



ACTION/MINUTES

John Bel Edwards
Governor

LOUISIANA STATE POLICE COMMISSION
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2020
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 10:04 A.M. on Thursday, December 10, 2020.

Chairman Simien welcomed Sabrina E. Richardson to the Commission. Captain Richardson is an active 21-year member of the New Orleans Police Department; her current assignment is as Captain for the Internal Affairs Division.

II. Roll Call

Present virtually, via Zoom, were Chairman Eulis Simien, Jr., Vice-Chairman Brian Crawford, Commissioners Leonard Knapp, Jr., and Harold Pierite, Sr. Present in-person were Commissioners Robert Mire and Sabrina Richardson. Absent was Commissioner Jared Caruso-Riecke. There was a quorum. 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.)

Mr. Floyd Falcon's request was received and deferred, without objection, to be heard during a discussion of business item #3.

VI. Director's Report

- Election of the Employee Member of the Commission – On Friday, December 4, 2020, the election was conducted for the classified employee member of the State Police Commission. Representatives from each candidate were present to oversee the opening and counting of ballots as well as a representative from the Secretary of State's Elections Division. The outcome of the election was 138 votes for Mr. Robert Mire and 103 votes for Mr. Herman H. Newell, III. Mr. Mire will serve a new six-year term commencing January 1, 2021.
- 4th Congressional District – Nominations have been made by Centenary College and sent to the governor for the new term for the member of the commission representing the 4th Congressional District. Vice-Chairman Crawford will continue to represent the 4th Congressional District until he is either reappointed by the governor or a new commissioner is selected from the list of nominees.

- 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 or comments about the report.
 - Annual Training – The attention of the Commission was directed to the required annual training that needs to be completed by the end of the calendar year. Chairman Simien asked that the annual training requirements be recirculated via email for the benefit of the commissioners.
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VII. Business

1. Consideration of the November 12, 2020, regular business meeting minutes.
On motion duly made by Commissioner Knapp, seconded, and passed; the Commission voted to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2020, business meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

In Favor: Vice-Chairman Brian Crawford, Commissioners Leonard Knapp, Jr., Harold Pierite, Sr., and Chairman Eulis Simien, Jr.

Abstained in part: Commissioner Mire voted in favor of approval but abstained from approval of the section of the minutes pertaining to the matters for which he recused himself.

Abstained: Commissioner Sabrina Richardson

Opposed: None

2. In the matter of Santiago St. Clair (Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police), Docket No. 20-246-T. Mr. St. Clair is a pro se litigant. Michele Giroir and Jericha Remondet represent the Office of State Police.
 - a. Public hearing
 - b. Executive Session to discuss investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct
 - c. Public discussion of appeal and possible vote
Director Hannaman advised the Commission that Mr. Santiago St. Clair withdrew his appeal in the matter and therefore his appeal has been dismissed.
3. Consideration of a request from the Office of State Police, in accordance with SPC Rule 12.5, to place Trooper Kasha Domingue 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.)
Michele Giroir, DPS Attorney, appeared on behalf of the Department of Public Safety, Office of State Police. Attorney Floyd Falcon appeared on behalf of the appellant, Kasha Domingue.

On motion duly made by Vice-Chairman Crawford, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to allow Trooper Domingue to be placed on suspension without pay but allow her to use her accrued appropriate leave time, excluding any sick leave time, until such is exhausted and in the event that it becomes exhausted, and she is still under investigation and on leave, at that point, she shall then be on unpaid leave.

Roll Call Vote:

In Favor: Vice-Chairman Brian Crawford, Commissioners Leonard Knapp, Jr., Harold Pierite, Sr., Sabrina Richardson, Robert Mire, and Chairman Eulis Simien, Jr.

Opposed: None

4. Consideration of a request from the Office of State Police to reauthorize thirty-eight (38) part-time WAE positions previously approved by the Director under SPC Rule 4.1 (d)1. (Representative of the agency to be available to answer any questions of the Commission.)

LSP Chief of Staff, Lt. Col. Doug Cain, appeared on behalf of the Department of Public Safety, Office of State Police to answer questions of the commissioners.

On motion to duly made by Commissioner Knapp, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to approve the two-year extension for (38) part-time WAE position previously approved by the Director under SPC Rule 4.1(d)1.

Before the vote, Commissioner Knapp noted for the record that although he will vote for the extension this time, he will likely not be in favor to extend these again in two years. He would like to see the duties incorporated into full-time positions if possible.

Roll Call Vote:

In Favor: Vice-Chairman Brian Crawford, Commissioners Leonard Knapp, Jr., Harold Pierite, Sr., Sabrina Richardson, Robert Mire, and Chairman Eulis Simien, Jr.

Opposed: None

5. Review of Chapter 21 sunset and consideration of an extension to the chapter. The provisions of these rules are set to expire upon Order of the Commission or December 31, 2020, whichever comes first.

On motion duly made by Commissioner Knapp, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to extend the duration of Chapter 21 to April 15, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

In Favor: Vice-Chairman Brian Crawford, Commissioners Leonard Knapp, Jr., Harold Pierite, Sr., Sabrina Richardson, Robert Mire, and Chairman Eulis Simien, Jr.

Opposed: None

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 Comments.

IX. Adjourn

There being no further business on a motion duly made by Vice-Chairman Crawford, seconded, and unanimously passed, the Commission voted to adjourn at 10:35 A.M. on Thursday, December 10, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jason Hannaman, Executive Director



Eulis Simien, Jr., Chairman