ACTIONS/MINUTES



STATE POLICE COMMISSION

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025 9:00 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 convened its monthly general business meeting at 9:02 A.M. on Thursday, March 13, 2025.

II. Roll Call

Present were Chairman Monty Montelongo, Vice-Chairman Ross Bourgeois, Commissioners Mark "Aubrey" Cole, Michael DuBos, Jared Caruso-Riecke, James Kowalski, and Stephen Guidry, Jr. A quorum was present. Also present were Commission Referee Lenore Feeney, Deputy Director Aarika Dorsey, and Executive Director Jason Hannaman.

III. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Montelongo 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

1. Consideration of the meeting minutes from February 13, 2025

On motion duly made by Commissioner Riecke, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to adopt the meeting minutes from February 13, 2025.

In Favor: All Opposed: None

2. <u>Consideration of a letter containing a request for recusal submitted by Jill Craft on behalf of Nicholas Gee (Docket 24-275-T)</u>

Jill Craft provided details regarding her reasons for submitting the letter for recusal. Commissioner DuBos responded and advised that no conflict was present that would require a recusal.

• 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 9:20 A.M.

Roll Call Vote:

In Favor: Commissioners Riecke, Cole, DuBos, Kowalski, and Guidry; Vice-Chairman Bourgeois, and Chairman Montelongo.

Opposed: None

On motion duly made by Commissioner Riecke, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to end the Executive Session at 9:40 A.M.

Roll Call Vote:

In Favor: Commissioners Riecke, Cole, DuBos, Kowalski, and Guidry; Vice-Chairman Bourgeois, and Chairman Montelongo. Opposed: None

Public discussion and possible vote

Chairman Montelongo reiterated Ms. Craft's clarification during the agenda item discussion that the filed letter did not constitute a formal Motion. As no formal Motion was before the Commission, no action was taken, and the Commission moved on to item #3.

APPEAL HEARING

- 3. In the matter of Nicholas Gee (Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police), Docket No. 24-275-T. Jill Craft representing Mr. Gee. Juliette Scioneaux representing the Office of State Police.
 - Public hearing Jill Craft, representing Mr. Gee, and Joseph Oubre, representing the Office of State Police, presented the Commission with a Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement. They read the agreement into the record and asked the Commission for favorable consideration.
 - Executive Session regarding allegations of misconduct On motion duly made by Vice-Chairman Bourgeois, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to go into Executive Session to discuss issues regarding allegations of misconduct at 9:44 A.M.

Roll Call Vote:

In Favor: Commissioners Riecke, Cole, DuBos, Kowalski, and Guidry; Vice-Chairman Bourgeois, and Chairman Montelongo. Opposed: None

On motion duly made by Commissioner Riecke, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to end the Executive Session at 10:08 A.M.

Roll Call Vote:

In Favor: Commissioners Riecke, Cole, DuBos, Kowalski, and Guidry; Vice-Chairman Bourgeois, and Chairman Montelongo. Opposed: None

Public discussion of appeal and possible vote
 On motion duly made by Vice-Chairman Bourgeois, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to approve the Settle Agreement presented by the parties.

Following the vote, Chairman Montelongo thanked the witnesses for traveling in anticipation of the hearing, noting that the proposed settlement agreement arrived late afternoon the day prior to the meeting and well after the 24-hour deadline to post the meeting agenda.

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

Commission Expenditures

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

• FY26 Budget Hearings:

The commissioners were advised of the upcoming dates for consideration of the Commission's FY26 budget request and invited to attend the Senate Finance Committee on March 24th and the House Committee on Appropriations on April 1st.

• Ethics Disclosures:

The commissioners were advised that their annual Tier 2.1 financial disclosure forms are due to the Board of Ethics by May 15th.

- The next regular business meeting is set for April 10th at 10:00 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 were no requests 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 Vice-Chairman Bourgeois, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to adjourn at 10:11 A.M. on Thursday, March 13, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Hannaman, Executive Director

Monty Montelongo, Chairman