MINUTES/ACTIONS



LOUISIANA STATE POLICE COMMISSION GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023 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

I. Call to Order

The State Police Commission convened its monthly general business meeting at 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, November 9, 2023.

II. Roll Call

Present were Chairman Eulis Simien, Jr., Vice-Chairman Monty Montelongo, Commissioners Mark "Aubrey" Cole, Tony Pierite, and Jared Caruso-Riecke. Absent was Bernell Nevil, Jr. 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.

VI. Business

Consideration of the meeting minutes from October 12, 2023
 On motion duly made by Commissioner Riecke, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to approve the meeting minutes from October 12, 2023.

In Favor: All Opposed: None

- 2. In the matter of Troy Pichon (Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police), Docket No. 23-269-S. Eric Hessler represents the appellant, Troy Pichon. Tunde Animashaun represents the Office of State Police.
 - Public hearing

Attorney Tunde Animashaun appeared on behalf of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police. Attorney Eric Hessler appeared on behalf of the appellant, Troy Pichon.

The Commission recessed for a break at 10:29 A.M.

The meeting was called back to order and the hearing resumed at 10:38 A.M.

The Commission recessed for a break at 12:02 P.M.

The meeting was called back to order and the hearing resumed at 12:32 P.M.

• Executive Session regarding allegations of misconduct

On motion duly made by Vice-Chairman Montelongo, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to go into Executive Session to discuss issues regarding allegations of misconduct at 2:20 P.M.

Roll Call Vote:

<u>In Favor</u>: Commissioners Riecke, Cole, Pierite, Vice-Chairman Montelongo, and Chairman Simien.

Opposed: None

On motion duly made by Vice-Chairman Montelongo, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to end the Executive Session at 3:00 P.M.

Roll Call Vote:

In Favor: Commissioners Riecke, Cole, Pierite, Vice-Chairman

Montelongo, and Chairman Simien.

Opposed: None

Public discussion and possible vote

On motion duly made by Commissioner Riecke, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to find that there was no violation of Procedural Order 1117: Body Worn Camera and In-Car Camera System.

In Favor: All Opposed: None

On motion duly made by Commissioner Riecke, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to find that there was no violation of Procedural Order 238: Use of Force.

In Favor: All Opposed: None

On motion duly made by Commissioner Riecke, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to find that there was no violation of Procedural Order 238: Use of Force Reporting.

In Favor: All Opposed: None

On motion duly made by Commissioner Riecke, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to reverse the 60-hour suspension, award the proper amount of backpay, expunge the Sergeant's record as to the discipline imposed, and award the amount of \$1,500 for attorney's fees.

In Favor: All Opposed: None

VII. Director's Report

The attention of the Commission was directed to the Commission's Monthly Expenditure Report that had been provided for its review. There were no other questions regarding the report.

The commissioners were reminded that their annual Ethics and Preventing Sexual Harassment training courses are due by December 31, 2023.

The next regular business meeting was confirmed for December 14, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

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.)

There was no request by employees or others to address the Commission on matters not on the agenda.

IX. Adjourn

There being no further business on a motion duly made by Commission Riecke seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to adjourn at 3:05 P.M. on Thursday, November 9, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Hannaman, Executive Director

Eulis Simien, Jr. Chairman