

# 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

February 17, 2023

- 1) Call to Order: Chairman Ryan Brown M.D. at 9:07 a.m.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance

## 3) Roll Call

Commissioner Name		Commissioner Name	
Ryan Brown, Chair	Present	Toby Henry	Present
Scott Thames, MD, Vice Chair	Present	Brandon Lee	Present
Adam Oliver, Secretary	Present	Casey McBeath	Present
Timothy Crockett	Present	Meghan Marino, MD	Absent
Carl Flores	Present	Navdeep Samra, MD	Present
Otha Henry	Absent	Christopher Willoughby, MD	Present
		Quorum	Yes

#### **Bureau of Emergency Medical Services Staff**

Susan Bailey, Director	
Stacy Barbay, Deputy Director, Commission Facilitator	Present
David McKay, Bureau of Legal Services	
Melissa Blake, Bureau of Legal Services	
Carlesia Bibbins, Bureau of Legal Services	
Christina Robertson, Bureau of Legal Services	
Elton Herron, Bureau of Legal Services	

## 4) Approval of Minutes

The December 16, 2022 meeting minutes were approved with reading waived. Motion made by Adam Oliver and  $2^{nd}$  by Casey McBeath. Motion carried unanimously.

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Name	Violations	Action
Amanda Young	<ul> <li>R.S. 40:1133.7(2) Conviction of a crime or offense which reflects the inability of an emergency medical services practitioner to provide emergency medical services with due regard for the health and safety of clients or patients or enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a criminal charge regardless of final disposition of the criminal proceeding, including but not limited to expungement or nonadjudication.</li> <li>R.S. 40:1133.7(9) Unprofessional conduct.</li> <li>R.S. 40:1133.7(13) Is guilty of moral turpitude.</li> <li>LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §507(A) Other Causes The following "other causes" listed therein are involved/at issue:</li> <li>-(c) Failure to utilize appropriate judgement</li> </ul>	Decision: Probationary license until March 31, 2026, \$50.00 fine due in 90 days.
Janice Willard	<ul> <li>R.S. 40:1133.7(3) and LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §507(A) "Unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause." The terms "unfit or incompetent," "habit," and "other cause" are defined in LAC Title 46, Part XXXVIII §507. The following "other causes" listed therein are involved/at issue:         <ul> <li>-(c) Failure to utilize appropriate judgement</li> <li>-(e) Violating the confidentiality of information or knowledge concerning the patient.</li> </ul> </li> <li>R.S. 40: 1133.7(9) Unprofessional conduct.</li> </ul>	Decision: Probationary license until March 31, 2025 with \$50.00 fine (waived)
Alyssa Leder	<ul> <li>R.S. 40:1133.7(2) Conviction of a crime or offense which reflects the inability of an emergency medical services practitioner to provide emergency medical services with due regard for the health and safety of clients or patients or enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a criminal charge regardless of final disposition of the criminal proceeding, including but not limited to expungement or nonadjudication.</li> <li>R.S. 40:1133.7(9) Unprofessional conduct.</li> </ul>	Decision: Two cycles of probation expiring on 3/31/2028 with continued visitation to all members of the mental health team during probation with quarterly posts to your IMS account

# 5) Formal Disciplinary Proceedings

	attesting to
	continued mental
	health treatment and
	then provide a fit for
	duty letter from a
	medication
	prescribing mental
	health clinician with
	every license
	renewal after
	probation. \$100.00
	fine payable in 90
	days.

## 6) Public Comment: None

## 7) Recurring Business

a) EMS Practitioner Disciplinary Ratification of Decisions Dominic Allocco Deontane Brazil Lagarian Bridgewater Cole Davis Jennifer Jackson Derrick King Kenneth Morris **Courtnery Porter** Randall Weber Joshua Wilcher Zachary Vangossen Angelica Dunlap Donovan Wells Chelsea Little Nathan Wang Jamie Wascome William Granat Phobee Spell Brian Nelson Jacob Broussard Terry Brewer Emily May Valencia Johnson Matthew Bryant Craig Burkett Tyrus Wilson Vincent Gulino Lintrell Hall Aaron Landry Hannah Donnell Jackson Keller Kevin Adams Joseph Farley Kaylon Thomas **Brittany Frickie** Francheska Velazqueez Callie Paulin Demetria Thiel **Tiffany Burch** Caine Wolford Trevor Res Salvadore Duhe Jeffrey Hardy Joshua Schirch Jacob Fitzgerald Craig Roberts Reba Petitto Clem James Haley Young

Motion en globo to ratify these determinations made by Brandon Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carl Flores. Motion carried unanimously.

- b) Scope of Practice:
  - i) Nitroglycerin for EMTs: After discussion, there are no changes to the scope of practice.

## 8) Old Business

- a) Substance Abuse/PTSD Treatment Programs Work Group Report
  - i) David McCay will research the legalities of having one provider of programs as well as a choice in a mandatory situation and having an option to pay for program, through IMS without a statute change.
  - ii) Formal presentation will be held at the April 21, 2022 meeting.
- b) Criminal Background Checks: Recent meetings were held to discuss possible solutions to allow the Commission to review criminal history reports for applicants who did not disclose. The Bureau of EMS will complete the required forms at the request of Louisiana State Police. Long term solution will be to change the statutes to clarify the Commissioners ability to review.
- c) Commissioner Terms and Appointments: Nominations have been submitted for the Louisiana Municipal and Louisiana Emergency Nurses Association seats by the respective organizations. Awaiting appointments from Louisiana Boards and Commissions.
- d) Application Questionnaire
  - i) LDH Legal to review and propose revised questions at the April 21, 2023 meeting.

## 9) New Business

- a) Provisional Licenses. Susan Bailey updated the Commission regarding provisional licensing.
- b) Disciplinary Review Committee
  - Motion was made by Adam Oliver to add to the deferred decision matrix that the Bureau of EMS can make a decision on mental health and medication application disclosures as long as a letter is provided attesting that the applicant is under the treatment of a physician. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> Toby Henry. Motion carried unanimously.
  - ii) Motion by Adam Oliver to rotate the Chair and Vice-Chair each month and one other Commissioner (through rotation) to participate in disciplinary review panel discussions. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Casey McBeath. Motion carried unanimously.
- c) Attorney General Presentation: Presentation tabled.
- 10) Next Meeting: April 21, 2023
- **11**) **Adjournment:** Motion made by Adam Oliver and seconded by Toby Henry, motion carried unanimously to adjourn at 1:35p.m.