



State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health
Bureau of Emergency Medical Services

Emergency Medical Services Certification Commission

7273 Florida Blvd
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

June 2, 2023

1) **Call to Order:** Chair Otha Henry called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

3) **Roll Call**

Commissioner Name		Commissioner Name	
Otha Henry, Chair <i>Public EMS Agency</i>	Present	Kirk LaCour <i>Louisiana Municipal Association</i>	Present
Scott Thames, M.D., Vice Chair <i>Louisiana State Medical Society</i>	Present	Brandon Lee <i>Professional Firefighters Association</i>	Absent
Adam Oliver, Secretary <i>Louisiana State Nurses Association/ Emergency Nurses Association</i>	Absent	Casey McBeath <i>Private EMS Agency</i>	Present
Timothy Crockett <i>Emergency Medical Technicians</i>	Present	Meg Marino, M.D. <i>American Academy of Pediatrics</i>	Present
Carl Flores <i>Paramedic</i>	Present	Navdeep Samra, M.D. <i>American College of Surgeons</i>	Absent
Toby Henry <i>Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association</i>	Present	Christopher Willoughby, M.D. <i>American College of Emergency Physicians</i>	Absent
		Quorum	Yes

Bureau of Emergency Medical Services Staff

Susan Bailey, Director	Present
Stacy Barbay, Deputy Director, Commission Facilitator	Present
David McKay, Bureau of Legal Services	Present
Elton Heron, Bureau of Legal Services	Present

4) Approval of Minutes

The April 21, 2023 meeting minutes were approved with reading waived. Motion made by Dr. Meg Marino and 2nd by Adam Oliver. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Public Comment: None

6) Recurring Business

a) EMS Practitioner Disciplinary Ratification of Decisions

Shawn Sasser	Shelby Cheatham
Haylee Louviere	Juan Llado
Phillip Reason	Joel Paniagua
Cecil Hill	Martin Belote
Alec Tinglehoff	Nathaniel Burden
Eric Bourgeois	Kenneth Garner
Brandon Walker	Beaux Duhe
Latonya Christor	Andrew Heredia
Donald Lormand	Jacob Klinefelter
Nicole Cefalu	Daniel Wills
Taylor Jackson	Stephen Erwin
Ashantis Venus	Tiffany Davis
Emily Billiot	Kimberly Harris
Robert Worchel	Dean Shorba
Amanda Clark	Chad Franklin
Alexandra Workman	Ayden Olander
Jeff Atkins	Phillip Castleberry
Jackie Berry	Demi Duffy
Cole Sharai	Jason Serrano
Justin Vallery	Joshua Brown
Tyreka Page	Robert Turybury

Motion to ratify these determinations made by Toby Henry and 2nd by Adam Oliver. Casey McBeath abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Scope of Practice:

i) Paramedic Oversight as it Extends to Advanced Practice Providers Performing under Medical Direction

(1) Dr. Megan Marino made a motion to write a position statement. 2nd by Dr. Scott Thames. Motion carried unanimously.

ii) Needle Thoracostomies by AEMT

(i) EMSCC authorizes and promotes studies to be conducted by EMS agencies to promote and expand the scope of practice. Motion made by Carl Flores, 2nd by Kirk LaCour. Motion carried unanimously. Dr. Megan Marino abstained.

- (ii) EMSCC supports a study by New Orleans EMS conduct a study of AEMTs performing needle thoracotomies in the event of traumatic cardiac arrest pending approval of IRB and submission by Dr. Marino to the EMS Certification Commission. Motion made by Carl Flores, 2nd by Kirk LaCour. Motion carried unanimously. Dr. Megan Marino abstained.

7) Old Business

- a) Substance Abuse/PTSD Treatment Programs - tabled
 - i) Benefits for EMS Personnel – tabled
- b) Federal and State Criminal Background Checks – No new information.
- c) Commissioner Terms and Appointments – Awaiting appointment by Senate for the LSBN seat. Interim appointments will be voted on by Senate during the legislative session.
- d) Application Questionnaire
 - i) Motion by Carl Flores to utilized the LSBN questions with amendments. 2nd by Adam Oliver. Motion carried unanimously.
- e) Legislative Update
 - i) SB 12: Requires an automated external defibrillator on the premises of all educational institutions and at sponsored athletic events. According to the Bill, the Bureau of EMS will be responsible monitoring compliance, awaiting final passage.
 - ii) HB 201: Provides for meetings of boards and commissions via electronic means. Passage of the bill will change the commission process, awaiting final passage.
- f) Scheduling of Attorney General Presentation
 - i) Available dates were requested to host the virtual presentations, Commissioners selected their available dates, Stacy Barbay will contact Attorney General’s office to schedule and will forward via email to the Commissioners.

8) New Business

- a) Licensing and Medical Marijuana
 - i) Commission will not take any licensure action with respect to treatments prescribed or recommended treatment use by an EMS Practitioner by a physician. Commission may take action based on impairment or presents a danger or public safety will review for appropriate action. Motion by Scott Thames, 2nd Dr. Marino. Motion carried unanimously.

9) Next Meeting: August 18, 2023

- 10) Adjournment:** Motion made by Casey McBeath and seconded by Carl Flores, motion carried unanimously to adjourn at 12:50 p.m.