

Louisiana Commission on School and Nonprofit Security

SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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Louisiana Commission on School and Nonprofit Security

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: September 30, 2025

Location: Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness/EOC
7667 Independence Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

1.0. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Sheriff Jayson Richardson, Chair.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

3.0. Roll Call

Roll was called by Mrs. Melissa Murphy.

Attendance:

Member Name	Agency / Organization	Present (✓)	Absent (✓)	Notes
Sheriff Jayson Richardson (Chair)	Louisiana Sheriffs' Association	✓		
Dr. Tia Mills (Vice Chair)	Louisiana Association of Educators		✓	
Mr. Neal Fudge	Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness	✓		Proxy
The Honorable Jack "Jay" Galle', Jr.	House Select Committee on Homeland Security		✓	
Cpt. Justin Berry	Louisiana State Police	✓		Designee
Mr. Jim Craft	Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement	✓		
Mr. Stephen Guccione	LA Department of Education	✓		Designee



Member Name	Agency / Organization	Present (✓)	Absent (✓)	Notes
Chief Brian Adams	State Fire Marshal		✓	
Mr. Ricky Montet	Department of Children and Family Services	✓		Proxy
Ms. Jacie Jeansonne	Rural Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness	✓		Proxy
Mr. Deano Moran	Metro Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness	✓		Proxy
Cynthia Posey	Louisiana Federation of Teachers	✓		Designee
Mr. Mike Faulk	Louisiana Association of School Superintendents		✓	
Mr. Tre Bishop	Legislative Youth Advisory Council	✓		
The Honorable Ed Larvadain III	House Education Committee		✓	Designee
The Honorable Rick Edmonds	Senate Education Committee	✓		
Ms. Caroline Roemer	Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools		✓	
Dr. Janet Pope	School Board Association		✓	
Ms. Leigh Rachal	Louisiana Interchurch Conference	✓		
The Honorable Caleb Kleinpeter	Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security	✓		
Mr. Carl Flores	Louisiana Department of Health	✓		Proxy
Mrs. Shannon Rawson	Non-Public Schools Commission	✓		Designee
Mr. Fabian Blache, Jr.	Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police	✓		



Member Name	Agency / Organization	Present (✓)	Absent (✓)	Notes
Ms. Teresa D. Thompson	Louisiana Emergency Number Association		✓	

More than thirteen members were present, constituting a quorum.

Representing the Commission staff were the Louisiana Commission on Safe Schools Director Mr. Jackie Manton, Mr. Robbie Martin, who coordinated the meeting, Mrs. Melissa Murphy, Mrs. Janice Ihaza, Mr. Jonathan Davis, Mrs. Sarah Theriot, Mr. Scott Johnston, Mrs. Wendy Gill, and Ms. Toniequa Yates, who recorded the minutes.

4.0. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was presented for review.

- **Motion:** To adopt the agenda as presented.
 - **Moved by:** The Honorable Caleb Kleinpeter
 - **Seconded by:** Mr. Carl Flores
 - **Vote:** Ayes – unanimous; Nays – none; Abstentions – none
 - **Action:** Motion carried. The September 30, 2025 agenda was adopted.

5.0. Old Business

5.1. Approval of July 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the July 10, 2025 meeting were distributed in advance for review.

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes as written.
 - **Moved by:** The Honorable Caleb Kleinpeter
 - **Seconded by:** Mr. Jim Craft
 - **Vote:** Ayes – unanimous; Nays – none; Abstentions – none
 - **Action:** Motion carried. The July 10, 2025 meeting minutes were approved.

