

MINUTES  
STATE POLICE COMMISSION  
April 21, 2011

The State Police Commission convened its monthly meeting at 9:10 A.M. on Thursday, April 21, 2011 in Class Room 5, Building A, State Police Training Academy, 7901 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Present were Chairman Mark Oxley, Co-Chairman Jason Turner, Members Joseph Cage, William Goldring, Freddie Pitcher Jr., Franklin Kyle, and William Norfolk, Attorney.

On motion duly made and seconded by unanimous vote of the Members present, the Commission voted to approve the Minutes from the February 17, 2010 meeting.

Under Employee Opportunity to Address the Commission. Lt. Jason Starnes, Operational Development, appeared in accordance to Commission Rule 6.29 (Other Compensation) to request approval to provide authorized employees a monthly stipend for cellular telephone voice/data service plans. This program will provide a monthly cellular phone/PDA stipend option for employees in lieu of providing a Department issued phone. A written copy of the plan was provided to the Commission. On motion duly made and seconded by unanimous vote of the Members present, the Commission voted to approve the cell phone allowance program.

Regarding General Circular 156, Repeal of State Police Commission Rule 10.14 (Appeal of Ratings and Re-Ratings), on motion duly made and seconded by unanimous vote of Members present, the Commission voted to approve the repeal of Commission Rule 10.1, with an effective date of April 21, 2011.

Director Cathy Derbonne presented a letter from Colonel Michael Edmonson dated March 23, 2011 requesting that the Commission grant an individual pay adjustment under the provisions of State Police Commission Rule 6.16 for Trooper Michelle Patt. Trooper Patt will be serving as a detailed Sergeant and performing protective services at the Governor's Mansion. The requested pay adjustment would only be effective during the term of Detail to Special Duty in the Sergeant's pay range and would be discontinued immediately upon promotion or movement to another job function other than protective services at the mansion. On motion duly made and seconded by unanimous vote of

Members present, the Commission voted to approve the individual pay adjustment of Trooper Michelle Patt.

The public hearing of Phillip Belone, (Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of the State Police), Docket No. 10-195-S, was called. The Commission received testimony and evidence. Due to time restraints, the Commission voted to continue the remainder of the hearing until May 19, 2011.

Regarding the Appeals of Brandon Poe, Docket No. 10-190-R and William (Jason) Poe, Docket No. 10-191-R, a decision was reached. All members were asked to sign the agreement and forward it to the Director.

Under Commission Business, Director Cathy Derbonne stated that the 2011 Louisiana State Troopers Association Convention will be held July 29 – 31, 2011 at the Hilton in Shreveport. Chairman Mark Oxley urged all Members to consider attending, stating that the convention was an ideal way to meet the Troopers in an informal setting. The Commission will also make a presentation at the LSTA meeting held during the convention.

Promotional test have been scheduled for May 18, 2011 with make-up test being May 26, 2011.

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 12:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Mark Oxley, Chairman

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Cathy Derbonne, Executive Director