

**Governor's Office of Homeland Security
And Emergency Preparedness
State of Louisiana**

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Louisiana Commission on School and Nonprofit Security - Minutes

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Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) Emergency Operations
Center (EOC)
7667 Independence Blvd
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Call to Order

Louisiana Center for Safe Schools Branch Manager Kelly Parks called the Louisiana Commission on School and Nonprofit Security to order at 1015.

Roll call

Kelly Parks called roll. A quorum was met.

Louisiana Commission on School and Nonprofit Security members present:

1. Executive director of the Louisiana Interchurch Conference: Not Present
2. The Superintendent Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE): Cade Brumley (proxy Michael Comeaux)
3. Executive Director of the School Board Association: Not Present
4. Executive Director of the School Superintendent Association: Not Present
5. Executive Director of the Louisiana of Public Charter Schools: Not Present
6. Chair of Nonpublic School Commission: Not Present
7. Rural Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (OHSEP): Ben Walker (proxy of Dawson Primes)
8. Metropolitan Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (OHSEP): Clay Rives
9. President of the LA Emergency # Association: Richard McGuire (proxy Phillip Daniels)
10. Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP): Jacques Thibodeaux
11. Chair of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security: Jack "Jay" Galle
12. Chair of the House Education Committee: Not Present
13. Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security Caleb Kleinpeter
14. Chair of the Senate Education Committee: Not Present
15. Senate Education Committee: Not Present
16. Superintendent of the State Police: Col. Robert Hodges (proxy LTC Treone Larvadain)

17. Executive Director of Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement: Not Present
18. Louisiana Sheriff's Association: Michael Ranatza (proxy Jayson Richardson)
19. Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police: Fabian Blache, Jr.
20. Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health (LDOH): Not Present
21. Louisiana State Fire Marshal: Bryan J. Adams (proxy Lorre Claiborne)
22. Department of Children and Family Services: David Matlock (proxy Ricky Montet)
23. President of the Louisiana Association of Educators: Dr. Tia Mills
24. President of the Louisiana Federation of Teachers: Larry Carter (proxy Cynthia Posey)
25. Representative for the Legislative Youth Advisory Council: Megan Bella

Guests and Louisiana Center for Safe Schools Personnel Present:

1. Deputy Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP): Neal Fudge
2. Assistant Director of Homeland Security and Interoperability: Euclid Tally
3. Executive Officer of Homeland Security and Interoperability: Thomas Mule
4. Director of the Louisiana Center for Safe Schools (LCSS): Trevis Thompson
5. Branch Manager for the Louisiana Center for Safe Schools: Kelly Parks
6. Louisiana Center for Safe Schools Training Program Coordinator Regions 1, 3, & 9: Wendy Gill
7. Louisiana Center for Safe Schools Training Program Coordinator Regions 2, 4, & 5: Sarah Theriot
8. Louisiana Center for Safe Schools Training Program Coordinator Regions 6, 7, & 8: Leah Tatum
9. Louisiana Center for Safe Schools Anonymous Reporting Program Manager: Brandon Fredieu
10. Louisiana Center for Safe Schools Program Specialist: Yancey Wade
11. Louisiana Center for Safe Schools Program Specialist: Jonathan Davis
12. Director of Stephenson Disaster Management Institute (SDMI): Brandt Mitchell
13. Assistant Director of Stephenson Disaster Management Institute (SDMI): Lauren Morgan

Old Business

- None at this time as this is the first meeting with a quorum of commissioners present.

New Business

- Role and Responsibilities of the Commission- Trevis Thompson
 1. This Commission has been established within GOHSEP to:
 - Study and make recommendations on the security needs of schools and nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terror attacks in Louisiana
 - Make recommendations on the establishment, administration, and funding of a series of grant programs for eligible entities to include security grants covering security personnel, security training, facility hardening, and other necessary security measures
- Election of Commission Chair and Vice Chair- Jacques Thibodeaux
 1. 1031: Motion by Louisiana Sheriff's Association representative Jayson Richardson to appoint GOHSEP Director Jacques Thibodeaux as Commission Chair
 2. 1033: GOHSEP Director Jacques Thibodeaux appointed as Commission Chair by unanimous vote

