

# Minutes

## Meeting of Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board

Thursday, February 16, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

held at:

Louisiana Emergency Response Network  
14141 Airline Hwy., Suite One, Suite B  
Baton Rouge, LA

### ***1. Welcome/Introductions***

The February 16, 2016 meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board (LERN) was called to order on February 16, 2016 by Dr. Will Freeman, Vice Chair, presiding, at approximately 1:00 p.m. The meeting was held pursuant to public notice, each member received notice, and notice was properly posted.

### ***2. Roll Call***

Roll Call was taken by Celia Cangelosi, attorney. The following members were present:

#### **Members Present:**

William Freeman, MD, Vice Chair

Patrick Breaux, MD

Billy Conerly

Dieadra J. Garrett, MD

Chris Gilbeaux

Tomas Jacome, MD

Danita LeBlanc

Carl "Jack" Varnado, Jr., RPL, ENP

Kristin K. Whitty, PhD, APRN

Chris Wroten, OD

Tracy Wold

There were 11 board members present when the roll was called constituting a quorum.

Coletta Cooper Barrett, RN, arrived at 1:07 p.m.

Jimmy Guidry, MD, arrived at 1:50 p.m.

**Members Absent:**

John Hunt, MD, Chair, presiding  
Honorable Regina Ashford Barrow, State Representative  
Honorable Sherri Smith Cheek-Buffington, State Senator  
Joel Eldridge, DO  
Kenneth J. Gaines, MD  
Craig C. Greene, MD  
Katherine Hebert  
Cindy Nuesslein, RN, MBA, FACHE  
John Owings, MD  
Honorable Karen Gaudet St. Germain, State Representative  
Peter Sullivan  
Honorable Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr., State Senator

**Staff Present:**

Paige Hargrove, Executive Director  
Jasmine Jackson, Administrative Assistant  
Cassandra Woods, Financial Manager  
Yvette Legendre, RN, Tri Regional Coordinator  
Deborah Spann, RN, Tri Regional Coordinator  
Ted Colligan, RN, Tri Regional Coordinator  
Chris Hector, Administrative Director

**Contractors Present:**

Celia Cangelosi, Attorney  
Rudy Gomez, SSA  
Jason Allemand, Call Center Supervisor

**3. *Approval of Agenda***

A motion was made by Dr. Wroten and seconded by Ms. LeBlanc to accept the agenda as written. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

**4. *Approval of Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2015***

A motion was made by Ms. LeBlanc and seconded by Dr. Garrett to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2015 Board meeting as written. See Attachment 4. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

**5. *LERN Business***

**a. *Ratification/Resignation of Commission Members***

A motion was made by Dr. Breaux and seconded by Mr. Gilbeaux to approve the following resignations from the regional commissions:

- Resignation of Charlie Hudson from Region 1 Commission (nominee of GOHSEP);
- Resignation of Ken Rousseau, NRP, from Region 1 Commission (nominee of Rural Ambulance Alliance);
- Resignation of Brent Boudreaux from Region 4 Commission (nominee of Local Ambulance Alliance);
- Resignation of Harry Foster from Region 6 Commission (nominee of GOHSEP);
- Resignation of Kris Wooster from Region 7 Commission (nominee of Military representative);
- Resignation of James Christopher, MD, from Region 9 Commission (nominee of American College of Surgeons);
- Resignation of Ben Lott, RN, from Region 9 Commission (nominee of Rural Hospital Coalition (Hospitals < 60 Beds)); and
- Resignation of Brinette Thompson, RN, from Region 9 Commission (nominee of Emergency Nurses Association).

The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Varnado and seconded by Dr. Wroten to approve the following nominations to the regional commissions:

- Appointment of Darryl Delatte to Region 1 Commission (nominee of GOHSEP);
- Appointment of John Witt, III, to Region 4 Commission (nominee of Local Ambulance Alliance);
- Appointment of Ellis Boothe to Region 6 Commission (nominee of GOHSEP);
- Appointment of Michelle Butler to Region 6 Commission (nominee of Trauma Center Representative); and
- Appointment of Richard Renfroe to Region 7 Commission (nominee of Military Representative).

