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GOVERNOR

Euclid Talley
CHAIRMAN

APPROVED - MEETING MINUTES
August 6, 2025

The Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) met on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at the State Emergency Operations Center, located at 7667 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, and via Teleconference.

I. Call to Order
   A. Chairman Euclid Talley called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

II. Roll Call
   A. GOHSEP, Jake Chatfield, conducted the SIEC roll call and a quorum was established.

   B. The following SIEC members were present or absent as noted:

Committee Members Present	Representing Agency
Euclid Talley - Assistant Deputy Director (ADD) of Homeland Security & Interoperability Division	Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP)
Stephen Cockerham –Designee for Adjutant General of the Louisiana National Guard	Louisiana National Guard
Bill Vincent, Secretary/Treasurer APCO Lafayette Parish Communications District (Ret.)	Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO)
Jeb Tate Director, IT & Telecommunications, Jefferson Parish Government	Region 1
Billie Metz Giroir, DPTY Chief Civil Deputy, West Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office	Region 2
Conrad Baker, CPT Technology/911 OPS Center St. John Parish Sheriff's Office	Region 3
Stacey Blanchard, CPT Assistant Director, St. Martin Sheriff's Office/OHSEP	Region 4
Richard McGuire- Executive Director	Region 5

Committee Members Present	Representing Agency
Calcasieu Parish Communications District	
Doyle Dempsey- Support Bureau / Asset Management Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office	Region 7
Robert "Bobby" Moore, Fire Chief, Ouachita Parish Fire Department	Region 8
Charles Schlicher- Executive Director Tangipahoa Water District	Region 9
David Adkins, LT – Designee of Jayson Richardson	Louisiana Sheriff's Association
Bryan Champagn, Chief Lafayette Fire Department	Louisiana Fire Chief's Association
Derrick Sentino, LT- Director of LSP Mobility & Communication Services (MCS)	State of Louisiana Department of Public Safety & Corrections, Public Safety Services, Louisiana State Police (DPS)
Jason Lionberger- Emergency Response Specialist	Regional Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Director's Committee
Bryan Zeringue, Chief Thibodaux Police Department	Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police

Committee Members Absent	Representing Agency
Ellis Boothe Parish Director	Region 6
Robert Daughdril Emergency Preparedness Coordinator	Louisiana Ambulance Alliance
Christine Verdin	Governor's Office of Indian Affairs

III. Chairman's Report
A. Chairman Euclid Talley began by thanking the members for attending the meeting.
B. Interoperability Program Manager, Jake Chatfield updated the board on the status of the SIEC Subcommittees and requested more volunteers for individual subcommittees.

I. Unfinished Business

A. Jake Chatfield presented the complete breakdown for the Tangipahoa Tower site lease proposal. Currently the state lawyers are negotiating the tower contract. The current lease is up at the end of August. The state has purchased $638,000 for equipment, and Tangipahoa has paid approximately $245,000 for additional equipment for the tower site. Sheriff Jayson Richardson noted that beyond equipment and fund towers, this is a multimillion dollar project. Sheriff recommended the state negotiates all contracts that the state funds. The board agreed that going forward their needs additional language to contract the right to negotiate. Jake Chatfield explained the average lease for LWIN towers that is funded by the state is approximately $17,000, but the Tangipahoa Tower lease is $36,000. Sheriff Jayson Richardson made the motion to pay the lease, and Euclid Talley second the motion. Motion carried.

B. Jake Chatfield presented the contract proposal financial data showing the proposed 5 year contract for a total $56,605,092 for 2026 to 2030. Neal Fudge explained that the contract included 2 SUA's. The SUA's cannot be installed until the Louisiana Ethernet project is completed, but the project is currently 2 years behind. The board discussed the hardware changes with SUA's, software mitigation, etc. Richard McGuire made the motion to approve the 5 year contract, and Sgt. Steven Cockerham second the motion. Motion carried.

C. Jake Chatfield presented the breakdown for Youngsville tower site. So far the state has spent $740,000 on equipment, and the parish is requesting another $829,000 for generator and shelter plus $2250 monthly lease payment ($27,500 annual). Sgt. Steven Cockerham questioned why the state would put up more money. Vernon McFadden disclosed that initially the parish had a generator and shelter, but after site walk around it was found not to be sufficient for the tower. The board discussed expectations from the state and parishes when approving a tower site. Bill Vincent and Bryan Champagn of Lafayette Parish agreed to accept a temporary solution until the tower additions, and building can be appropriately funded. Vernon McFadden noted the temporary solution may not be available until September pending storms, or events effecting the state. Bill Vincent preferred the tower trailer over the water tower option to ensure effective coverage to perspective area. Michael Allison recommended to the committee that proper adherence to state procurement processes, legal review, bidding financial review and legislative budget review. Bill Vincent made the motion for the temporary solution for coverage to the area. Sheriff Jayson Richardson second the motion. Motion carried.

II. Public Comments
No public comments.

III. Next Quarterly Meeting

Chairman Euclid Talley advised the committee that without objection, the next quarterly meeting of the SIEC would be October 15, 2025 at 1:30 PM, in person at the GOHSEP's EOC. There were no objections.

IV. Adjournment

Sgt. Steven Cockerham made a motion to adjourn, and Conrad Baker send the motion. The SIEC voted unanimously to adjourn at 2:22 pm.