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Subject: Issuing an Apology for a Substance Over Form Matter With Yesterday's Post
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Erin:

I want to send this email to you as a formal apology for one item I uncovered about an hour ago that, while technically correct on yesterday's feature, since I am a big believer in "substance over form" I regrettably over reacted.

When I received the set of emails from Gov. Landry's office and noticed your email of Saturday, April 21, 2026 to Emily, I did not recall seeing any email in the set the LSBC sent having been sent on a Saturday, so I ran a search for "Saturday" on that set of emails, and there was none. That prompted me to assess that the email had been withheld, which it definitely had been.

I knew there was an email from Chairman Reed to Emily, and I had noted that near the bottom of the set of correspondences which the LSBC sent me. What I failed to note, and for which I now offer a sincere apology for, is that, after that forward, you'd sent a message to Tisha saying, "print this too," and that was in fact an identical email to the one sent the next day. That is to say, you sent that email late on that Friday evening, and it clearly shows that email (likely a copy and paste from Chairman Reed's email) was in fact included with the original set and, importantly, was sent directly from you to Emily.

I do not know why there was a need to resend the email on Saturday, April 21, but that is what caused me to believe that the email from you had been withheld (which it was but, in an adherent to "substance over form," which I am), an identical email was included from the prior evening, and that is what truly matters (i.e. that an actual email from you to Emily was supplied with the content that was duplicated on another email sent the very next day).

I try to be as absolutely meticulous as possible on matters like this, but that one did slip by me. Obviously, other email correspondence entailing "Salon 328" and such was also withheld, but the core one that I was strongly interested in was not withheld (even though the duplicate email of the next day was) and, for that, I sincerely apologize.

It is my intent to make a formal apology to you during public comment at the Board Meeting of September 14, 2026 (and publish the video of the apology), but I wanted to send this email to you beforehand so you could know that I have caught the fact that the substance of the communication was provided, and that is what really matters.

For what this is worth, as you know from my public comment from the time the body cams were first under consideration, I thought it was a very wise and prudent move. Obviously, my

thoughts on the matter don't really matter vs. those of Gov. Landry and, while I think accountability from both clients and inspectors are critical, it would appear that, for the duration of the Landry administration (which I personally believe will be through January of 2032 as I indicated on Part One of the feature), only his stand on the matter is revelant, which is now been made very abundantly clear, and, in my opinion, that will be the final word on the matter that will not ever be reversed by Gov. Landry.

Thank you for the dedication you and Tisha have demonstrated in fulfilling public records requests, and, again, I sincerely apologize for the fact I failed to recognize the "substance over form" entailing that one crucial email which in "form" was withheld but not in "substance."

Rev. Phillips and I look forward to seeing everyone on September 14!!

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