



Actions/Minutes
AGENDA

LOUISIANA STATE POLICE COMMISSION
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018
9:00 A.M.

John Bel Edwards
Governor

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 9:03 A.M. on Thursday, March 8, 2018.

II. Roll Call

Present were Chairman Eulis Simien, Jr., Vice-Chairman Dr. Michael W. Neustrom, Commissioners Nelson Cantrelle, Jr., Brian A. Crawford, Jeffrey Foss, Harold Pierite, Sr., and Jared Caruso-Riecke. Additionally, Commission Referee Lenore Feeney and Executive Director Jason Hannaman were present.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Eulis Simien, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Opportunity to Address the Commission by employees or others concerning items on the agenda

Introduction of New Commissioner: Chairman Eulis Simien introduced Mr. Nelson Cantrelle, Jr.; he is the 7th member of the Commission representing the 2nd Congressional District.

Robert Burns with Sound Off Louisiana appeared before the Commission to comment on the items #2 and #4 of the agenda.

Mr. Leon "Bucky" Millet appeared before the Commission to comment on his belief that his integrity and honesty was called into question at the last meeting by Mr. Floyd Falcon, LSTA legal counsel. Regarding agenda item #4, Mr. Millet noted that Mr. Falcon read from the State Civil Service guidelines on Prohibited Political Activity; however, he did not read the entire excerpt on private organizations.

V. Business

1. Consideration of the February 8, 2018 minutes.

On motion duly made by Vice-Chairman Neustrom, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2018 meeting.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

2. “Consideration of LSPC formally censuring LSTA attorney Floyd Falcon for his commentary entailing retired LSP Trooper Leon “Bucky” Millet at the February 8, 2018 meeting.” – Robert E. Burns (appearance by Robert E. Burns)
No action taken as the matter failed for lack of a motion by any board member.

3. In the matter of Burnell Thompson, III (Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police), Docket No. 17-230:

a. Public hearing

Ms. Michele Giroir, DPS Attorney, appeared on behalf of the Department of Public Safety, Office of State Police. Master Trooper Burnell Thompson appeared in representation of himself in the matter.

The Commission recessed for a break at 10:03 A.M.

The Commission was called back to order at 10:15 A.M. to continue testimony in the matter.

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

On motion duly made by Vice-Chairman Neustrom, seconded by Mr. Pierite, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to go into Executive Session to discuss investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct following the conclusion of the presentation of evidence by both parties.

Roll Call Vote:

In Favor: Chairman Simien, Vice-Chairman Neustrom, Brian Crawford, Jeffrey Foss, Harold Pierite, Sr., Jared Caruso-Riecke, and Nelson Cantrelle, Jr.

Opposed: None

Chairman Simien called the meeting back to order at 11:42 A.M.

- c. Public discussion of appeal and vote

On motion duly made by Vice-Chairman Neustrom, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to uphold the discipline issued by the Appointing Authority.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

4. Discussion of prohibited political activity by classified members of State Police Service

On motion duly made by Mr. Riecke, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to table discussion to the next Commission meeting.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

5. Other Commission Business

No other Commission Business at this time.

VI. Director's Report

- Budgetary expenditure since the last meeting.
 - SPC staff office relocation – The tentative date for the new to the new office building located inside of the Agriculture and Forestry Building will be May 1, 2018.
 - 2018 Promotional Testing – Currently we have 267 troopers registered for the test on May 21, 2018.
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VII. Opportunity to Address the Commission by employees or others concerning items discussed but not previously listed on the agenda and for which prior comment was not received.

Commissioner Crawford recommended adopting a witness card system for speaking on agenda items. He outlined a process and will work with the Executive Director on the rollout of a new process.

VIII. Adjourn

There being no further business, on a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to adjourn at 11:49 A.M. on Thursday, March 8, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jason Hannaman, Executive Director


Eulis Stamen, Jr., Chairman