

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE JAMES J. DONELON COMMISSIONER



MEETING MINUTES

LOUISIANA AUTOMOBILE THEFT & INSURANCE FRAUD PREVENTION AUTHORITY

Thursday, August 12, 2022
10:00 am
LDI Hearing Room
1702 North Third Street, Poydras Building
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Members present: Warren Byrd, Rep. Mike Huval, Thomas Jeter, David Marcantel, Barry

Milligan, Chris Styron, Sen. Kirk Talbot, Natalie Brunson-Wheeler

Members absent: David Clements, Renée Free, Lt. Michael Wilkerson

Staff present: Crystal Stutes, Kevin Smith

Special Agent Allen Applewhite (NICB)

Call to Order:

Chairman Warren Byrd called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Old Business:

Approval of April 28, 2022 Minutes: Rep. Mike Huval moved to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2022 meeting. Mr. Thomas Jeter seconded the motion. After allowing for public comment, of which there was none, the minutes were approved without objection.

New Business:

Chairman Byrd introduced Mr. Chris Styron with the Attorney General's office as the newest member of the LATIFPA Board of Directors.

Budget Report (attached): Ms. Crystal Stutes reviewed the LATIFPA Budget Plan for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year updated as of 07/27/22.

Once projected expenditures are complete, we will have spent \$201,638.95 out of our \$227,000 budget authority, which leaves us with \$25,361.05 carrying over into the next fiscal year. This would leave us with \$191,930.34 in the "cash carryover account" (\$393,569.29 in FY21/22 actual collections minus the \$201,638.95 expenditures) for the next fiscal year.



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LPR Installations and Operation Updates - Mr. Kevin Smith gave an update on the installation and operation of various cameras that were in operation under our grants. He advised that State Police and the LDI were still awaiting final review of several new cameras that were being tested for use as LPRs.

Mr. Smith stated that we hope to have Lt. Wilkerson and Sgt. Jonathan Kemp at the next meeting to talk to the board about the new LPRs being reviewed.

Mr. Allen Applewhite then gave the NICB report on the statistics submitted by the LPR grantees.

Marketing and External Affairs – School/Community Events Update: Mr. Smith provided an update on LATIFPA community events (see attached).

Next Ms. Stutes reviewed new ideas for investment of LATIFPA funds (attached).

The board discussed the idea of increasing the media budget in order to increase anti-fraud ads around the holidays. Mr. John Ford, Deputy Commissioner of Public Affairs elaborated on what marketing campaigns may work best regarding time and placement.

The next LATIFPA meeting will be announced later but is expected to be held in November.

There being no other business, Ms. Natalie Brunson-Wheeler moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Barry Milligan seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.