



# Minutes

## Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board

Friday, August 19, 2011 at 12:00 p.m.

held at:

Royal Omni Hotel  
621 St. Louis St  
New Orleans, LA 70140

### 1. *Welcome/Introductions*

The August 19-20, 2011, meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order by Coletta Cooper Barrett, RN, MHA, Chair, at 12:20 p.m. The meeting was held pursuant to public notice, each member received notice, and notice was properly posted.

New Board members were welcomed and introduced, including John Dailey, Vice Chancellor of the LSU Health Science Center at Shreveport, serving as the representative of the LSU Health Science Center; Will Freeman, M.D., director of the LSU Baton Rouge Emergency Medical Program, serving as representative of the Louisiana College of Emergency Physicians; and Norman McSwain, Jr., MD, reappointed for a successive term.

### 2. *Roll Call*

Celia R. Cangelosi, Board Attorney, called the roll.

**Members Present:**

Coletta Cooper Barrett, RN, FACHE, Chair  
John Dailey  
Joel Eldridge, DO  
William Freeman, M.D.  
Kenneth J. Gaines, MD, MBA, FAHA  
Danita Leblanc  
Fred Martinez  
Norman E. McSwain, Jr., MD  
Kevin Sittig, MD  
Peter Sullivan, MBA  
Honorable Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr., Representative  
Kristin K. Whitty, Ph.D., APRN  
Chris Wroten, OD  
Michele Zembo, MD

**Members Absent:**

Honorable Regina Ashford Barrow, Representative  
Terri Brock  
Honorable Sherri Smith Cheek, Senator  
Honorable A. G. Crowe, Senator  
Jimmy Guidry, MD  
John Noble, Jr., MD  
Gary Peters  
Carl "Jack" Varnado, Jr., RPL, ENP

Fourteen members were present constituting a quorum when the roll was called.

Patrick Breaux, MD, arrived at 12:45 p.m.

John P. Hunt, MD, arrived at 12:50 p.m.

Honorable Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr., Representative, left at 2 p.m.

**Staff Present:**

Robert Coscia, MD, FACS, Medical Director  
Eileen Mederos, RN, Administrative Director

Vanessa McKee, Administrative Assistant  
Darlene Richard, Financial Manager

3. *Approval of Agenda*

A motion was made by Kevin Sittig, MD, and seconded by Joel Eldridge, DO, to approve the agenda as written. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

4. *Approval of Minutes of July 21, 2011 Meeting*

A draft of Minutes of the July 21, 2011 Board meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board, copy attached, was presented for approval. A motion was made by Kevin Sittig, MD, and seconded by Chris Wroten, OD, to approve the July 21, 2011 meeting minutes. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

5. *New Business*

a. *Commission Members*

Discussion was held regarding the request of the Region 6 LERN Commission for the addition of an air medical representative to the regional commission.

Motion was made by Joel Eldridge, DO, and seconded by Danita LeBlanc to add an air medical representative to commission membership on the Region 6 LERN and to allow other regions to add a similar membership when requested. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Chris Wroten, OD, and seconded by Norman E. McSwain, Jr., MD, to add Jeffery Michael Elder, MD, to membership on the Region 9 LERN Commission. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

5. *New Business*

b. *LERN State Plan Review*

A presentation was made by Christel Slaughter of SSA Consultants of a proposed LERN State plan. Discussion was held. No formal action was taken by the Board.

*Board retreat*

Board retreat was conducted by Christel Slaughter of SSA Consultants.

*Report of Update of Stroke and Stemi*

Eileen Mederos gave a report on the update of stroke/stemi and IRP.

*Adjournment*

A motion was made at 5:10 p.m. by Normal E. McSwain, Jr., MD, and seconded by William Freeman, MD, to recess the Board meeting until August 20, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

**Continuation of Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board**

Saturday, August 20, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.

held at:

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7. *Welcome*

The continuation of the August 19, 2011, regular meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order by Coletta Cooper Barrett, RN, MHA, Chair, at 8:00 a.m. on August 20, 2011.

7. *Roll Call*

Celia R. Cangelosi, Board Attorney, called the roll.

**Members Present:**

Coletta Cooper Barrett, RN, FACHE, Chair  
Patrick Breaux, MD

John Dailey  
Joel Eldridge, DO  
William Freeman, M.D.  
Kenneth J. Gaines, MD, MBA, FAHA  
John Hunt, MD  
Danita Leblanc  
Fred Martinez  
Norman E. McSwain, Jr., MD  
Kevin Sittig, MD  
Peter Sullivan, MBA  
Kristin K. Whitty, Ph.D., APRN  
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**Members Absent:**

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Carl "Jack" Varnado, Jr., RPL, ENP  
Honorable Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr., Representative

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Michele Zembo, MD, arrived at 8:10 a.m.

**Staff Present:**

Robert Coscia, MD, FACS, Medical Director  
Eileen Mederos, RN, Administrative Director  
Vanessa McKee, Administrative Assistant  
Darlene Richard, Financial Manager

*Board Retreat*

Board retreat was continued from the previous day, conducted by Christel Slaughter

of SSA Consultants.

Henry Yenni of Department of Health and Hospitals gave a report regarding EFS8 and LERN resources.

*Chairman's Report*

Coletta Cooper Barrett, RN, FACHE, Board Chair, gave a report of activities occurring since the last board meeting.

A motion was made by William Freeman, MD, and seconded by Michelle Zembo, MD, to add to the agenda a discussion of hiring an executive director. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by William Freeman, MD, and seconded by Michelle Zembo, MD, to authorize the Board's executive committee to recommend and hire an executive director prior to October, 2011. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

*Public Comments*

None.

*Adjournment*

A motion was made by Fred Martinez and seconded by William Freeman, MD, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Coletta Cooper Barrett, RN, FACHE  
Chair