Action/Minutes AGENDA



LOUISIANA STATE POLICE COMMISSION GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 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 9:09 A.M. on Thursday, June 14, 2018.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Simien led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

Master Trooper Daryl Thomas (Troop B) addressed the Commission relative to item #2 under regular business.

V. Business

1. Consideration of the May 10, 2018 minutes

On motion duly made by Vice-Chairman Neustrom, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2018 meeting.

In Favor: All Opposed: None

2. Requests from the Department of Public Safety for Suspension Pending Criminal Proceedings in accordance with SPC Rule 12.5

Michelle Giror, DPS Attorney, appeared on behalf of the Department of Public Safety (DPS), Office of State Police. Master Trooper Mr. Daryl Thomas (Troop B) appeared in representation of himself in the matter.

- Executive session to discuss allegations of misconduct in the matter of:
 - i. Louisiana State Master Trooper Daryl Thomas Troop B
 - ii. Louisiana State Trooper Wayne Taylor Troop E

On motion duly made by Mr. Riecke, seconded, and passed; the Commission voted to go into Executive Session to discuss allegations of misconduct at 9:35 A.M.

Roll Call Vote:

<u>In Favor</u>: Nelson Cantrelle, Jr., Jeffrey Foss, Vice-Chairman Neustrom, and Jared Riecke.

Opposed: None

On motion duly made by Mr. Riecke, seconded, and passed; the Commission voted to return to Regular Session.

Roll Call Vote:

In Favor: Jared Riecke, Nelson Cantrelle, Jr., Jeffrey Foss, and Vice-

Chairman Neustrom Opposed: None

Chairman Simien called the meeting back to regular session at 9:57 A.M.

• Consideration and vote on the requests

On motion duly made by Mr. Riecke, seconded, and passed; the Commission voted to approve the appointing authority's request to suspend the pay of Master Trooper Daryl Thomas and Trooper Wayne Taylor during the pendency of their criminal proceedings with two (2) stipulations:

- 1. Each trooper shall be allowed to use their accrued compensatory time and annual leave;
- 2. Once either Trooper's annual leave has been depleted to 400 hours; that Trooper may petition the Commission to be placed on administrative leave with pay.

Roll Call Vote:

<u>In Favor</u>: Jared Riecke, Nelson Cantrelle, Jr., Jeffrey Foss, and Vice-Chairman Neustrom Opposed: None

3. <u>Discussion of Subpoenas Requested in the Appeal of Joseph Jones, Docket No. 17-237-S</u>

Lenore Feeney, State Police Commission Referee, advised that the hearing has been set for August 9, 2018, and noted that the majority of subpoenas issued for this hearing are to persons residing in the Monroe area.

On motion duly made by Mr. Riecke, seconded, and unanimously passed, the Commission voted to move the Commission hearing as well as the regular public meeting to a suitable location in Monroe on August 9, 2018.

In Favor: All Opposed: None

4. Consideration of Motions for Summary Disposition filed by Miller, Hyatt and Williams in the Miller/Hyatt/Williams consolidated appeal.

On motion duly made by Mr. Riecke, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to deny Motion for Summary Disposition #1 based on dispute of facts.

In Favor: All Opposed: None

On motion duly made by Mr. Foss, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to deny Motion for Summary Disposition #2 based on dispute of facts.

In Favor: All Opposed: None

On motion duly made by Mr. Foss, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to deny Motion for Summary Disposition #3 based on the fact that there is a dispute as to whether or not there were grounds alleged and whether or not the factual basis for those grounds were undisputed.

In Favor: All Opposed: None

On motion duly made by Mr. Foss, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to deny Motion for Summary Disposition #4 based on dispute of facts.

In Favor: All Opposed: None

The hearing in this matter starts on July 11, 2018 and to continue until concluded.

5. Other Commission Business

No other Commission Business at this time.

VI. <u>Director's Report</u>

- Monthly Commission expenditures have been included in the binder for review.
- 2018 promotional exam: results, as expected, were better than previous years. All three categories noticed an increase for the revised 2018 exam, notably the lowest grades of each exam given showed significant improvements. Critiques from previous exams were considered in the revision process as well as the Commission's decision to remove the written component. Overall, the entirely new 2018 exam received overwhelmingly positive feedback.

Chairman Simien moved that Vice-Chairman Neustrom receive a thank you and round of applause for his service on the Commission. Dr. Neustrom submitted his resignation from the Commission effective July 1, 2018.

VII. 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.)

VIII. Adjourn

There being no further business, on a motion duly made by Mr. Riecke, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to adjourn at 10:19 A.M. on Thursday, June 14, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Hannaman, Executive Director

Eulis Simien, Jr., Chairman