

**Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee**  
**State of Louisiana**

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**Jeff Landry**  
GOVERNOR



**Euclid Talley**  
CHAIRMAN

**APPROVED - MEETING MINUTES**

July 22, 2025

The Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) met on Wednesday, January 22, 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 1:34 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:

<b>Committee Members Present</b>	<b>Representing Agency</b>
<b>Euclid Talley</b> - Assistant Deputy Director (ADD) of Homeland Security & Interoperability Division	Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP)
<b>Jesse Barth</b> –Designee for Adjutant General of the Louisiana National Guard	Louisiana National Guard
<b>Bill Vincent</b> , Secretary/Treasurer APCO Lafayette Parish Communications District (Ret.)	Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO)
<b>Billie Metz Giroir, DPTY</b> Chief Civil Deputy, West Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office	Region 2
<b>Conrad Baker, CPT</b> Technology/911 OPS Center St. John Parish Sheriff's Office	Region 3
<b>Stacey Blanchard, CPT</b> Assistant Director, St. Martin Sheriff's Office/OHSEP	Region 4
<b>David Benada</b> - Calcasieu Sheriff's Office Designee for Richard McGuire	Region 5
<b>Ellis Boothe</b> Parish Director	Region 6

<b>Committee Members Present</b>	<b>Representing Agency</b>
<b>Amp Pope</b> – Designee for Doyle Dempsey	Region 7
<b>Robert “Bobby” Moore</b> , Fire Chief, Ouachita Parish Fire Department	Region 8
<b>Michael “Mike” Moore, SGT</b> Canine & Patrol Division Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff’s Office	Region 9
<b>David Adkins, LT</b> – Designee of Jayson Richardson	Louisiana Sheriff’s Association
<b>Bryan Schampagn, Chief</b> Lafayette Fire Department	Louisiana Fire Chief’s Association
<b>Derrick Sentino, LT-</b> Director of LSP Mobility & Communication Services (MCS)	State of Louisiana Department of Public Safety & Corrections, Public Safety Services, Louisiana State Police (DPS)

<b>Committee Members Absent</b>	<b>Representing Agency</b>
<b>Jeb Tate</b> Director, IT & Telecommunications, Jefferson Parish Government	Region 1
<b>Jason Lionberger-</b> Emergency Response Specialist	Regional Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Director’s Committee
<b>Robert Daughdril</b> Emergency Preparedness Coordinator	Louisiana Ambulance Alliance
<b>Bryan Zeringue</b> , Chief Thibodaux Police Department	Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police
<b>Christine Verdin</b>	Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs

### III. Approval of Minutes

- A. Ellis Boothe made a motion to approve the February 19, 2025 and April 30, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Billie Mertz seconded the motion. The SIEC voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2024 meeting.

**IV. 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 states Motorola contract. Also, updated the committee on the recent Commercial Carriers Group meeting and COMEX Green Wizard.
- C. Statewide System Maintenance Report – Fefe Franklin with the DPS Radio Communications Section provided detailed information about the LWIN system. This presentation is available on the SIEC Website under the Meeting Minutes link.

**V. Advisory Committee Reports**

- A. Budget and Finance  
Laura Beth provided detailed information about the FY2026 Budget proposal.
- B. Technical  
No updates.
- C. Policy and Planning  
No updates.
- D. Training and Outreach  
No updates.

**II. Unfinished Business**

- A. Julio Peck from LSP discussed the status of the Ethernet Project was going along with the updated timeline. This presentation is available on the SIEC Website under the Meeting Minutes link.
- B. Jake Chatfield discussed the status of Youngsville tower site, and inquired what is pending for the site. Bill Vincent detailed the site needs of a generator and building for equipment followed by a motion to fully fund the entire project, and demanded immediate vote from the SIEC Board. When asked for any financial documentation for the project Bill Vincent was unable to provide any documentation, but still demanded a vote. Subsequent discussion lead to a substitutionary motion by Bobby Moore to table the motion until the board had more financial information along with documentation from Motorola. Conrad Baker second the motion by Bobby Moore and the vote was passed with 01 Nay vote from the board.

**III. New Business**

- A. Euclid Talley discussed Governor's Landry GUMBO 2.0 that allows. Distributions of \$1.35 billion in funding to support broadband access throughout the state. Detailing the initiative will expand broadband services into rural areas and eliminating the digital divide in the state. Euclid encouraged board members to volunteer for the Broadband Subcommittee.

- B. Jake Chatfield presented the list of SIEC Subcommittee members and request volunteers for each subcommittee. Discussed the subcommittees will be holding more regular meetings than in the past.
- C. Jake Chatfield discussed the recent fiber outages that have caused large scale outages. Jake Chatfield asked for suggestions from the board on what they are doing to back up their communication systems, and asked what issues the regions have been experiencing.
- D. Aaron Richards from BEARCOM detailed the status of Houma tower site. Houma has decided to build on the Houma Sheriff Office property, and they have agreed on the tower design. Houma is paying for the entire project.

#### **IV. Public Comments**

Chief of Bossier City Police, and the Fire Chief of Bossier City requested an official coverage tests done for the entire parish due to a lack of coverage from the LWIN towers in that area. They detailed the technical issues they have with their emergency services responding to incidents and not having the appropriate radio coverage to safely conduct the mission. LSP has taken note and will send a team up there immediately to conduct a parish wide coverage assessment.

#### **V. Next Quarterly Meeting**

Chairman Euclid Talley advised the committee that without objection, the next quarterly meeting of the SIEC would be October 22, 2024 at 1:30 PM, in person at the GOHSEP's EOC. There were no objections.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

Ellis Boothe made a motion to adjourn. The SIEC voted unanimously to adjourn at 2:50 pm.