



# State of Louisiana

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## STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

The Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) met on Wednesday, December 6, 2006, at the Claiborne Building Conference Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 1-153 Iowa Room, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Committee Chair Mr. Rizwan Ahmed called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. The roll was called by Ms. Lorita Ford, Support Staff for the Committee, and a quorum was established.

### Committee Members Present:

Rizwan Ahmed (Chair)

Chief Robert Black  
Arnold Chauviere  
Wendell Fontenot (for Freddy Drennan)  
Joe Drago  
Michelle Fontenot

Heyward Jeffers

Lt. Colonel Robert Morris  
Camille S. Perry  
Pat Potier  
Lt. Colonel Brian Spillman  
Richard Tannehill (for Col. Eric Sivula)  
Curry Johnson (for Rep. Francis Thompson)

Colonel Henry Whitehorn  
Mark Johnson (for Col. Jeff Smith)

### Representing Agency:

Division of Administration &  
Office of Information Technology  
LA Fire Chief's Association  
LA Public Service Commission  
Police Chief's Association  
Dept. of Transportation/Development  
LA House of Representatives Committee  
on Administration of Criminal Justice  
LA Senate Select Committee on  
Homeland Security  
LA National Guard  
LA State Senate Judiciary B Committee  
Dept. of Health & Hospitals  
Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries  
Dept. of Public Safety/Corrections Services  
LA House of Representatives Special  
Committee on LA Homeland Security  
LA State Police  
GOHSEP

### State/Parish Agency Representatives Present:

Ed Day (for Tommy Thiebaud)  
Eric Deroche  
Clay Henry

Region 9 Washington OHSEP  
Region 3 Assumption/St. James OHSEP  
Region 4 Iberia OHSEP

Richard Gremillion

Regional Parish Homeland Security &  
Emergency Preparedness Directors Committee

Robert Mehrstens (for Michael Ranatza)

La Commission of Law Enforcement

Donald Milligan (for S. Wiley-Gremillion)

Region 6 Rapides OHSEP

**Support Staff Present:**

Diane Didier (LA Board of Regents)

Lorita Ford (LA Division of Administration/OES)

**Guest List  
See Appendix**

**Approval of the Minutes of November 15, 2006**

On motion of Mr. Heyward Jeffers, seconded by Chief Robert Black, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 15 meeting.

**Presentation by Louisiana National Guard for SIEC Planning Group**

Capt. Jim Williams with the Louisiana National Guard provided the results of the November 16-17 whiteboard session and proposed an interim solution that provides statewide interoperable voice communications. Based on the comparison of the courses of action, it was agreed upon that the IP based solution would be the best interim solution for interoperability.

**Louisiana Interoperability Communications Fund**

Mr. Rizwan Ahmed shared a breakdown of the funding request submitted to Governor Blanco's special session. He also shared the contents of a legislative package assembled by Mr. Heyward Jeffers for presentation to the Governor.

**On motion of Chief Robert Black, seconded by Mr. Richard Gremillion, the Committee voted to accept the funding breakdown as a short-term solution. Motion carried.**

### **Update on Gulf Coast Summit**

Ms. Diane Didier gave a brief update on the Gulf Coast Summit and distributed “Save the Date” cards to committee members, and additional cards to be mailed to “interested parties.” She also distributed The Workshop Proposal and noted that the proposal deadline date had been extended to December 15, 2006. Ms. Didier reminded the committee that online registration is available at <http://summit.gsrcpi.org>.

### **New Business**

The committee further discussed and voted on the following motions:

- § **On motion of Lt. Col. Robert Morris, seconded by Mr. Heyward Jeffers, the Committee voted unanimously that the SIEC support the Cyren Call Initiative and the SIEC draft a letter to the Louisiana delegation to support this initiative in Washington.**
- § **On motion of Mr. Heyward Jeffers, seconded by Chief Robert Black, the Committee voted unanimously that the SIEC amend the first responder definition adopted June 28, 2006 to include “National Guard.”**
- § **On motion of Lt. Col. Robert Morris, seconded by Lt. Col. Brian Spillman, the Committee voted unanimously that the SIEC accept LATIE Goal 1 for coverage of the statewide interoperability system and establish these goals as a requirement for the baseline for selecting a statewide communications system.**
- § **On motion of Lt. Col. Robert Morris, seconded by Richard Gremillion, the Committee voted unanimously that the “Policy and Procedures” committee develop standardized Memorandum of Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding/ Service Level Agreement that establish a service baseline provided by the statewide interoperable communications system and establish duties, responsibilities and tasks for all involved parties.**
- § **On motion of Lt. Col. Robert Morris, seconded by Col. Henry Whitehorn, the Committee voted unanimously that the SIEC, in reference to R.S. 29:729 section E(15).(c).(vi). recommend that GOSHEP, in times of emergency or contingency, has the responsibility in establishing the communications link to the regional level and that the regions have responsibility in establishing the link down to the parish level.**

After briefly discussing the SIEC meeting schedule for 2007, the committee agreed to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month for the first quarter of 2007. The dates are: January 10 and 24, February 14 and 28, and March 14 and 28.

Col. Whitehorn suggested that the committee members familiarize themselves with the interoperability document “Strategies for States to Achieve Public Safety Wireless Interoperability” published by the National Governor’s Association Center for Best Practices. The document can be viewed on line at the following link: [www.nga.org/Files/pdf/0903INTEROP.pdf](http://www.nga.org/Files/pdf/0903INTEROP.pdf).

### **Special Presentations**

Representatives from Unisys, Mr. Steve McNally, Mr. John Curley and Ms. Cynthia Hall shared a video presentation with members of the SIEC. A question and answer session followed.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to be discussed, Mr. Rizwan Ahmed adjourned the Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee meeting at approximately 4:20 p.m.

**APPENDIX  
GUEST LIST  
December 6, 2006**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
Cynthia Hall	Unisys
John Curley	Unisys
Steve McNally	Unisys
Richard Silverman	DEQ
Vandra Fields	LANG, SIEC
Nolan Fletcher	LANG, SIEC
Jim Williams	LANG, SIEC
Dennis Savoie	Sphere Consulting
Paul Singh	E F Johnson
Joseph Livingston	OTM
Robert Hale	LSU Police
Brett Brock	CISCO
J. Lou Alesich	Motorola
Dennis Lowe	FileNet/IBM
Cathy Trenkle	NELA
Gary Peters	Region 8
Dennis Blackwell	Motorola
Andrew Muhl	Governor's Office
Jason Brown	