



ACTIONS/MINUTES  
STATE POLICE COMMISSION  
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024  
10:00 A.M.

JEFF LANDRY  
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, May 9, 2024.
- II. Roll Call  
Present were Chairman Eulis Simien, Jr., Vice-Chairman Monty Montelongo, Commissioners Mark “Aubrey” Cole, Tony Pierite, Jared Caruso-Riecke, and Oliver Jenkins. Commissioner Ross Bourgeois was absent. There was a quorum. Additionally, Commission Referee Lenore Feeney, Deputy Director Aarika Dorsey, and Executive Director Jason Hannaman were present.
- III. Moment of Silence  
A moment of silence was observed.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance  
Chairman Eulis 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.)  
There were no requests by employees or others to address the Commission on matters on the agenda.
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- VI. Business
1. Consideration of the meeting minutes from March 14, 2024.  
On motion duly made by Vice-Chairman Montelongo, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to adopt the meeting minutes from March 14, 2024.  
In Favor: All  
Opposed: None
  2. In accordance with State Police Commission Rule 13.22, consideration of the Amicable Settlement of Appeal submitted by the parties in the matter of Kevin Ducote (Docket 23-273-S).
    - Discussion of the proposed settlement agreement and presentation by the parties.

Attorney Jason Hessick appeared on behalf of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police. Attorney Mary Ann White appeared on behalf of the appellant, Kevin Ducote.

- Executive Session regarding allegations of misconduct  
On motion duly made by Commissioner Riecke, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to go into Executive Session to discuss issues regarding allegations of misconduct at 10:07 A.M.

**Roll Call Vote:**

In Favor: Vice-Chairman Montelongo, Commissioners Riecke, Cole, Jenkins, Pierite, and Chairman Simien.

Opposed: None

On motion duly made by Commissioner Riecke, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to end Executive Session to discuss issues regarding allegations of misconduct at 10:30 A.M.

**Roll Call Vote:**

In Favor: Vice-Chairman Montelongo, Commissioners Riecke, Cole, Jenkins, Pierite, and Chairman Simien.

Opposed: None

- Consideration and vote on whether to accept the proposed amicable settlement of appeal presented by the parties.  
On motion duly made by Vice-Chairman Montelongo, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to approve the settlement as presented.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

3. Consideration of a resolution for the professional legal services contract for Fiscal Year 2025.

Executive Director Jason Hannaman read the resolution for the professional legal services into the record.

On motion duly made by Commissioner Jenkins, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to adopt the resolution for the professional legal services for Fiscal Year 2025.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

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VII. Director's Report

Monthly Expenditures – The Commission's attention was directed to the Commission's Monthly Expenditure Report, which had been provided for review. There were no questions regarding the report.

Appropriations – The commissioners were updated on the status of the supplemental appropriation underway for the current fiscal year; House Bill 782 unanimously passed the House and was referred to the Senate Finance Committee.

Reporting – The commissioners were reminded that their Tier 2.1 Annual Financial Disclosure Forms are due to the State Board of Ethics by May 15, 2024.

Testing – The Commission was advised that the upcoming Promotional Exam to be held on May 22, 2024. Over 417 registered Troopers will take the Sergeant, Lieutenant, or Captain exam. This is a mandatory testing year.

Cadet Application – The Commission was advised of a new cadet application and management system that is considered a priority for FY26; more information will follow.

LLA – The commissioners were updated about the completion of the financial audit by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor spanning Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024. The official report will be distributed to all commissioners once it is released.

The next regular business meeting is scheduled for 10 A.M. on June 13, 2024.

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VIII. 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.)

A request was received from Carl Brown and Belinda Parker-Brown with Louisiana United International to speak on pending litigation; Hvishi Opa Luksi also appeared and spoke on pending litigation. Rita Mixon McDonald submitted a request to speak and provided details of her interaction with a Trooper following a traffic accident.

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IX. Adjourn

There being no further business on a motion duly made by Chairman Simien, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to adjourn at 10:53 A.M. on Thursday, May 9, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Jason Hannaman, Executive Director

  
Eulis Simien, Jr. Chairman