6.0. New Business

6.1. Updates from LCSS

- **Louisiana Center for Safe Schools – Director Jackie Manton**
Director Manton presented updates on ongoing and upcoming initiatives, including:



- An overview of work conducted over the past three months, including future attendance for conferences and visits to school safety centers in other states.
- Revisions to the LCSS website.
- 2025 LCSS survey questions (new data call)
- Updates on RAVE/Panic button, ANON reporting, Outreach™ rollout (threat assessment)
- FY 26 grant distribution planning
- Emergency operation plan reviews and physical site security assessments
- Final distribution of Stop-the-Bleed kits.
- Closeout timelines for FY 24 grants and completion schedule for FY 25 grants following the December 31, 2025 deadline.
- **Grants – Mrs. Melissa Murphy**

Mrs. Murphy provided the following grant updates:

 - FY 24 grants: in the closeout phase; the reimbursement deadline is September 30, 2025. Approximately \$300,000 remains to be reallocated.
 - FY25 grants: \$2.8 million reimbursed to date; deadlines extended to December 31, 2025; approximately \$2.18 million remains available.
 - FY26 grants: No reimbursement requests submitted to date.
 - Examples of common funded items include fencing, gates, and security upgrades.
- **Threat Assessment – Mrs. Janice Ihaza**

Mrs. Ihaza reported on the following:

 - Overview of the statewide threat assessment Outreach™ initiative (Act 334, 2023), with a target of completing Phase 4 implementation by December 2025.
 - Implementation phases completed with Calcasieu, DeSoto, and Tangipahoa Parishes.
 - Full statewide implementation is projected by May 31, 2026.
 - Summary of focus groups:
 - May/April: 7 groups held, 151 participants, 53 of 69 districts represented.
 - September: 2 groups held, 183 participants, all 69 districts represented.
 - Senate Resolution 119 requests LCSS to develop and implement a system for collecting and reporting aggregated, non-identifiable suicide risk assessment data.
 - The Louisiana Statewide K–12 Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM) Prevention Plan and Advisory Group



goals have been met; the Outreach™ initiative will now lead implementation efforts.

- **Bleed Kit Distribution – Mr. Jonathan Davis**

Mr. Davis reported on the following:

- Approximately 17 kits distributed since the last meeting; fewer than 200 remaining.
- Distribution expected to be complete by next meeting.
- Explained the logistics issue concerning delivering the remaining kits.

- **Anonymous Reporting – Mr. Jackie Manton**

Director Manton provided the following report:

- The program is operating in 756 schools across 56 parishes, with 54 parishes expected to be on-boarded by fall 2025.
- From June 2024 through July 2025: 170 mental health tips and 475 threats of violence were reported.
- From January through August 2025: 1,485 tips were received, resulting in 7 arrests.
- Continued expansion into additional parishes planned.

- **Area Coordinators**

- **Regions 1, 3, 9 – Mrs. Wendy Gill**

Mrs. Gill reported on:

- Livingston Parish School District held functional exercises with law enforcement.
- Washington Parish School District held a collaboration meeting with law enforcement.
- Terrebonne Parish progress toward RAVE implementation.
- Panic button implementation in St. Charles Parish.
- Practice drills conducted by private schools in New Orleans.
- RAVE usage improvements underway in Jefferson Parish.
- Data Call Response: 414/590 reported (71%)

- **Regions 2, 4, 5 – Mrs. Sarah Theriot**

Mrs. Theriot reported on:

- Lafayette Parish School District partnership with the 911 center; all schools undergoing required remapping.



- Pointe Coupee School District completed Phase 2 of ALICE training and will conduct live ALICE activities during October professional development days.
- Pointe Coupee Parish and St. Mary Parishes schools have 100% door buzzers and vestibules installed; St. Mary implemented weapons detection and visitor management systems using LCSS funding.
- Calcasieu Parish School District has on-boarded all schools to RAVE and begun conducting drills; Outreach™ pilot begins October 1.
- St. Martin Parish will participate in Phase 2 of the Outreach™ rollout.
- Vermillion Parish has scheduled a reunification exercise to be conducted in conjunction with community partners.
- Acadia Parish is implementing emergency and visitor management programs using new LCSS funding.
- East Feliciana conducted Run, Hide, Fight and BTAM overview training; full RHF training scheduled for October 15.
- Data Call Response: 240/630 reported (38%)

