

# Commission on Streamlining Government

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

October 27, 2009  
1:00 p.m.  
Room A-B

## AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- IV. RECEIVE ADVISORY GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS
- V. RECEIVE COMMISSION MEMBER RECOMMENDATIONS
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- VII. CONSIDERATION OF ADVISORY GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS  
*Outsourcing, Privatization & Risk Management*
  - **AGOPRM #1**  
Reduce total number of state-owned automobiles to 2004 level.
  - **AGOPRM #2**  
Reduce total number of automobiles by 20% and convert many agency fleets to rental.
  - **AGOPRM #3**  
Hold department heads accountable for poor safety performance by department employees.
  - **AGOPRM #4**  
Hire a safety consulting firm to train poorly performing department personnel to prevent work-related accidents.
  - **AGOPRM #5**  
Consolidate the collection of accounts receivable and outsource the entire operation.
  - **AGOPRM #6**  
Require nonresident contractors to include tax ID number on each permit and proof that contractor has completely registered to do business in Louisiana.
  - **AGOPRM #7**  
Increase number of auditors to increase compliance.

■ **AGOPRM #8**

Move DSS printing and mail operations to private company.

■ **AGOPRM #9**

Transition Medicaid to integrated delivery system with care coordination.

■ **AGOPRM #10**

Partially privatize centers for developmentally disabled by transferring residents to private centers or transitioning them to community-based services, and consolidate state run centers.

■ **AGOPRM #11**

Implement a competitive bid process to redirect services from public health units to local providers (such as FQHC's and RHC's).

■ **AGOPRM #12**

Consolidate DHH operated inpatient mental health services in New Orleans area. Expand community-based outpatient mental health services in New Orleans area.

■ **AGOPRM #13**

Privatize DHH community homes, independent living clients and extended family living clients.

■ **AGOPRM #14**

Eliminate projects in Capital Outlay Act that exceed the cash line of credit capability.

■ **AGOPRM #15**

Outsource all aspects of food services.

■ **AGOPRM #16**

Outsource data entry for archiving lease records.

■ **AGOPRM #17**

Change inspection of plugged and abandoned wells to self reporting affidavit.

■ **AGOPRM #18**

Electronic reports by energy producers.

■ **AGOPRM #19**

Manage workers' compensation claims on-line.

■ **AGOPRM #20**

Eliminate Second Injury Fund.

**Duplicative and Non-Essential Services**

■ **AGDNES#1**

Supervisor to employee ratio (1.5 to 1.8) acquired from Council on Accreditation for Social Services organizations.

**Efficiency and Benchmarking Recommendations**

■ **AGEB #2**

The governor and the legislature authorize and direct the LSU Health System to adopt the recommendations of Alvarez and Marsal for the operation of the interim Charity Hospital in New Orleans. The governor and legislature direct each other charity hospital in Louisiana to contract for a similar financial and operational assessment with a third-party private sector consulting firm, such as but not necessarily Alvarez and Marsal, that specializes and has a proven track record in turnaround management, corporate restructuring and performance improvement for institutions and their stakeholders.

**■ AGEB #3**

To limit the number of emergency room visits to two annually for treatment of non-emergency medical conditions for Medicaid enrollees under Louisiana's Medicaid Program who wish to have Medicaid pay for their treatment, and for patients who are not covered by a public or private insurance program, and therefore are uninsured, and who wish to receive their treatment without cost or substantially without cost because they are unable to pay for their treatment.

**■ AGEB #4**

To place jurisdiction over all receivables by all departments in Louisiana state government with the Cash Management Review Board and to require that the State of Louisiana Receivables Report be compiled and published no later than 60 days after the end of every quarter.

**■ AGEB #5**

To provide that a Louisiana state prisoner, except those determined to have certain disabilities, who does not have a high school diploma, or who has not passed the General Education Development test (GED) certifying that he has American high school academic skills, shall not be eligible for probation or parole until he has passed the GED through a program offered by the La. DPS&C. To provide funds to the DPS&C for this responsibility.

**■ AGEB #6**

Prohibit all state appropriations to non-governmental entities.

**■ AGEB #7**

To create a self-perpetuating revolving loan fund which would be available to local governments for purpose of financing local government projects through low interest rate loans rather than funding local government projects through the capital outlay process.

**■ AGEB #8**

To direct the Division of Administration to cease implementation of the ERP Project until a cost-benefit plan can be performed.

**■ AGEB #9**

Requires that all Louisiana public school students who have been suspended from school for more than five days in a school year or who have more than ten unexcused absences from school in a school year be required to enroll in the Louisiana National Guard Youth Challenge Program. To pay for increased enrollment in Youth Challenge with Minimum Foundation Program funds. To change Louisiana law to prohibit students from dropping out of school until they have reached 18 years of age.

**■ AGEB #10**

To direct state government to reduce the number of state government positions by at least 5,000 positions for each year of the next three years pro-rata by department through vacancies and attrition and without reducing the quality of products or services. Department heads are directed in their reorganization efforts to study and take into account layers of management, spans of control, clerical staffing levels, unit consolidation, process re-engineering restructuring, retraining for enhanced skills and headquarters staffing reductions. Department heads should increase productivity by providing training opportunities for employees who wish to learn new skills or improve old skills. To use twenty percent of the savings to increase compensation for employees taking on additional responsibilities.

■ **AGEB #11**

Elimination of tolls on the Crescent City Connection Bridge in New Orleans on December 31, 2012, when the toll-supported bonds are paid off. The ferries will not be closed.

■ **AGEB #12**

To direct the Division of Administration to determine the current fair market value and the "highest and best use" of each state-owned property, and to develop opportunities for the state to enter into public-private development partnerships with private and non-profit public partners, chosen by competitive bid, in order to develop and manage state-owned real estate in a manner that achieves the "highest and best" use of the property, increases cash flow for taxpayers, meets smart growth principles, and satisfies the highest standards of design and environmental sustainability.

■ **AGEB #13**

Requiring members of the legislature, statewide elected officials, members of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Superintendent of Education for the State of Louisiana to substitute teach in a Louisiana public school without pay at least two times a year.

■ **AGEB #14**

Develop cooperative arrangements with Arkansas and Mississippi which would identify and explore creative, synergistic opportunities to make the operation of state government and the provision of state government services more cost effective and efficient.

■ **AGEB #15**

Sunset and abolition of all special funds (with some exceptions) and the statutes establishing such special funds as of June 30, 2011. All monies associated with such funds would revert back to the State General Fund.

**VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

THIS NOTICE CONTAINS A TENTATIVE AGENDA AND MAY BE REVISED PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

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Senator Jack Donahue, *Commission Chairman*