Capital District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.
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Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2026

Opening

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Capital District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc. was called to order at 12:00 pm. on October 7, 2026 at Big Mike's Sports Bar and Grill located at 123 Aspen Square, Denham Springs, LA by Honorable Scott Perrilloux.

Members in Attendance

Ms. Tracey Barbera
Asst. Chief Chris Becnel
Major Jeffery Bergeron
Sheriff Jeff Bergeron
Deputy Craig Berteau
Major Ben Bourgeois
Chief Zathan Bouton
Chief Cedric Burise
Sgt. Craig Dunn
Mr. Jonny Dunnam
Chief Criminal Deputy Charles Dupuy
Mr. Rusty Fornea
Lt. Col. Frank Francois
Chief Lendrick Francois
Major Kevin Garig
Chief Chris Green
Judge Louise Hines
Honorable Scott Perrilloux
Deputy Michael Rankin
Sgt. Larry Sagely
Lt. Jeremy Stanley
Cap. Paul Steagall
Sheriff Brian Spillman

Members Not in Attendance

Ms. Elizabeth Authement
Mr. Briant Beard
Mr. Brad Cascio
Deputy Chief Myron Daniels
Mr. Sam D'Aquilla
Judge Elizabeth Engolio
Chief Stephen Engolio
Chief Michael Kazerooni
Ms. Nedi Morgan
Deputy Mitchell Murphy
Sgt. Donald Payne
Asst. Chief Leland Sykes
Sheriff Rene' Thibodeaux

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 26, 2026 meeting were submitted to each Board Member via email for review. A motion was made to accept by Chief Charles Depuy and seconded by Sheriff Jeff Bergeron. The motion was unanimously approved.

Financial Reports

The Capital District Financial Reports and Grant Reports were emailed to each board member for review as shown in the attachment. Dawn Hawkins indicated that the Financial Reports were a draft only as Melissa Thies is closing out the fiscal year. Ms. Hawkins will send out a finalized report when Ms. Thies has completed her close out for the fiscal year. There were no questions or concerns regarding the Reports. A motion to accept the Reports was made by Sheriff Brian Spillman and seconded by Chief Ced Burise. Motion unanimously carried.

Old Business

The Capital District Policies and Procedures Manual was updated and emailed to each board member as shown in the attachment. A motion was made to accept the revisions made in the Policies and Procedures Manual by Sheriff Brian Spillman and was seconded by Major Ben Bourgeois. The motion was unanimously approved.

LCLE Project Monitoring Visit - VOCA Administrative Funds, Project #8825 follow up was presented by Ms. Dawn Hawkins. The Monitoring Visit was completed on September 21, 2026. No deficiencies were noted as shown in the attachment.

New Business

A recommendation was made by the Executive Board to open a checking account for FY26 CPF BJA Earmark. This account will be used to manage and distribute funds for the FY26 BJA Earmark, O-BJA-2026-172640. Minutes are needed to reflect approval from the Board to open a new account. Authorized signors for this account are Honorable Scott Perrilloux-Board President, Judge Elizabeth Engolio-Vice President, Mrs. Tracey Barbera-Secretary/Treasurer and Dawn Hawkins-Executive Director. The motion was made to accept the opening of this checking was made by Sheriff Jeff Bergeron and was seconded by Chief Charles Dupuy.

Capital District received $217,984 in FY26 VAWA/STOP funds. $108,992 for prosecution and $108,992 for law enforcement. Eight total requests were received, all continuations. The Executive Board recommends allocating as seen on the attached spreadsheet. A motion to allocate was made by Sheriff Jeff Bergeron and seconded by Sheriff Brian Spillman. Motion passed by call of the roll call vote.

The following abstained from voting on their respective agencies: Ms. Tracey Barbera - 19th JDA; Mr. Scott Perrilloux - 21st JDA; Deputy Craig Berteau - Ascension PSO; Major Ben Bourgeois - Livingston PSO and Lt. Col. Frank Francois – Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office.

The next meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn by Major Ben Bourgeois and seconded by Sheriff Brian Spillman. The meeting was adjourned by Honorable Scott Perrilloux.

Minutes submitted by: Mary Purpera, Administrative Assistant