

Subcommittee of the House Committee on Judiciary

Subcommittee Meeting on the Review of Law Enforcement Training
Minutes of Meeting
November 17, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Katrina R. Jackson, chairman of the Subcommittee of the House Committee on Judiciary, called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Katrina R. Jackson, chairman
Representative John H. Bagneris
Representative Chad Brown
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.
Representative Jimmy Harris
Representative Lowell C. "Chris" Hazel
Representative Tanner D. Magee
Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Randal L. Gaines
Representative Valarie Hodges

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lisha Landry, attorney
Diane Merritt, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Michelle Fontenot, division director
Danny Lemming, sergeant at arms

III. OPENING REMARKS

Representative Jackson introduced the subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee on the continuation of the review of law enforcement training, funding, and related matters. She said that

the subcommittee will continue to receive input from law enforcement agencies and local governing authorities.

IV. DISCUSSION

Monica Taylor, Louisiana Department of Justice, community outreach, 1885 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, testified on behalf of Attorney General Landry.

Emily Maw, director, and Kia Hall Hayes, Innocence Project of New Orleans, 4051 Ulloa St., New Orleans, LA 70119, testified on their training in New Orleans with law enforcement officers and detectives.

Karen White, assistant director of governmental affairs, Louisiana Municipal Association, 700 N. 10th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, testified on behalf of the Louisiana Municipal Association and the impact on local governing authorities.

Mayor David C. Butler, II, Town of Woodworth, P.O. Box 228, Woodworth, LA 71485, testified on behalf of local authorities.

Mayor Joey Normand, Town of Brusly, P.O. Box 510, Brusly, LA 70719, testified on behalf of local authorities.

Mike Knaps, Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, 21614 Mac Host Rd., Zachary, LA 70791, testified on behalf of the association. He explained the difficulties with lack of funding, the time frame for training, and continuing education for police officers, especially from smaller municipalities.

Fabian Blache, executive director, Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, 700 N. 10th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, testified on behalf of the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police.

Jim Craft, executive director, Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice (LCLE), 602 N. 5th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, testified on behalf of the commission.

Louis Bry Layrisson, Ponchatoula Police Chief, 110 West Hickory St., Ponchatoula, LA 70454, testified on behalf of Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police.

Janie Jones, president, Ava Shaw Corporation, no complete address provided, testified regarding community oriented policing strategies.

Rev. Alexis Anderson, executive director, PREACH, P.O. Box 67070, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, testified regarding community oriented policing strategies.

Darrell Basco, president, Louisiana Fraternal Order of Police, 1618 Jewell St., Pineville, LA 71360, testified on behalf of the Louisiana Fraternal Order of Police.

Sharon E. Edwards, 2615 Laurel St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, testified regarding community oriented policing strategies for zip code 70802.

Dianne Mouton-Allen, Iantha Martin Woods, and Brenda Hobbs, National Coalition Building Institute, 105 Arbor Dr., Lafayette, LA 70507, testified regarding community oriented policing strategies.

Bob Wertz, section manager, P.O.S.T., Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice, P.O. Box 3133, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, testified on behalf of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice regarding P.O.S.T. certification.

Randy Fontenot, Eunice Police Chief, 300 S. Second St., Eunice, LA 70535, testified on behalf of smaller police departments regarding police training.

Rickey Miller, training director, Lake Charles Police Department, 830 Enterprise Blvd., Lake Charles, LA 70601, testified regarding police training.

James Gonzales, Woodworth Police Chief, P.O. Box 228, Woodworth, LA 71485, testified regarding police training.

Dwayne Rogers, LSUA University Police Chief, 8100 Hwy. 71 South, Alexandria, LA 71302, testified regarding campus police training.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: Two for information only.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

VI. CLOSING REMARKS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katrina R. Jackson, Chairman
Subcommittee of the House Committee on Judiciary