○ **Regions 6, 7, 8 – Mr. Scott Johnston**

Mr. Johnston reported on:

- Participation in an active shooter exercise with Monroe City Schools (LERN).
- Assistance with RAVE Panic Button testing in Winn and Tensas Parishes (public and non-public schools).
- Identification of training needs for regional districts/schools.
- Conducted monitoring of 2024 LCSS Grants for compliance.
- Assistance with the integration of panic button systems with 911.
- Support for integration of anonymous reporting systems.
- Support for statewide Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management System implementation.
- Safety training for sports and special events.
- Engagement with regional Office of Emergency Preparedness directors.
- Data Call Response: 390/ 473 reported (83%)



6.2. Updates from LA State Police and Fusion Center

- **State Police – Mr. Paul Toups**

Mr. Toups reported on school site safety assessments:

- Four hundred and twenty-one assessments completed.
- Task force initiative to propose legislation requiring assessments every three years (approximately 600 per year).
- Assessment form being redesigned to improve usability, with results feeding directly into the Dashboard.
- Dashboard integration underway with SDMI.

- **Fusion Center – Ms. Olivia Luikart-Doucet**

Ms. Olivia Luikart-Doucet presented statistics on school threats from August–September 2025:

- Seventy total threats reported.
- Sources included law enforcement (17), social media (10), internet sources (22), and Safe Schools (10).
- Majority of threats originated from social media platforms (Snapchat, Instagram, TikTok).
- Seven student arrests were made in connection with these threats.

6.3. Louisiana Youth Advisory Council (LYAC)

Council President Tre Bishop, accompanied by Gigi Frankhouski and Brinkley Bennett, provided an overview of LYAC:

- LYAC consists of 31 high school students statewide who collaborate on policies affecting Louisiana youth.
- LYAC is partnering with Senator Edmonds to establish a school safety task force to research safety issues in schools.
- Key goals include:
 1. Providing input on safety and security features for new or significantly renovated schools.
 2. Ensuring all schools undergo safety assessments every three years by Louisiana State Police.
 3. Ensuring all serious threats are reported to the Fusion Center.

6.4. Additional New Business

There was no additional new business.



6.5. Public Comments

Ms. Leah Rochelle remarked that the work being conducted statewide to improve school safety is impressive.

6.6. Next Commission Meeting Date

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

7.0. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

APPROVED



Appendix A – Action Items Summary

Action Item	Responsible Party	Deadline / Notes
Complete FY24 grant reimbursements and closeouts	Mrs. Melissa Murphy	September 30, 2025
Reallocate remaining FY24 funds (~\$300,000)	Mrs. Melissa Murphy	December 31, 2025
Finalize FY25 grant reimbursement processing	Mrs. Melissa Murphy	January 31, 2026
Begin FY25 grant reimbursement processing	Mrs. Melissa Murphy	Ongoing
Continue evaluation of alternative to Rave Panic Button system	Mr. Jackie Manton	Ongoing
Continue implementation and monitoring of threat assessment system (Outreach™)	Mrs. Janice Ihaza	December 31, 2025
Complete full statewide threat assessment software rollout	Mrs. Janice Ihaza	May 31, 2026
Distribute remaining <200 Stop-the-Bleed kits	Mr. Jonathan Davis	December 2, 2025
Complete 600 school safety assessments (current: 421)	Mr. Paul Toups (State Police)	December 31, 2025
Redesign Louisiana State Police school safety assessment form	Mr. Paul Toups	In progress / Ongoing
Implement dashboard integration for school safety assessment data	State Police & SDMI	In progress
Support statewide implementation of Outreach™ threat assessment system	Area Coordinators	Ongoing

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Toniequa Yates
Louisiana Center for Safe Schools