTRITION IN THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR VACANCY AND THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT SHOULD COME FROM THE REMAINING UNENCUMBERED FUNDS IN THE T. TAYLOR TOWNSEND, LLC. LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT.

T. TAYLOR TOWNSEND, COMMISSION REFEREE, VOICED HIS SUPPORT IN TAKING A REDUCTION FROM HIS CONTRACT RATHER THAN IMPACTING COMMISSION STAFF.

ON MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED, AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED, THE COMMISSION APPROVED THE MID-YEAR REDUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY \$5,000 FROM STAFF SALARIES (FROM ATTRITION) AND THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT COMING FROM THE REMAINING UNENCUMBERED FUNDS IN THE T. TAYLOR TOWNSEND, LLC. LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT.

9) Adjourn

ON MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED, AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED; THE COMMISSION VOTED TO ADJOURN AT 10:01 A.M. ON THURSDAY MARCH 9, 2017.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



JASON HANNAMAN, DIRECTOR



TROOPER THOMAS DOSS, CHAIRMAN