3. 1035: Motion by GOHSEP Director/Commission Chair Jacques Thibodeaux to appoint Louisiana Sheriff's Association representative Jayson Richardson as Committee Vice-Chair
 4. 1038: Louisiana Sheriff's Association representative Jayson Richardson appointed as Commission Vice-Chair by unanimous vote
- Louisiana School and Nonprofit Security Grant Program (LSNSGP)- Jacques Thibodeaux, Trevis Thompson & Brant Mitchell (SDMI)
 1. Overview:
 - The Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Louisiana School and Nonprofit Security Grant Program (LSNSGP) is focused on enhancing the ability of schools and nonprofit organizations to prevent, protect against, prepare for, and respond to threats of acts of violence on school campuses and terrorist or other extremist attacks. This grant program is part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by the Louisiana Legislature to help strengthen Louisiana's schools and surrounding communities.
 2. Object:
 - The objective of the FY 2024 LSNSGP is to provide funding for security enhancements or measures for schools and nonprofit organizations at risk of threats or acts of violence, terrorist attacks, or other extremist attacks.
 - Opened: April 1st 2024
 - Closed: May 15th 2024
 3. Award Information:
 - Available Funding FY24 LSNSGP: \$5,000,000.00
 - Maximum Award Amount per school: \$50,000.00
 - Approval of Course of Actions for Applications
 1. SDMI Director Brandt Mitchell presents:
 - Grant evaluation process:
 - 40 Points Available for Each Applicant based on following criteria: Background Info, Milestones, Project Description, Project Management, Budget, Impact
 - 10 Conditional Based Bonus Points Available: Documented Threats, National Incident Management System(NIMS) Compliant Emergency Operations Plans (EOP), School Resource Officer, Rave, Anonymous Reporting, Detailed Floorplans, Application <\$15,000, Application <\$30,000, Threat Assessment, Training/Exercise for Active Shooter
 - Options for Award Allocation:
 1. Region Based – Recommended course of action
 - Available Funding Distributed Across Each Region based on Public School Population (only available data across the state)
 - Awards at least one applicant in each parish based on the highest evaluated score
 - The remaining funding awarded to the highest evaluated schools in each region until all available funding is exhausted

- Regions that had more allocated funding than grant dollars requested (Region 1, Region 2, Region 5 and Region 9) had remaining dollars distributed to other regions where requested funding exceeded available funding based on public school population
- Number of Awards: 131
- Percent of Applicants funded: 53%
- Parishes funded: 40
- 2. Highest Evaluated
 - Awards based strictly on quality of the application with no consideration for equal distribution across the State
 - Evaluated Applicants were sorted based on the final Evaluated score of the application and money was allocated to the highest evaluated applicants until all funding was exhausted.
 - Number of Awards: 131
 - Percent of Applicants funded: 53%
 - Parishes funded: 34
- 3. Highest Evaluated and Highest Parish
 - Awards at least one applicant in each parish based on the highest evaluated score
 - Remaining awards based strictly on quality of the application and final evaluated score
 - Evaluated Applicants were sorted based on the final Evaluated score of the application and money was allocated to the highest evaluated applicants until all funding was exhausted
 - Number of Awards: 124
 - Percent of Applicants funded: 51%
 - Parishes funded: 40
- 1107: Committee Chair Jacques Thibodeaux brings forth a motion to award funds via the region based method (option 1), this is approved unanimously.

Open for Additional New Business- Jacques Thibodeaux & Trevis Thompson

1. FY-25 funds allocation:
 - Fund all applicants that did not receive awards for FY-24
 - Immediately gets funding to schools
 - Still allows approximately \$750k for new applications
 - Allows the State to catch up and schools in future years to have a full two year grant cycle
 - Rewards schools that took the initiative to apply for the FY-24 grant
2. The Commission votes to sequentially fund the remaining FY-24 LSNSGP applicants using the allocated FY-25 funds.

Public Comments

No public comments were provided. Below are questions asked by commissioners during this time.

1. Use of Agency-specific acronyms during the meeting
 - Going forward, all acronyms will be spelled out prior to usage.
2. Rubric and grant portal access:
 - The grant portal and associated rubrics will be made available to the Commission Members via SDMI.

3. Regions with low applications:
 - The remaining funds were reallocated to regions with more applications
4. Breakdown of grading criteria in grant:
 - Available on page 7 of Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
5. Future Information Sessions for future Grants
 - The LCSS will host informative sessions to promote future grant opportunities
6. Future of LSNSGP
 - GOHSEP will continue to pursue continued funding with Legislative support in order to ensure the sustainability of our grant programs.

Next Commission Meeting Date

1. Possible dates to be determined: September 17th, 18th, 19th. Date of next meeting TBD at this time due to FY25 funding availability date.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by motion and seconded. Meeting adjourned.