



Actions/Minutes
AGENDA

John Bel Edwards
Governor

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

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 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, November 9, 2017. Present were Jared Caruso-Riecke, Brian Crawford, Dr. Michael W. Neustrom, Harold Pierite, Sr., and Eulis Simien, Jr. Additionally, Commission Referee Lenore Feeny and Executive Director Jason Hannaman were present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Commission Referee Lenore Feeny led the Pledge of Allegiance

III. Opportunity to Address the Commission by Employees or Others

Mr. Leon "Bucky" Millet appeared before the Commission to call attention to the recent investigations about the payroll fraud and what he described as the downward spiral of state police.

IV. Business

1. Election of Officers:

Commission Referee Lenore Feeny advised that the Commission should proceed with election of officers.

Chairman: Eulis Simien, Jr. was elected without opposition.

Roll Call Vote:

In Favor: Jared Caruso-Riecke, Brian Crawford, Dr. Michael W. Neustrom, Harold Pierite, Sr.; Abstained: Eulis Simien, Jr.

Vice-Chairman: Dr. Michael W. Neustrom was elected without opposition.

Roll Call Vote:

In Favor: Jared Caruso-Riecke, Brian Crawford, Dr. Michael W. Neustrom, Harold Pierite, Sr., Chairman Simien

2. Consideration of the August 10, 2017 minutes

On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2017 meeting.

3. Request from Louisiana State Police for reinstatement of sick leave for Trooper Joseph Dier per SPC Rule 11.21.1

On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to ratify the interim action taken by the Executive Director on October 10, 2017, and approved the reinstatement of sick leave for Trooper Joseph Dier.

4. In the matter of Investigation of LSTA Political Contributions, Docket No. 16-22-I.

- a. Executive Session

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, Brian Crawford, and Harold Pierite, Sr.

Upon returning to regular business, Executive Counsel provided a clarification that the reason for this Executive Session was for investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct.

- b. Public discussion and vote to adopt written decision of summary disposition

In this matter there was a previous ruling by this Commission made on July 14, 2016. On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to set aside the previous decision and re-open this matter.

Roll Call Vote:

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

5. In the matter of David Easley:

Hearing in the matter of David Easley, Docket No. 17-233-S

On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to continue the matter of David Easley at the next meeting.

6. Notice of Motion to Consolidate (Re: The Appeals of Thurman D. Miller, Derrell Williams, and Rodney Hyatt).

Commission Referee Lenore Feeney advised the Commission that a Motion to Consolidate had been received for the Miller, Williams and Hyatt appeals. State Police Commission Rule 13.15 provides that the Commission may order a joint hearing of any or all the matters at issue in the appeals. Ms. Feeney advised that the upcoming Miller Appeal scheduled for December be continued without date and that the matter of consolidation be placed on the next regular agenda for consideration.

On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to approve the recommendation of counsel and consider the Motion to Consolidate at the December 14, 2017 meeting.

7. Discussion of moving forward with a permanent relocation of State Police Commission offices

On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to authorize Executive Director Hannaman to proceed with finalizing an agreement to relocate SPC offices.

8. Other Commission Business

Commissioner Simien expressed to the audience his acknowledgment and understanding of the important work of this Commission. He advised that greater decorum would be expected and advised that Public Comment will be granted prior to General Business for matters on the agenda and again at the conclusion of the meeting for matters that were not addressed.

V. Director's Report

- Employee Election

A special election was conducted with six qualified candidates in the primary; the votes were counted on October 25, 2017 by representatives from the Secretary of State's Elections Division. A runoff between Jeffrey Foss and Joseph Patout will occur because although they were the top two vote earners neither achieved a 50% plus 1 majority. The current cost of this election is expected to be \$5,700 due to the specific election requirements required under statute such as special ballot envelopes, ballot printing, and postage.

- Louisiana College Nominee

Names submitted by Louisiana College did not reside within in the 2nd Congressional District; therefore, they were not eligible for consideration. Since the term for the 2nd Congressional District seat is set to expire on December 5, 2017, we have reached out to the President of Louisiana College to request nominees within thirty days following the start of the new term on December 6, 2017.

- FY 18/19 Budget

A review of the budget submitted to the administration, inclusive of new rent and buildout costs, staff salary increase, copy machine replacement, and inflation. Despite the additional expenditures, the total increase is only approximately 3.6% over current fiscal year spending as a result of identifying other cost savings.

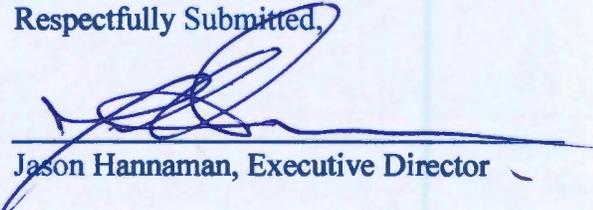
- Monthly Budget Report

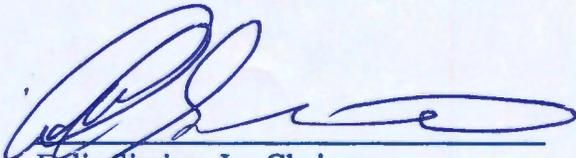
Review of current expenditures to date.

VI. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:55 P.M. on Thursday, November 9, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jason Hannaman, Executive Director


Eulis Simien, Jr., Chairman