



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

March 11, 2022

- 1) **Call to Order:** Chairman Jeffrey Elders, M.D. at 1:00 p.m.
- 2) **Roll Call**

Commissioner Name		Commissioner Name	
Jeffrey Elder, MD, Chair	Virtual	Meghan Marino, MD	Absent
Ryan Brown, Vice Chair	Virtual	Adam Oliver	Virtual
Christopher Mixon, Secretary	Virtual	Barbara Sellers	Virtual
Tammy Gray	Absent	Lance Stuke, MD	Absent
Toby Henry	Virtual	Jeffrey Watson	Virtual
Jeffrey Kuo, MD	Virtual	Tracy Wold	Virtual
		Quorum	Yes

Bureau of Emergency Medical Services Staff

Susan Bailey, Director	Virtual
Stacy Barbay, EMSCC Facilitator	Virtual
David McKay, Bureau of Legal Services, DHH Attorney	Virtual

3) Emergency Rule for Practitioners

- a) Discussion: Governor will let it emergency rule expire March 16, 2022. . LDH has been coordinating with other boards. Discussion to allow licensure through July 1 through the state SNAP contract. BEMS has not been monitoring these practitioners with this rule, Responsibility will move from EOC to BEMS. BEMS will be monitoring and vetting to assure there is an unrestricted license. Motion: Chris Mixon, Second: Barbara Sellers, passed unanimously. No abstentions.

4) Emergency Rule Related to Ambulance Drivers

- a) Commission does not have the authority to make an emergency rule however Dr. Kanter (State Health Officer) can if contradictory to current law. The Commission agreed that the request should be made to Dr. Kanter that a SHO order is needed for an additional 90 days to allow for continued response the approximate 15% of currently licensed 650 ambulances. Without the SHO order, approximately 98 ambulances will cease functioning with the expiration of the emergency

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proclamation. Additionally, this EMS Certification Commission stated that this is only to be used as a ramp down for EMS providers to prepare and manage their staffing needs related to the COVID-19 staffing shortage and is not supporting the is a continual allowance of unlicensed EMS drivers. Motion to accept as discussed with expiration date: Ryan Brown second: Barbara Sellers, passed unanimous.

5) Next Meeting: April 29, 2022

6) Adjournment: Motion made by Barbara Sellers and seconded by Chris Mixon, motion carried unanimously to adjourn at 1:45 p.m.