

MINUTES
STATE POLICE COMMISSION

January 14, 2016

The State Police Commission convened its monthly meeting at 9:00A.M. on Thursday, January 14, 2016, at Office of Management Finance & OMV Building, 7979 Independence Blvd., Suite 208, Baton Rouge, La 70809.

Present were Chairman, Franklin M. Kyle, III, Vice-Chairman, W. Lloyd Grafton, and Members Thomas "T. J." Doss, Donald Breaux, Calvin W. Braxton, and William Goldring. Also present were M. Lenore Feeney and William A. Norfolk, Referees. Member Freddie Pitcher was absent.

On motion duly made and seconded by unanimous vote of the Members present, the Commission voted to *approve* the Minutes from the November 12, 2015, meeting.

Under Opportunity to Address the Commission by Employees or Others, several retired state troopers, represented by spokesman Retired State Police Captain Jesse Scott Perry, who served 24 1/2 years' with Louisiana State Police, appeared before the commission to address some issues that may be relevant to the State Police Commission rules and the regulatory authority State Police Commission has over the classified members in the State Police Service. He stated that this has nothing to do with the (LSTA) Louisiana State Trooper Association or 501 (c) (5), and states this has everything to do with the prohibited political activity of classified members of the State Police Service. Capt. Perry was joined by Retired State Police Lieutenant Leon Millet —known as Bucky, who served more than 20 years with the agency, said the payments were made without the knowledge or consent of the membership and appear to be a violation of the state constitution and State Police Commission rules. Lt. Millet also said he speaks for the many current troopers who have indicated to him they're afraid to come forward about the issue because they're fearful for their careers. Several documents were submitted to the members of the Commission as exhibits. The retired troopers humbly requested the State Police Commission, who has subpoena power, to investigate the payments they claim were made without their knowledge or consent. Lt. Millet thanked the Commission for giving them the opportunity to speak, and referenced Louisiana State Police as one of the most professional organizations in the country, but he believes we should avoid any involvement in politics.

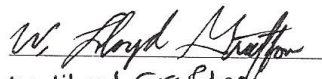
Mr. Franklin M. Kyle, III, Chairman commented it was evident the retired troopers did their research and appreciate it. He also invited Mr. Floyd Falcon, attorney of LSTA the same opportunity to speak if he so choses. Mr. Falcon reports the association is a separate entity of the Louisiana State Police, and the members are in the classified service, but LSTA is not subject to the powers of this Comission. Vice-Chairman Grafton pointed out the Commission is empowered to investigate illegal or questionable activity by the classified members of the State Police Service. In conclusion, Chairman Kyle states this is an LSTA issue at this time - and once their house gets in order, if there is a problem suspected, the Commission will investigate.

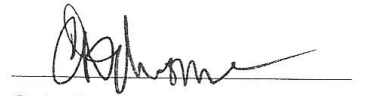
Under Commission business, Cathy Derbonne, Executive Director reports that a Pre-Hearing Conference is scheduled in the matter of Captain Guillory for Tuesday, January 26, 2016, beginning at 10:00 a.m. with Ms. Feeney, Commission's referee. Ms. Derbonne states the Comission received a mid-year budget adjustment of \$11,363 to the existing operating budget. This adjustment was made based on employees not receiving a merit increase for FY 15-16.

The next scheduled meeting of the State Police Commission is Thursday, February 11, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., at Office of Management Finance & OMV Building, 7979 Independence Blvd., Suite 208, Baton Rouge, La 70809.

At the Conclusion of the Commission's agenda, on motion duly made and seconded, by unanimous vote of the members present, the Commission voted to adjourn its meeting at 10:02 A.M.

Respectfully submitted:


W. Lloyd Grafton
Vice-Chairman


Cathy Derbonne, Executive Director