



## ACTION/MINUTES

LOUISIANA STATE POLICE COMMISSION  
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2019  
10:00 A.M.

John Bel Edwards  
Governor

Jason Hannaman  
Executive Director

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*STATE POLICE COMMISSION, VETERANS MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM, SUITE 1247,  
DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY BLDG., 5825 FLORIDA BLVD., BATON ROUGE, LA 70806*

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- I. Call to Order  
The State Police Commission convened its monthly general business meeting at 10:02 A.M. on Thursday, August 8, 2019.
  
- II. Roll Call  
Present were Chairman Eulis Simien, Jr., Vice-Chairman Leonard Knapp; Commissioners Jared Caruso-Riecke, Robert Mire and Harold Pierite, Sr.; There was a quorum. Commissioners Nelson Cantrelle and Brian Crawford were 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 Simien 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.

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### VI. Business

1. Consideration of the May 23, 2019 minutes.  
On motion duly made by Vice-Chairman Knapp, seconded, and passed; the Commission voted to approve the minutes from May 23, 2019. Commissioner Pierite abstained.
  
2. Request from Louisiana State Police for reinstatement of 244.02 hours of sick leave for State Police Senior Trooper Damian Scioneaux per SPC Rule 11.21.1. (Representative of the agency to be available to answer any questions of the Commission.)  
On motion duly made by Commissioner Riecke, seconded, and passed; the Commission voted to approve the reinstatement of 244.02 hours of sick leave for State Police Senior Trooper Damian Scioneaux per SPC Rule 11.21.1.
  
3. Oral Argument on two Motions to Dismiss filed by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, in the matter of the Appeal of Corey Jackson, Docket No. 15-218-T. Howard C. DeJean representing Corey Jackson and Michele Giroir representing the Office of State Police.
  - a. Oral Arguments  
Attorneys Howard DeJean and Michele Giroir appeared and provided oral arguments on behalf of their respective clients.

- b. Executive Session to discuss investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct.

On motion duly made by Vice-Chairman Knapp, seconded, and passed; the Commission voted to go into Executive Session at 11:03 A.M.

**Roll Call Vote:**

In Favor: Jared Caruso-Riecke, Robert Mire, Vice-Chairman Leonard Knapp, Harold Pierite, Sr. and Chairman Eulis Simien, Jr.

Opposed: None

On motion duly made by Commissioner Riecke, seconded, and passed; the Commission voted to end Executive Session at 11:22 A.M.

**Roll Call Vote:**

In Favor: Jared Caruso-Riecke, Robert Mire, Vice-Chairman Leonard Knapp, Harold Pierite, Sr. and Chairman Eulis Simien, Jr.

Opposed: None

- c. Public discussion of the Motions to Dismiss and possible vote

On motion duly made by Vice-Chairman Knapp, seconded, and passed; the Commission voted to remove the Order of Stay since the underlying purpose is no longer applicable in the appeal.

The Office of State Police (appellee) filed two motions for summary disposition in this appeal. The first motion was filed and received on May 20, 2019. Appellee's second motion for summary disposition was filed and received on July 9, 2019.

On motion duly made by Vice-Chairman Knapp, seconded, and passed; the Commission voted to defer action on the appellee's first motion for summary disposition until after the consideration of the second motion for summary disposition and to take up the first motion, if necessary, thereafter.

On motion duly made by Vice-Chairman Knapp, seconded, and passed; the Commission voted to grant the appellee's second motion for summary disposition.

**Roll Call Vote:**

In Favor: Jared Caruso-Riecke, Robert Mire, Vice-Chairman Leonard Knapp, Harold Pierite, Sr. and Chairman Eulis Simien, Jr.

Opposed: None

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- 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.
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VIII. Director's Report

Expenditures:

The attention of the Commission was directed to the Monthly Expenditure Report that had been provided for its review. There were no questions regarding the monthly expenditures.

The director also advised that the prior fiscal year closed with total expenditures at 98.8% of the budgetary appropriation; Commissioner Riecke commended the director and staff on handling of the prior year's budget.

Cadet Testing:

The director advised that progress is being made in modernizing the cadet testing process by removing an obstacle for out of state applicants and those with conflicts with our fixed monthly test schedule. The goal is to utilize electronic cadet testing as well as making the option of a web-based live proctored exam available to applicants.

Commissioner Mire commented his belief that these efforts would help with the applicant process. He advised that the department is competing both in and out of state and if applicants participating in the assessment process are able to travel to Baton Rouge after passing the cadet exam it would be a tremendous cost savings to them.

Chairman Simien inquired as to the budgetary impact. The director advised that the agreement being negotiated would cost the Commission a one-time setup fee for the account, training, and continued customer service; however, there would be no additional cost to the Commission. Applicants, should they elect to take the exam using ProctorU, would pay the live proctoring fee of \$30 fee directly through their established account with ProctorU. In person testing in Baton Rouge will continue to be offered without charge.

The director communicated his hope to go live with this feature at the end of the month. Additionally, he advised that once the electronic cadet testing is successful, there is a goal to move away from all paper-based cadet testing and perhaps consider offering cadet testing more frequently.

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On motion duly made by Commissioner Riecke, seconded, and passed; the Commission voted to change the start time of future meetings to 10:00 A.M.

IX. Adjourn

There being no further business, on a motion duly made by Commissioner Riecke, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to adjourn at 11:37 A.M. on Thursday, August 8, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Jason Hannaman, Executive Director

  
Eulis Simien, Jr., Chairman