

Louisiana Emergency Response Commission
December 10, 2025
Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Commission (LERC) was called to order at 1005 hours on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, by Committee Chair John Porter. The meeting was held at the Louisiana State Police Headquarters located at 7919 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806.

At the direction of Chairman Porter, Mark Morrison with the Louisiana State Police (LSP) Right-to-Know Unit called roll with the following results:

John Porter – PRESENT
Jerry Lang – PRESENT
Collette Duhe – PRESENT
Mark Ward – PRESENT
Christopher Adams – PRESENT
Jason Tastet – PRESENT
Dustin Kleinpeter – ABSENT
Philip Taylor – PRESENT
Dawson Primes – PRESENT
Terry Guidry – ABSENT
Travis Perrilloux – PRESENT
Robert Moore – PRESENT
Rodger McConnell – PRESENT
Environmental Interests – n/a
Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association – n/a
Louisiana Motor Transport Association – n/a

Morrison advised the Chair that a quorum had been reached with 11 voting members present.

Chairman Porter welcomed Committee members and thanked them for their attendance.

Chairman Porter next asked Committee members to review the minutes from the September 10, 2025, meeting. Once members reviewed the minutes, a motion to approve was made by Dawson Primes and seconded by Robert Moore. Motion passed without opposition.

Moving on to ‘Old Business’, Chairman Porter initiated a discussion regarding existing vacancies to the LERC. Chairman Porter told committee members that a request-to-amend Executive Order JML-24-121 to correctly name the Louisiana Motor Transport association and the Louisiana Fire & Emergency Training Academy as member agencies was forwarded to the Boards and Commissions Office.

Also under Old Business, Chairman Porter discussed proposed changes to the Commission by-laws. A discussion followed regarding the function and scope of LERC standing committees. Chairman Porter asks the Committee members to review the proposed by-laws with standing committee recommendations prior to the March 11, 2026, meeting where the discussion would continue with a vote to follow.

Under ‘New Business’, Chairman Porter and Chris Adams provided Committee members with information on efforts by industry to revise the Tier II inventory reporting threshold to mirror Federal reporting requirements. Douglas Melancon, Exxon Mobil, addressed the Committee and presented industries intentions regarding the proposed change to the regulations. Chairman Porter then recommended Committee members reach out to local stakeholders/LEPCs for comment.

Next, Chairman Porter offered for review the following new LEPC appointments:

1. Evangeline
 - a. Darion Arvie (Schlumberger)
 - b. Pat Hall (Mamou PD)
 - c. Ty Soileau (Acadian Ambulance)
2. St. Charles
 - a. Ashley Beetz (LHA Foundation Metropolitan Hospital)
 - b. Rennie Grawl (Mutual Aid/Bayer)
 - c. Joe Ganote (SCPSO)
 - d. Barry Minnich (SC Fire Association/Luling Vol. Fire)

Mark Ward made a motion to accept the new appointments; motion was seconded by Phillip Taylor. Motion passed without opposition.

Chris Adams next provided Committee members with information regarding no-cost HazMat training for state and local first responders. Mark Ward offered GOHSEP resources to help communicate these training opportunities to state and local first responders.

Chairman Porter next asked members for any announcements or comments.

Robert Moore asked the Committee for an update to the August 22, 2025, hazardous materials incident at Smitty’s Supply in Roseland, LA. Chairman Porter deferred to Jerry Lang. Lang provided a brief update on on-going Federal and state investigative and mitigation efforts. A discussion on potential training/preparedness needs to bolster response efforts in future incidents followed.

Chairman Porter then asked for a motion to approve the next LERC meeting on March 11, 2026. Jerry Lang requested alternative scheduling to the second Wednesday – third month of each quarter for future LERC meetings. A brief discussion followed with Morrison asking LERC members to provide alternative scheduling prior to the next meeting. A motion to accept the

March 11, 2026, meeting date was then made by Travis Perrilloux and seconded by Chris Adams. Motion passed without opposition.

Finally, Porter asked for a motion to adjourn – motion made by Robert Moore and seconded by Chris Adams. Motion passed without opposition. Meeting adjourned.