The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

**b. Executive Director**  
• **Board Officer Elections**

A call was made for nominations for Chair of LERN. Ms. Barrett nominated Dr. William Freeman. Dr. Freeman accepted the nomination and was the only nominee. Dr. Freeman was elected Chair by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A call was made for nominations for Vice Chair. Ms. Barrett nominated Dr. John

Owings. Dr. Owings had accepted the nomination in advance. There were no other nominations. Dr. Owings was elected Vice Chair by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A call was made for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. Tracy Wold was nominated and accepted the nomination. Dr. Dieadra was nominated and declined the nomination. There were no other nominations. Mr. Wold was elected Secretary/Treasurer by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

**b. Executive Director**  
• **Contract Renewal**

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, recommended the Board renew the contract with Dr. Martin-Schild as Stroke Medical Director, for two years, at the same rate, \$65,000 a year (125 hours) and under the same terms. A motion was made by Dr. Whitty and seconded by Dr. Garrett to that effect. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

**b. Executive Director**  
• **Review Strategic Priorities**

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, reviewed the Strategic Priorities for LERN, which have not significantly changed from last year. The action items have been updated.

A motion to approve the Strategic Priorities was made by Dr. Breaux and seconded by Ms. LeBlanc.

Ms. Barrett discussed that budget cuts may cause LERN to be unable to fulfill its legislative mandates. A motion was made by Ms. LeBlanc and seconded by Dr. Breaux to provide information on the effects of the proposed budget cuts on LERN to the Health and Welfare Committees in the Senate and House, Finance Committees of Senate and House, and House Appropriations Committee. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

**b. Executive Director**  
• **Boards and Commissions Updates**

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, reviewed the attached report, attached as Attachment 5b, regarding status of Board member appointments. No formal action was taken by the board.

**c. Funding**

Coletta Barrett reported on the ongoing search for alternative funding sources for LERN. No formal action was taken by the Board.

**d. Budget/Finance**

Paige Hargrove, Executive Director for LERN, presented the attached Financial Report, attached as Attachment 5d. She advised the Board that the loggers for the Communications Center are at the end of life and that they would cost \$112,000.00 to replace. A motion was made by Dr. Breaux and seconded by Mr. Varnado to use \$112,000 from LERN Fund to replace the loggers. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

**e. Communication Center Report 2015**

Christ Hector presented a powerpoint of data from the Communications Center, attached as Attachment 5e. No formal action was taken by the Board.

**f. Trauma System Update**

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, updated the Board on the Trauma System as part of her report to the Board. No formal action was taken by the Board.

**g. Stroke/STEMI**

Paige Hargrove, LERN Executive Director, updated the Board on the work of the Stroke/STEMI medical director as part of her report. It was noted at the conference that Louisiana is one of 12 states and DC who enacted policies around the recognition of stroke facility designation. No formal action was taken by the Board.

**h. SCR 42 Workgroup**

Tracy Wold reported on the work of the SCR 42 Workgroup. See report attached as Attachment 5h. No formal action was taken by the Board.

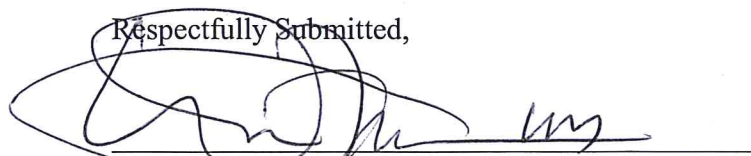
**6. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**7. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Dr. Breaux and seconded by Mr. Varnado to adjourn the meeting at 2:44 p.m. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Respectfully Submitted,



William Freeman, MD, Vice Chair