



## ACTIONS/MINUTES

LOUISIANA STATE POLICE COMMISSION  
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023  
9:00 A.M.

John Bel Edwards  
Governor

Jason Hannaman  
Executive Director

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- I. Call to Order  
The State Police Commission convened its monthly general business meeting at 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, December 14, 2023.
- II. Roll Call  
Present were Chairman Eulis Simien, Jr., Vice-Chairman Monty Montelongo, Commissioners Mark "Aubrey" Cole, Tony Pierite, and Bernell Nevil, Jr. Absent were Commissioners Jared Caruso-Riecke and Oliver Jenkins. 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 Simien led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Commission presented a resolution to State Police Superintendent Lamar Davis for his years of dedicated service to the State of Louisiana.

LSP Colonel-designate Robert Hodges was welcomed and recognized by the Commission.

- 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 November 9, 2023  
On motion duly made by Vice-Chairman Montelongo, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to approve the meeting minutes from November 9, 2023.  
In Favor: All  
Opposed: None

2. Public Hearing to Consider Proposed Changes to State Police Commission Rules as detailed in General Circular No. 234.

Chairman Simien moved to consider all the proposed changes to State Police Commission Rules as detailed in General Circular No. 234 with the exception of the changes to Rules 13.1(l) and 14.3(b); the motion was seconded. There were no comments on the proposed rule changes in Chairman Simien's motion.

The Commission voted to approve Chairman Simien's motion.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Chairman Simien moved to adopt the proposed changes to State Police Commission Rules 13.1(l) and 14.3(b); the motion was seconded.

- Public Comments

Attorney Mary Ann White appeared on behalf of LSTA. She requested that the membership discrimination language not be completely removed from the Commission's rules, more specifically 14.3(b).

Chairman Simien stated his longstanding position that he does not want to take an action that limits the power of this Commission; he confirmed that he always wants to secure and maintain the power that this Commission has to oversee and protect the Troopers. He further stated that the Louisiana Supreme Court, in the Sumrall opinion, is telling us that a classified state police service employee cannot appeal discrimination that is based on participation or membership in a private club or any other basis not listed in the State Constitution. Therefore, to go against the motion would be inconsistent with the Constitution and the Sumrall opinion. If the motion is adopted, the Troopers will still have recourse directly to a district court.

- Consideration of Proposed Changes

The Commission voted to approve Chairman Simien's motion to adopt changes to 13.1(l) and 14.3(b).

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

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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 updated about the completion of the promotional exam that was given in December 2023. They were advised that the next mandatory exam will be held in May 2024.

The attention of the Commission was directed to the ongoing development of a SharePoint Portal for the Commission's administrative staff to better communicate exam and promotional information directly to LSP personnel; this launch is tentatively scheduled for some time in January 2024.



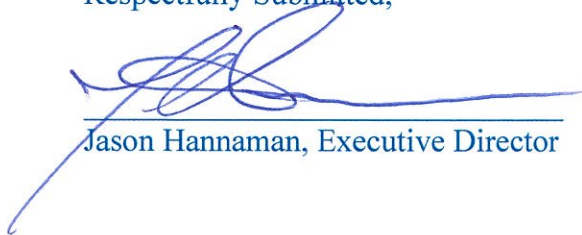
The next regular business meeting was set for January 11, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.

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

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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.)  
There was no request by employees or others to address the Commission on matters not on the agenda.
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- IX. Adjourn  
There being no further business on a motion duly made by Vice-Chairman Montelongo seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to adjourn at 9:24 A.M. on Thursday, December 14, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Jason Hannaman, Executive Director



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Eulis Simien, Jr., Chairman