

Louisiana Commission on School and Nonprofit Security

JULY 10, 2025 DRAFT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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Louisiana Commission on School and Nonprofit Security

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: July 10, 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 10:01 a.m. by Sheriff Jayson Richardson, Chair.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

2.0. 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. Euclid Talley	Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness	✓		Proxy
The Honorable Jack "Jay" Galle', Jr.	House Select Committee on Homeland Security		✓	
LTC Jody Hasselbeck	Louisiana State Police	✓		Proxy
Ms. Rutha Chatwood	Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement	✓		Proxy
Mr. Trey Folse	LA Department of Education	✓		Proxy



Member Name	Agency / Organization	Present (✓)	Absent (✓)	Notes
Deputy Chief Lorre Claiborne	State Fire Marshal	✓		Proxy
Mr. David Matlock	Department of Children and Family Services	✓		
Mr. Noel Bellas	Rural Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness	✓		Proxy
Cynthia Posey	Louisiana Federation of Teachers	✓		Proxy
Mr. Mike Faulk	Louisiana Association of School Superintendents	✓		
Ms. Megan Bella	Legislative Youth Advisory Council	✓		
The Honorable Ed Larvadain III	House Education Committee		✓	
The Honorable Rick Edmonds	Senate Education Committee		✓	
Ms. Caroline Roemer	Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools		✓	
Ms. Ashley Tassin	School Board Association	✓		Proxy
Rev. Michael Ducca	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	✓		
Mr. Mike Knapps	Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police	✓		Proxy
Deputy Chief Phillip Daniels	Louisiana Emergency Number Association	✓		Proxy
Mr. Mark Fontenot	Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association	✓		Proxy



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. Janice Ihaza, Mr. Jonathan Davis, Mrs. Sarah Theriot, Mr. Scott Johnston, Ms. Toniequa Yates, Mrs. Wendy Gill, and Mrs. Melissa Murphy, who recorded the minutes.

3.0. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was presented for review.

- **Motion:** To adopt the agenda as presented
 - **Moved by:** Mike Knapp
 - **Seconded by:** Clay Rives
 - **Vote:** Ayes – unanimous; Nays – none; Abstentions - none
 - **Action:** Motion carried

4.0. Old Business

4.1. Approval of March 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the March 25, 2025 meeting were distributed in advance for review.

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes as written
 - **Moved by:** Mike Knapp
 - **Seconded by:** Lt. Colonel Jody Hasselbeck
 - **Vote:** Ayes – unanimous; Nays – none; Abstentions - none
 - **Action:** Motion carried to adopt the March 25, 2025 minutes

4.2. Updates from LCSS

- **Louisiana Center for Safe Schools – Director Jackie Manton**
 - Provided an overview of work conducted over the past three months, including attendance at the Georgia Safety Conference
 - Acknowledged partnerships with the Louisiana School Resource Officers Association
 - Updated on surveys, grants, dashboards, and contracts related to the Rave Panic Button system
 - Announced reduction of Rave contract from \$1.6 million to \$1 million and ongoing research for alternative systems
 - Reported progress on anonymous reporting tools, including Crime Stoppers and “Go Safe LA”
 - Outlined upcoming initiatives on Outreach™, emergency operations, and grant management
 - Expressed gratitude to staff, Commission members, and partners for continued support



- **Grants – Mrs. Melissa Murphy**
 - FY24 grants: Closeout phase; most reimbursements submitted; extensions granted until August 31, 2025
 - Approximately \$300,000 to be reallocated
 - FY25 grants: \$1.3 million already reimbursed; deadlines extended to December 31, 2025
 - Provided examples of popular funded items for FY26 grant applications (fencing, gates, security measures)
- **Threat Assessment – Mrs. Janice Ihaza**
 - Reviewed goals of statewide threat assessment Outreach™ initiative (Act 334, 2023)
 - Software platform is FERPA/HIPAA-compliant, trauma-informed, and integrates violence prevention protocols
 - Implementation phases underway, with Calcasieu, DeSoto, and Tangipahoa Parishes launching by October 1, 2025.
 - Full statewide implementation targeted by May 31, 2026.
 - Summary of focus groups: 7 conducted; 150 participants; representation from 53 of 69 districts
- **Bleed Kit Distribution – Mr. Jonathan Davis**
 - Over 300 kits distributed since last meeting; fewer than 200 remain
 - Distribution expected to be complete by next meeting.
- **Crime Stoppers – Mr. Jackie Manton (for Ms. Darlene Cusanza)**
 - Operating in 722 schools across 49 parishes, with 54 parishes expected by fall 2025
 - March – June 2025: 170 mental health tips; 424 threats of violence tips reported
 - Continued expansion into additional parishes planned.
- **Area Coordinators**
 - **Mrs. Wendy Gill – Regions 1, 3, 9**
Reported on:
 - Workshops
 - Emergency response planning
 - Campus walk-throughs
 - Trainings for schools
 - Outreach™ efforts



