



ACTIONS/MINUTES
STATE POLICE COMMISSION
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024
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 convened its monthly general business meeting at 10:03 A.M. on Thursday, December 12, 2024.

II. Roll Call

Present were Chairman Eulis Simien, Jr., Vice-Chairman Monty Montelongo, Commissioners Mark “Aubrey” Cole, Michael Dubos, Jared Caruso-Riecke, Ross Bourgeois, and Jim Kowalski. A quorum was present. Commission Referee Lenore Feeney, Deputy Director Aarika Dorsey, and Executive Director Jason Hannaman were also 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

1. Consideration of the meeting minutes from November 14, 2024.

On motion duly made by Commissioner Cole, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to adopt the meeting minutes from November 14, 2024.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

2. Consideration of a motion to Lift the Stay and Return to the Docket the Matters of Carl Cavalier, Docket Nos. 21-256-D, 21-257-S, and 21-261-T.

On motion duly made by Vice-Chairman Montelongo, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commissioners voted to lift the stay and return the matter back to the docket.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

3. Consideration of a motion to Dismiss the Matters as Moot filed by the Office of State Police in the matters of Carl Cavalier, Dockets Nos. 21-256-D, 21-257-S, and 21-261-T.

Attorney Tunde Animashaun appeared on behalf of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police on the motion to dismiss the matter. Attorney David Messina appeared via Zoom in support of a Motion to Dismiss.

- Executive Session to discuss allegations of misconduct
On motion duly made by Commissioner Bourgeois, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to go into Executive Session to discuss issues regarding allegations of misconduct at 10:13 A.M.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Opposed: None

On motion duly made by Commissioner Bourgeois, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to end the Executive Session at 10:23 A.M.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Opposed: None

- Public discussion and possible vote
On motion duly made by Vice-Chairman Montelongo, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to grant the motion to Dismiss the Matters as Moot filed by the Office of State Police in the matters Carl Cavalier, Docket Nos. 21-256-D, 21-257-S and 21-261-T.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

4. Consideration of Referee Order requiring appellant George Harper (Docket No. 21-252-T) to appear and state whether he intends to proceed with his appeal before the Commission or risk dismissal of his appeal if he fails to appear.

Without opposition, Chairman Simien moved to consider agenda items #4 and #5 related to George Harper at the same time.

- Executive Session to discuss allegations of misconduct
- Public discussion and possible vote

5. Consideration of the appeal of George Harper (Docket No. 21-249-RV).
Agenda items #4 and #5 were considered at the same time. Attorney Joseph Oubre appeared on behalf of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police.

- Executive Session to discuss 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 10:27 A.M.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Opposed: None

Recused: Commissioner DuBos

On motion duly made by Commissioner Cole, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to end the Executive Session at 10:36 A.M.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Opposed: None

Recused: Commissioner DuBos

- Public discussion and possible vote
On motion duly made by Commissioner Bourgeois, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to consolidate both appeals of George Harper 21-252-T and 21-249-RV and instruct the Commission Referee to set the appeal for hearing.
In Favor: All
Opposed: None
Recused: Commissioner DuBos

6. Consideration of the ratification of a temporary extension under State Police Commission Rule 8.10(e), authorizing a Temporary Duty Assignment (TDY) beyond 180 days for State Police Sergeant William “Brady” Cook to the Air Support Unit from December 7 through December 12, 2024. This extension was granted by the Executive Director under interim authority pursuant to State Police Commission Rule 3.1 (k).

On motion duly made by Vice-Chairman Montelongo, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commissioners voted to approve the temporary extension under State Police Commission Rule 8.10(e), authorizing a Temporary Duty Assignment (TDY) beyond 180 days for State Police Sergeant William “Brady” Cook to the Air Support Unit from December 7 through December 12, 2024.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

7. Consideration of a request from the Office of State Police for an extension under State Police Commission Rule 8.10(e), authorizing a Temporary Duty Assignment (TDY) beyond 180 days for State Police Sergeant William “Brady” Cook to the Air Support Unit through June 5, 2025. (Representative of the agency to be available to answer any questions of the Commission.

Captain Nick Manale, State Police Captain, appeared on behalf of the Office of State Police to discuss the request to TDY beyond 180 days through June 5, 2025.

On motion duly made by Vice-Chairman Montelongo, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to approve the Temporary Duty Assignment beyond 180 days for State Police Sergeant William “Brady” Cook to the Air Support Unit through June 5, 2025.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

8. In the matter of Belinda Parker-Brown, et al v. Louisiana State Police Commission; Suit # 745576, Docket 26; 19th JDC; Parish of East Baton Rouge; State of Louisiana

- Executive Session to discuss pending litigation

On motion duly made by Commissioner Bourgeois, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation at 10:45 A.M.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Opposed: None

On motion duly made by Commissioner Montelongo, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to end the Executive Session at 11:00 A.M.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Opposed: None

- Public discussion and possible vote

There was no public discussion or vote by the Commission on this matter.

Director’s Report

- Monthly Expenditures

The Commission was directed to review the Monthly Expenditure Report provided for their consideration.

- Annual Training
The Commissioners were advised that their Annual Ethics Training and Preventing Sexual Harassment Training for the calendar year 2024 are due by December 31st.
- The next regular business meeting is scheduled for 10 A.M. on January 9, 2025.

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.)
Chairman Simien informed the Commission of his decision to submit his resignation due to other time constraints. In reflection of his tenure as Chairman since November 2017, he expressed great satisfaction in working alongside fellow commissioners and with the Louisiana State Police for the betterment of the State Police Service. His resignation becomes effective once a successor is appointed to fill his seat.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business on a motion duly made by Chairman Simien, seconded, and unanimously passed; the Commission voted to adjourn at 11:15 A.M. on Thursday, December 12, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jason Hannaman, Executive Director



Eulis Simien, Jr., Chairman