



ACTION/MINUTES

John Bel Edwards
Governor

LOUISIANA STATE POLICE COMMISSION
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019
10:00 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*

- I. Call to Order
The State Police Commission convened its monthly general business meeting at 10:09 A.M. on Thursday, September 12, 2019.
- II. Roll Call
Present were Chairman Eulis Simien, Jr., Vice-Chairman Leonard Knapp; Commissioners Jared Caruso-Riecke, Robert Mire, Nelson Cantrell, Jr., and Brian Crawford. There was a quorum. Commissioner Harold Pierite, Sr. was absent. Additionally, Commission Referee Lenore Feeny 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 August 8, 2019 minutes.
On motion duly made by Mr. Riecke, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to approve the minutes from August 8, 2019.
In Favor: All
Opposed: None
2. Consideration of a Motion to Take from The Table the consideration of Chapter 14 rule changes as promulgated in General Circular 190 on January 23, 2018.
On motion duly made by Vice-Chairman Knapp, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to take from the table the consideration of Chapter 14 changes as Promulgated in General Circular 190 on January 23, 2018.
In Favor: All
Opposed: None

3. Consideration of a Motion to Reject the proposed changes to Chapter 14 rules as promulgated in General Circular 190.

On motion duly made by Mr. Riecke, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to reject the proposed changes to Chapter 14 rules as promulgated in General Circular 190.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

On motion duly made by Mr. Crawford, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to reconsider the motion to reject the proposed changes to Chapter 14 rules as promulgated in General Circular 190.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

On motion duly made by Mr. Crawford, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to reject the proposed changes to Chapter 14 rules as promulgated in General Circular 190.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

4. Request from Louisiana State Police for reinstatement of 530.66 hours of sick leave for State Police Sergeant Michael Washington per SPC Rule 11.21.1. (Representative of the agency to be available to answer any questions of the Commission.)

State Police Sergeant Michael Washington appeared before the Commission to answer questions regarding the request for reinstatement of sick leave.

On motion duly made by Mr. Riecke, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to reinstate 530.66 hours of sick leave for State Police Sergeant Michael Washington.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

5. Consideration of a Motion to Consolidate the Appeals of Eric Curlee (Docket No. 18-239 and 18-243-S).

Commission Referee Lenore Feeny advised that two appeals are pending for Mr. Curlee. Following a prehearing conference, appellant's new counsel asked to represent him on both matters and filed a motion to substitute. Ms. Feeny recommended that the appeals be addressed together rather than separately.

On motion duly made by Vice-Chairman Knapp, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to Consolidate the Appeals of Eric Curlee (Docket No. 18-239 and 18-243-S).

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

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.)

A request was received from Mr. Leon Millet to address the Commission. Mr. Millet reminded the commissioners that on January 10, 2019 he filed a formal complaint pertaining to political contributions. He advised that he has not received a response from the governor. He asked the Commission to work toward a resolution in the matter and advised his belief that the governor should either exonerate the accused or call for public a hearing.

Chairman Simien advised that the Commission had appropriately responded to the complaint by providing information to the governor.

VIII. Director's Report

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.

Proctor U:

The director advised that an agreement had been reached with ProctorU for online web-based cadet testing. Staff were working with the implementation team to receive training on the new processes and completed the conversion of all cadet exam versions into an electronic format. Two individuals were already in queue to participate in the online exam.

Chairman Simien highlighted the benefits to local applicants that may be unable to make the regularly scheduled monthly exam.

Vice-Chairman Knapp inquired about the timeline to which Director Hannaman advised the hope to have several tests conducted prior to the next commission meeting.

Commissioner Mire provided his thanks for the many meetings, hard work, and coordination that took place in the process and his belief that it will benefit both the applicants and the Louisiana State Police.

Commissioner Riecke provided his thanks for moving forward on the efforts to streamline the cadet testing process.

Prior to adjournment, Commissioner Riecke recommended an upcoming five-part documentary-series based on the book *Murder in the Bayou*. The series will air on Showtime and focus on local corruption and unsolved murders in Louisiana.

IX. Adjourn

There being no further business, on a motion duly made by Mr. Riecke, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to adjourn at 10:36 A.M. on Thursday, September 12, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jason Hannaman, Executive Director


Eulis Simien, Jr., Chairman