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

Reported on:

- Outreach™ focus groups and pilot meetings
- Pointe Coupee COPS grant
- Go Safe LA system
- Partnerships with 988 Crisis Line

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

Reported on:

- New specialized schools
- Assisting with panic button and anonymous reporting systems
- Transient worker influx in North Louisiana
- Appreciation from rural parishes for FY26 school safety grants

4.3. Updates from LA State Police and Fusion Center

- **State Police – Mr. Paul Toupes**

Reported on school site safety assessments:

- 421 assessments completed since 2020
- Goal: 600 completed by end of year, with legislation forthcoming to require triennial assessments statewide
- Dashboard integration in progress with SDMI

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

Presented statistics on school threats (2024–2025):

- 333 total threats (47% increase from previous year)
- 62% shooting threats; 16% bomb threats; others included unspecified threats and weapons on campus
- Majority reported via social media (Snapchat, Instagram, TikTok)
- 157 student arrests statewide related to threats

5.0. New Business

5.1. Approval of FY26 Grant Awards– Mr. Robbie Martin

- 575 applications received; 445 first-time applicants
- \$26 million requested; \$5 million available
- Top requested items: fencing, access control, cameras
- 117 schools awarded, with distribution across 50 parishes



- **Motion:** To approve FY26 school safety grant distribution.
 - **Moved by:** Mr. Mark Fontenot
 - **Seconded by:** Mr. Euclid Talley
 - **Vote:** Ayes – unanimous; Nays – none; Abstentions: none
 - **Action:** Motion carried

5.2. Legislative Report – Mr. Robbie Martin

- Report required under Act 334 (2023) was submitted May 2, 2025 by Ms. Carla Richard. Copies are available upon request.

5.3. Additional New Business

- Recommendation to coordinate presentations at regional superintendent meetings
- Discussion on proper placement and tracking of tourniquets and AEDs within schools; suggestion to integrate locations into statewide safety software

5.4. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

5.5. Next Commission Meeting Date

The next Commission meeting will be held on September 30, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

6.0. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.



Appendix A – Action Items Summary

Action Item	Responsible Party	Deadline / Notes
Complete FY24 grant reimbursements and reallocation of ~\$300,000	Mrs. Melissa Murphy	August 31, 2025
Finalize FY25 grant reimbursements (\$1.3M submitted to date)	Mrs. Melissa Murphy	January 31, 2026
Continue evaluation of alternative to Rave Panic Button system	Mr. Jackie Manton	Ongoing
Launch threat assessment software in Calcasieu, DeSoto, and Tangipahoa Parishes	Mrs. Janice Ihaza	October 1, 2025
Complete full statewide threat assessment software rollout	Mrs. Janice Ihaza	May 31, 2026
Distribute remaining <200 bleed kits	Mr. Jonathan Davis	Next Commission meeting
Expand Crime-stoppers into additional parishes (goal: 54)	Ms. Darlene Cusanza / Mr. Jackie Manton	Fall 2025
Complete 600 school safety assessments (current: 421)	Mr. Paul Toupes (State Police)	December 31, 2025
Integrate safety assessment dashboard with SDMI	State Police & SDMI	In progress
Incorporate AED and tourniquet location tracking into statewide safety software	LCSS staff / Area Coordinators	Research phase
Coordinate presentations at regional superintendent meetings	Area Coordinators	Fall 2025
Disseminate copies of Legislative Report (Act 334, 2023) to interested members	Mr. Robbie Martin	As requested

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Melissa Murphy
Louisiana Center for Safe Schools