#### John Bel Edwards Governor

## **ACTION/MINUTES**



# LOUISIANA STATE POLICE COMMISSION GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2019 9:30 A.M.

Jason Hannaman Executive Director

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### I. Call to Order

The State Police Commission convened its monthly general business meeting at 9:34 A.M. on Thursday, December 12, 2019.

#### II. Roll Call

Present were Chairman Eulis Simien, Jr., Vice-Chairman Leonard Knapp, Jr.; Commissioners Harold Pierite, Sr. and Robert Mire. There was a quorum. Absent were Commissioners Brian Crawford, Jared Caruso-Riecke, and Nelson Cantrelle, Jr. Additionally, Commission Referee Lenore Feeney 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.)

No Comments.

### VI. Business

1. Consideration of the October 10, 2019 minutes.

On motion duly made by Vice-Chairman Knapp, seconded, and passed; the Commission voted to approve the minutes from October 10, 2019.

In Favor: All Opposed: None

2. General Discussion of the State Police Commission Article and Rules.

Comments were made by Chairman Simien, Vice-Chairman Knapp as well as Commissioners Pierite and Mire. Additionally, DPS Attorney Michele Giroir and State Police Master Trooper Dean Coates appeared before the Commission as part of the general discussion. The Commission asked that the discussion continue at the January meeting with notes incorporated for further review.

VII. 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 Comments.

## VIII. Director's Report

## **Ethics Training:**

Executive Director Jason Hannaman called the attention of the Commission to the required annual ethics training which needs to be completed by the end of December.

### Cadet Testing/ Proctor U:

The attention of the Commission was directed to charts reflecting cadet testing for October and November. In October, the initial launch month for online testing, 53% of applicants utilized online testing options. Since the last meeting, the Commission staff purchased six Chromebooks to provide in-house online testing opportunities. Cadet applicants now have the opportunity to reserve a time to appear at the SPC administrative offices and test on-line free of charge in one of four sessions offered each week; there is capacity for 24 individuals per week. As a result of the increased options and awareness, in November there was an overall 84% participation rate for the electronic exam. All three options (ProctorU, in-house online, and scantron) are now offered to the applicants when they schedule their exam; it is highly probable that the scantron exam can be phased out entirely by the end of the fiscal year.

## Loyola University Nomination:

In accordance with the duties outlined in Chapter 2 of the State Police Commission Rules, the director notified the president of Loyola University regarding the expiration of the term for the Commissioner representing the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Correspondence sent in November and December advised that nominations should be submitted to the governor for consideration following the expiration of the term occurring on December 5, 2019.

## 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 question or comments about the Report.

### IX. Adjourn

There being no further business, on a motion duly made by Commissioner Pierite, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to adjourn at 11:31 A.M. on Thursday, December 12, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Hannaman, Executive Director

Eulis Simien, Jr., Chairman