



ACTIONS/MINUTES
STATE POLICE COMMISSION
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025
10:00 A.M.

JEFF LANDRY
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 called its monthly general business meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 9, 2025.

II. Roll Call

Chairman Eulis Simien, Jr.; Vice-Chairman Monty Montelongo; Commissioners Mark "Aubrey" Cole, Michael Dubos, Jared Caruso-Riecke, Ross Bourgeois, and Jim Kowalski were in attendance, constituting a quorum. Also present were Commission Referee Lenore Feeney, Deputy Director Aarika Dorsey, and Executive Director Jason Hannaman.

Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Eulis Simien led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. 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.

V. Business

1. Election of Officers – per SPC Rule 2.1(b):

On motion made by Commissioner Riecke, the Commission voted to upend the agenda and move consideration of agenda item #1, Election of Officers, to the last item of business, just before adjournment.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

2. Consideration of the meeting minutes from December 12, 2024

On motion duly made by Vice-Chairman Montelongo, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to adopt the meeting minutes from December 12, 2024.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

3. Consideration of a request from the Office of State Police to establish a new LSP Trooper WAE position to serve as Historian/Museum Curator and maintain a Louisiana State Police Museum at the LSP Training Academy effective January 9, 2025, through September 30, 2025. (Representative of the agency to be available to answer any questions of the Commission).

Louisiana State Police Superintendent, Colonel Robert Hodges, appeared before the Commission to provide additional details about the request. He expressed his views on the importance of the position within the agency. In responding to questions from Chairman Simien and Commissioner Kowalski, Colonel Hodges conveyed that the temporary WAE position will serve as a bridge to the possibility of a full-time position in either the State Civil Service or the State Police Service.

On motion duly made by Commissioner Cole, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commissioners voted to approve the request of the Office of State Police to establish an unclassified LSP Trooper WAE to serve as Historian/Museum Curator effective January 9, 2025, through September 30, 2025.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

VI. Director's Report

- Monthly Expenditures

The Commission was directed to review the Monthly Expenditure Report provided for their consideration. There were no questions.

- May 2025 Promotional Exam

The commissioners were advised that the upcoming May promotional exam will be optional and that the applications and test information will be posted in the coming weeks.

- The next regular business meeting will also be an appeal hearing. The scheduled start time will be 9:00 A.M. on February 13, 2025.
- Executive Director Hannaman recognized Chairman Simien on his final meeting after serving over 8.5 years on the Commission and over 7 years as chairman. Chairman Simien was presented with a plaque acknowledging his years of service.

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.)

Mr. Billy Broussard appeared before the Commission to comment on Governor Landry's declared State of Emergency following the New Year's Day attack in New Orleans.

1. Election of Officers – per SPC Rule 2.1(b):

Chairman:

Vice-Chairman:

Commissioner Riecke nominated Monty Montelongo for the Office of Chairman and Ross Bourgeois for the Office of Vice-Chairman to become effective at the end of the meeting. Commissioner Cole seconded the nominations. There were no other

nominations offered for officers. Without opposition, the Commission elected Monty Montelongo as Chairman and Ross Bourgeois as Vice-Chairman of the State Police Commission to take effect upon the conclusion of the meeting.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Chairman Simien restated his resignation from the State Police Commission for those not present at the December meeting. He expressed his heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity to serve and shared his appreciation for the support he received during his tenure. Reflecting on his years of service, Chairman Simien shared fond memories and expressed pride in the Commission's accomplishments.

VIII. Adjourn

There being no further business on a motion duly made by Chairman Simien, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to adjourn at 10:23 A.M. on Thursday, January 9, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jason Hannaman, Executive Director

Monty Montelongo, Chairman