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Louisiana Open Meeting Law
Complaint Form

NOTE: The signed complaint can be mailed to Louisiana Attorney General Office, ATTN: Civil Division, P.O. Box 94005, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804, faxed to 225-326-6098, and/or emailed to SUDDOTHL@AG.LOUISIANA.GOV, once fully complete and any supporting documents necessary are attached.

NAME OF COMPLAINANT: PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, LLC

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NAME OF THE PUBLIC BODY:

(i.e. specific board, commission, agency, etc.)

YOUNGSVILLE MUNICIPAL POLICE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

CITY/PARISH:

YOUNGSVILLE / LAFAYETTE PARISH

DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF THE MEETING:

(Note: A separate form must be completed for each meeting date)

JUNE 26, 2024 at approximately 12:30/PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSVILLE

NAME OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

BEN LANGLINAIS, TRACY GIRARD AND JACOB HELD

DESCRIBE ALLEGED OPEN MEETINGS LAW VIOLATION:

Pursuant to the LARS § 42:25 *et seq.*, I request that you investigate an alleged violation of the Louisiana Open Meetings Law.

I believe that Youngsville Municipal Police Civil Service Board violated the Open Meetings Law in several respects on June 26, 2024.

LARS § 42:19(A)(b)(i) – (ii)(aa) provides: "All public bodies, except the legislature and its committees and subcommittees, **shall give written public notice of any regular, special, or rescheduled meeting no later than twenty-four hours**…

LARS § 42:14(A) provides: **Every meeting of any public body shall be open to the public** unless closed pursuant to R.S. 42:16, 17, or 18.

According to LARS § 42:12(A) provides that the Open Meetings Law should be construed liberally. This means that if there is a question as to interpretation of a provision the entity should provide as much access/openness as possible.

On June 26, 2024 at 12:00/PM the Youngsville Municipal Police Civil Service Board convened a special public meeting of the Board of the Youngsville Municipal Police Civil Service Board. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15/PM.

Based on information and belief, following the adjournment of the meeting a quorum of the body, consisting of all three members on Board, continued to meet and discuss the business of the body outside a public meeting. Amongst the topics discussed were how to conduct the investigation of members of the Youngsville Police Department. There was no public notice provided for this meeting.

As you know, LARS § 42:25 of the Louisiana Open Meetings Act Public Records Act says the Attorney General/District Attorney shall institute such proceedings upon a complaint filed with you by any person, unless written reasons are given as to why the suit should not be filed.

If proceedings are not instituted, please notify me in writing as to the reason. If you need additional information about this complaint, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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*Please attach to this complaint all evidence on which you base your allegation. i.e. the agenda, minutes of the meeting at issue, any recording of the meeting, etc.

COMPLAINTANT SIGNATURE:

_____   07/10/24
Signature   Date Submitted

MATTHEW THOMASSEE, Executive Director of the Professional Association of Law Enforcement Officers

Printed Name

Please note:

This complaint and any written communications with our office are public records, subject to production under the Louisiana Public Records Act, La. R.S. 44:1, *et seq*. This complaint form will be presented to the public body respondent for a response. The complaint may also be attached to any enforcement action that we may file in court pursuant to the Open Meetings Law. If such an enforcement action is brought, you may be called as a witness in the litigation as the complainant.

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