

**Minutes of the Louisiana Sentencing Commission
DOC Headquarters, Building 1
504 Mayflower, Baton Rouge, LA 70802
1:00 p.m. June 21, 2012**

The meeting was called to order Chairman Ricky Babin at 1:07 p.m.

Members Present

Honorable Ricky Babin
Dr. Bobby Gaston (Proxy for Honorable Mike Cazes)
Honorable Mike Cazes
Honorable Louis Daniel
Honorable Laurie White (Proxy for Honorable Lynda Van Davis)
Mr. John DiGuilio (Proxy for Ms. Jean Faria, State Public Defender)
Ms. Debbie Hudnall (Proxy for Honorable Mark Graffeo, Louisiana Clerks Association)
Carle Jackson (Proxy for Mr. Chaney Joseph, Louisiana Law Institute)
Mr. Jimmy LeBlanc, Secretary of Corrections
Ms. Mary Manhein, LSU Forensic Sciences
Honorable Jimmy Gaidry (Proxy for Honorable Michael McDonald)
Rustin Legendre (Proxy for Mr. Robert Mehtens, Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement)
Honorable Helena Moreno
Honorable Ricky Babin (Proxy for Honorable Charles A. Riddle)
Mr. Robert Barkerding

Committee and Advisory Members

Kim Barnette, DOC
Rhett Covington, DOC
Whalen Gibbs, DOC
Melanie Gueho, DOC
Sandra Laborie, 5th Circuit Court of Appeals
Sonya Lars, LCLE
Martha Morgan, OJJ
Genie Powers, DOC
Rob Reardon, Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office
Raman Singh, DOC
George Steimel, LADCL
Vanessa Tom, OJJ
Bob White, Plaquemines Parish District Attorney's Office

Guests

Linda Duscoe, CURE
Sheila Feigley, Private Citizen/Crime Victim
Checo Yancy, LA CURE/Re-Entry
Troy Mims, East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office

Ms. Debbie Rutledge, DOC

I. Roll Call

- a. Roll Call was taken by Opal West, LCLE

II. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved

Motion by Jean Faria

Second by Judge Daniels

IV. Crime in LA:

- a. Carle Jackson presented an overview of crime trends in the state.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Front End – the front end committee did not met. The committee will resume in July.

1. Two statutes identified for review which are R.S. – 14:110 (Simple Escape) and R.S. – 14:98 (DUI). Chairman Ricky Babin suggested inviting MADD to attend.

2. The judicial education program is in further development and a sentencing resource book is being created for use by the judiciary

- b. Release Mechanisms Committee

1. Judge Edwards conducted a class on the new Administrative Sanctions

2. Home Incarceration/Deferred Sentences will be analyzing the data from the counts to develop a clean picture of current resources and practices prefatory to the development of recommendations.

- c. SOAP – better legislature about monitoring and treatment

- d. Re-Entry and Evidence Based

1. Work – Release has not met. There focus will be matching the offender with appropriate services.

2. Substance Abuse – survey results are being compiled. This was given out at the Louisiana Sheriff's Association.

- e. Research and Technology Committee – sending link to committee of legislative changes

- f. BJA – VERA Institute

1. Need an oversight committee to apply for funds

2. Secretary LeBlanc motioned to appoint an oversight committee. Judge White volunteered to serve on the committee.

VII. Other Business – Review of the legislative session highlighting legislation related to Commission recommendations; the creation and modification of criminal statutes and changes that affect sentencing. There will be more discussion about collateral consequences of conviction, employer incentives, and occupational licenses during the 2013 term.

A motion was made for adjournment of the meeting by Mr. John DiGuillio and seconded by Honorable Mike Cazes.

