



MINUTES/ACTIONS
AGENDA

LOUISIANA STATE POLICE COMMISSION
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017
9:00 A.M.

John Bel Edwards
Governor

STATE POLICE COMMISSION, SUITE 208, SECOND FLOOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT,
FINANCE & OMV BUILDING, 7979 INDEPENDENCE BLVD., BATON ROUGE, LA 70806

I. Call to Order

THE STATE POLICE COMMISSION CONVENED ITS MONTHLY GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING AT 9:00 A.M. ON THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017. PRESENT WERE TROOPER CHAIRMAN THOMAS DOSS, VICE-CHAIRMAN MONICA J. MANZELLA, JARED CARUSO-RIECKE, HAROLD PIERITE, SR., AND EULIS SIMIEN, JR. COMMISSIONER CALVIN BRAXTON, SR. WAS ABSENT. ADDITIONALLY, COMMISSION REFEREE LENORE FEENEY AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JASON HANNAMAN WERE PRESENT.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

CHAIRMAN DOSS LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

III. Opportunity to Address the Commission by Employees or Others

MR. LEON "BUCKY" MILLET APPEARED AND ADVISED:

- HIS BELIEF THAT THE LSP IS NOT ADHERING TO STATE POLICE COMMISSION RULES WITH REGARDS TO TIMELY CONDUCTING INVESTIGATIONS.
- HIS CONCERN THAT THERE IS STILL A VACANT POSITION ON THE COMMISSION AND HE INQUIRED ABOUT THE STATUS.
 - COMMISSION ATTORNEY LENORE FEENEY PROVIDED A STATUS UPDATE ON THE PROCESS TO FILL THE VACANCY AND THE EXPECTATION THAT IT WILL BE FILLED BY THE JULY COMMISSION MEETING.

LT. COL. MIKE NOEL, IN RESPONSE TO MR. MILLET'S FIRST CONCERN, ADVISED:

- IT IS PERMISSIBLE FOR AN EMPLOYEE TO AGREE TO AN EXTENSION OF TIME – IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICE OFFICER'S BILL OF RIGHTS. THE EMPLOYEES IN QUESTION HAVE AGREED TO THE EXTENSION.
- IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE LSP TO COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE SPC RULES AND STATUTES.

IV. Business

1. Consideration of the May 11, 2017 Minutes.

ON MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED, AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED; THE COMMISSION VOTED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 11, 2017 MEETING AS AMENDED.

2. Consideration of a resolution in support of HB 308 (Act No. 71).
ON MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED, AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED; THE COMMISSION VOTED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.
3. Discussion of Office of State Police utilization of various SPC Rules:
 - a. TDY – 8.10(e)
 - 1) ON MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED, AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED; THE COMMISSION VOTED TO ACCEPT THE REPORT PRESENTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND FIND THAT THE AGENCY HAS NOW MADE A GOOD FAITH EFFORT TO COMPLY WITH THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RELATIVE TO TDY.
 - 2) ON MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED, AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED; THE COMMISSION VOTED TO INSTRUCT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO DRAFT A RULE RELATIVE TO LONG-TERM TDY.
 - b. WAE – 4.1(d)1
NO MOTION MADE REGARDING THIS ITEM.
 - c. Detail – 8.10(d)
NO MOTION MADE REGARDING THIS ITEM. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILL DRAFT A RULE RELATIVE TO A RENEWAL OF AUTHORITY FOR SPECIAL DETAIL POSITIONS.
 - d. Probational Extensions – 9.1(f)
NO MOTION MADE REGARDING THIS ITEM.

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED FOR A FIVE MINUTE RECESS.
CHARMAIN DOSS CALLED THE MEETING BACK TO ORDER AT 10:21 A.M.

4. Review of test score data for prior years.
TROOPER DEREK SENTINO APPEARED BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO VOICE HIS CONCERN REGARDING THE TEST. HE ALSO PROVIDED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT IN PREVIOUS YEARS THE OPTION TO KEEP A PRIOR SCORE WAS GRANTED PRIOR TO TAKING A TEST; HOWEVER, THIS YEAR EVERYONE WAS INSTRUCTED TO TAKE THE TEST.

LT. MICHAEL EDGAR APPEARED BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO VOICE HIS CONCERN REGARDING THE TEST. HE PROVIDED DETAILS TO A SPECIFIC TEST QUESTION THAT HE BELIEVES DOES NOT HAVE A VALID ANSWER AND THAT HAS APPEARED ON PRIOR TESTS; THE QUESTION CONTINUES TO BE USED DESPITE BEING BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMISSION. HIS CONCERN IS THAT THE REST OF THE TEST COULD HAVE ISSUES BASED ON THIS EXAMPLE. HE ALSO NOTED THAT SOME QUESTIONS HAD DUPLICATE CORRECT ANSWER CHOICES.

NO MOTION MADE REGARDING THIS ITEM.

5. Consideration of a motion to advise the Executive Director, Jason Hannaman, to keep the 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 promotional exam scores valid for an additional twelve months.

— *Calvin W. Braxton, Sr., Commissioner*

ON MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED, AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED; THE COMMISSION VOTED TO DENY THE EXTENSION OF THE TEST SCORES FOR 2013, 2014, 2015, AND 2016 FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWELVE MONTHS BASED ON THE PREVIOUS INDICATION THAT THOSE SEEKING PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITY WOULD HAVE TO RETEST THIS YEAR.

6. Discussion of response to SPC request that T. Taylor Townsend produce SPC documents that were obtained or generated by him in his role as legal counsel for SPC.

NO MOTION REGARDING THIS ITEM. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WAS INSTRUCTED TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN THE DOCUMENTATION.

7. Other Commission Business

NOTE: THE APPEAL OF TROOPER BURNELL THOMPSON, III WILL BE HELD AT THE JULY 13, 2017 COMMISSION MEETING.

V. Director's Report

- THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPEARED BEFORE THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO MAKE THE CASE FOR NOT CUTTING THE BUDGET FOR THE AGENCY. THE HOUSE REJECTED THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REMOVAL OF THE BUDGET CUT VERBIAGE. AS OF THE DATE OF THIS MEETING, CONSIDERABLE BUDGETARY CUTS ARE STILL BEING CONSIDERED FOR THIS AGENCY.
- COMMISSION EXPENDITURES
- REMINDER OF ETHICS DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS.

VI. Adjourn

ON MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED, AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED; THE COMMISSION VOTED TO ADJOURN AT 10:53 A.M. ON THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,


JASON HANNAMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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THOMAS "T.J." DOSS, CHAIRMAN