

## Meeting Details

Date: Friday, October 25, 2024

Time: 11:15 AM

Location: Lake Charles, Louisiana

Meeting Called to Order by: Leticia Ware

Welcome: President Lisa Jackson

Prayer: Chris Crawford

Roll Call: Regina Rinaldi

Meeting Minutes

### Financial Report

•The financial report was deferred to the next meeting due to the absence of Treasurer Tyra Mayeux, who was unable to attend because of the passing of her father.

**Motion to defer the financial report to the next meeting:**

**Made by: Tyrone Alexander**

**Seconded by: Carl Lanham**

### New Business

•2024 Financial Closeout Report presented by Past President Jason Jones:

•Provided a list of all officers and their payment status, as well as a summary of all conference transactions.

•Account transition occurred in March 2024.

•Financial Summary:

•Beginning balance (including seed money): \$20,691.19

•Account balance as of July 1, 2024: \$45,948.69

•Account balance as of August 1, 2024: \$27,848.12

•Current balance as of October 25, 2024: \$23,108.12 (including seed money).

•Jason Jones provided a check for \$4,200.00 (2025 membership dues) to President Lisa Jackson, leaving an additional \$2,416.93 to support next year's conference. He also transferred the checkbook to President Jackson.

**Motion to accept the financial closeout report:**

**Made by: Carl Lanham**

**Seconded by: Melissa Sweeney**

•Melissa Sweeney suggested that the treasurer send reminder emails about membership fees, particularly for individuals who may not attend the conference.

### Training Center Update

•Report by Randy Aguiard:

- 26 new D.A.R.E. Officers graduated in August 2024, with one recertification.
- Two new agencies joined the Louisiana D.A.R.E. Officers Association (LDOA).
- Emails regarding workbooks will be sent out soon.
- A 20% funding cut was received in September due to various reasons, including non-compliance and officer turnover in some departments.
- Melissa Sweeney asked whether the funding cut was linked to officer compliance issues. Randy explained that departments sometimes lose funding when officers leave or are reassigned.

### **Other Business**

- 2025 Annual Conference Details:
- Dates: July 15–18, 2025
- Location: Higgins Hotel, New Orleans
- Conference Chairs: Mandy Sciortino and Carley O’Gwynn
- Parking fees will be included in registration, with the following negotiated rates:
- Room rate: \$145.00 per night
- Parking: \$40.00 per day (including marked units)
- All conference events, except family night and the shooting competition, will be held at the hotel.
- Family night: Located approximately 25 minutes from the hotel.
- Shooting competition: Hosted at the St. Bernard Parish Sheriff’s Office outdoor range.
- Due to hotel policies, external food vendors will not be allowed, and catering costs are estimated at \$54.00 per person.

**Motion to allocate the additional \$2,416.93 to support the 2025 Annual Conference at the discretion of President Lisa Jackson:**

**Made by: Tyron Alexander**

**Seconded by: Heather Brown**

### **Next Meeting**

Date: January 17, 2025

Location: Baton Rouge, Louisiana (Venue TBD)

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

Made by: Carl Lanham

Seconded by: Jason Hunt

**Meeting Adjourned at: [12:00PM]**