



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

October 20, 2023

- 1) **Call to Order:** Chair Otha Colbert Shamburg called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) **Roll Call**

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

Bureau of Emergency Medical Services Staff

Susan Bailey, Director	Present
Stacy Barbay, Deputy Director, Commission Facilitator	Present

Juane Porter, Administrative Specialist	Present
David McKay, Bureau of Legal Services	Present
Carlesia Bibbins, Bureau of Legal Services	Present
Christina Robertson, Bureau of Legal Services	Present

4) Public Comment: None

5) Approval of Minutes

The June 2, 2023 meeting minutes were approved with changes with reading waived. Motion made by Adam Oliver and 2nd by Casey McBeath. Motion carried unanimously.

6) Formal Disciplinary Hearings

Name	Violations	Action
Mathew Smyer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La R.S. 40:1133.7(8) Professional or medical incompetency. • LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §503(D)(3) Is 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 style="list-style-type: none"> • -a. Failure to practice EMS in accordance with the standards of EMS practice; • -c. Failure to utilize appropriate judgment; • -d. Failure to exercise technical competence in carrying out EMS care; • -k. Failure to act, or negligently or willfully committing any act that adversely affects the physical or psychosocial welfare of the patient; • LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §503(D)(9) Has violated any provision of this Subpart. 	<p>Motion by: Adam Oliver Second by: Brandon Lee Recusal: Otha Shamburg</p> <p>Statement of Facts: Found to have deviated from applicable protocol; Failed to provide timely care to the patient; Did not perform an adequate assessment; Failed to follow employer’s policy to bring equipment to patient’s side.</p> <p>Decision: Suspension through 3/31/2024. Must successfully complete a Prehospital Trauma Life Support Course (PHTLS) by 3/31/2024 with suspension deferred upon PHTLS completion. The completion certificate must be uploaded into the BEMS IMS as well as an email forwarded to ems.commission@la.gov notifying of the upload. Then enter probation until 3/31/2026. \$100 fine.</p>

		Motion carried unanimously.
Amanda Scruggs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • R.S. 40:1133.7(9) unprofessional conduct. • R.S. 40:1133.7(14) has violated any rules and regulations of the commission or the bureau or any provision of this Part. • LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §503(D)(9) has violated any provision of Subpart 1. Rules of Procedure of LAC Title 46, Part XXXVIII. 	<p>Motion by: Meg Marino Second by: Casey McBeath Statement of Facts: Pled guilty of a crime.</p> <p>Decision: Eligible for a license with probation through 3/31/2026. With a full unrestricted license after 3/31/2026 if no issues ensue.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>

7) Recurring Business

a) EMS Practitioner Disciplinary Ratification of Decisions

Michael Alack	Jeffrey Landrum
Joseph Anderson	Collin Leamy
Damario Armstrong	Jessica Lemaire
Austin Aron	Heather Lemoine
Justin Barker	Pamela Little
Monica Barnes	Christen Lucien
Rodericka Bell	Jamie May
Jeffrey Benson	Tiffany Mazzoli
Taylor Blanchard	Damon McKee
Brandon Bond	John McKee
George Boyte	Miles, Treston
Beau Brouillette	Cindy Milligan

Sage Campbell	Orlando Moody
Catlin Carlisle	Adam Moran
Alexander Carroll	Felizia Moreno
Johnathan Cascio	Jessica Morris
Madeline Ceasar	John Mousser
Anyssia Chesterfield	James Nichols
Mitchell Chevalier	Jonathan Olds
Christina Cheveallier	Javier Pacheco
Delton Christal	Jessica Palmer
Benjamin Clark	Joel Pellerin
Hannah Cormier	Thomas Pennell
Alexander Crowson	Marcie Peters
Christian Davis	Katie Powell
Tiffany Davis	Bobby Primes
Elric Deshotel	Sara Raybon
Jonathan Donaway	Joel Rodgers
Sabrina Farace	Joseph Romero
Darrell Farve	William Rowe
Todd Fitch	Ryan Roy
Allyson Floyd	Matthias Russ
Christopher Garner	Austin Schiro
Ashton Gibson	Adrian Scott
Joseph Gierie	Michael Scott
Grant Graham	Amanda Scruggs
Colton Guillory	Tyler Sharpe
Nicholas Guillory	Mason Sibley
Jordan Guillot	Kourtney Sims
Linda Hall	Jeanne Sinagra
Andrew Heximer	Charlie Smigura
Zachary Higgins	Mathew Smyer
Melissa Huckabee	Lillian Soltys
Jasmine Hudson	Stephen Spigelman
Heather Impson	Jeremy Stockwell
Samuel Jackson	Michael Sweeney
Darlene James	Caleb Trahan
Dorian Johnson	Chad Trumps
Jordy Johnson	Matthew Wallace
Janice Jones	Andrew White
Stacy Kaderka	Caleb Wilson
Manaiza Kelley	Kristopher Winder
Charles Kreher	Bruce Woodson

Turner Lagpacan	Zachary Young
Bee Landrum	

Motion to ratify these determinations made by Adam Oliver and 2nd by Meg Marino.
Motion carried unanimously.

b) **Scope of Practice:**

- i) EMT Practice Outside of EMS Clarification: Commission agreed to proceed with drafted response letter.

8) **Old Business**

a) **Substance Abuse/PTSD Treatment Programs**

Stacy Barbay reported that Office of Behavioral Health was contacted however they do are unable to suggest resources. In addition, Capital Area Health and Human Services (Region 2) was contacted and confirmed that each region should have substance abuse counseling. Timothy Crockett (previous Commissioner) responded to an email that there has be no change with the previous presentation by the LA State Fireman’s Association at the April 21, 2023 meeting. Brandon Lee and Casey McBeath volunteered to participate on the workgroup.

b) **Commissioner Terms and Appointments**

Matthew Stumpf was appointed effective 09/15/23 and is awaiting senate confirmation during the next legislative session.

c) **Application Questionnaire**

The approved application questionnaire was submitted to the BEMS IMS vendor and is anticipated to be completed in November, 2023.

9) **New Business:**

Motion made by Adam Oliver and seconded by Bandon Lee to accept the 2024 meeting dates. Motion carried unanimously.

a) **2024 Meeting Dates**

- 1. February 16
- 2. April 5
- 3. June 21
- 4. August 23
- 5. October 18
- 6. December 6

b) **Criminal History Report Requests**

After 3.5 years of requesting, the Bureau of EMS received confirmation from Louisiana State Police that effective November 1, 2023, federal and state criminal history reports can be requested throughout the state utilizing the Identigo system. There are approximately 60 sites throughout Louisiana as well as sites throughout the United States. The Bureau of EMS will receive the criminal history report within 24 -72 hours via accessing the online system. Implementation of the system will reduce the number of provisional licenses as well as reduces the turnaround time of the criminal history report requests. An email will be forwarded to all EMS instructors throughout the state to notify

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of the change. Paper requests by mail and in person to state police will no longer be accepted after November 30, 2023.

10) Next Meeting: December 15, 2023

11) Adjournment: Motion made by Adam Oliver and seconded by Chris Willoughby, motion carried unanimously to adjourn at 2:01p.m.