

Louisiana Emergency Response Commission
June 10, 2026
Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Commission (LERC) was called to order at 1001 hours on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 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
Marty Bienvenu – PRESENT
Jason Tastet – PRESENT
Dustin Kleinpeter – PRESENT
Philip Taylor – PRESENT
Dawson Primes – PRESENT
Travis Perrilloux – PRESENT
Robert Moore – PRESENT
Rodger McConnell – PRESENT
Public Service Commission District 2 – n/a
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.

Chairman Porter next asked Committee members to review the minutes from the March 11, 2026, meeting. Once members reviewed the minutes, a motion to approve was made by Robert Moore and seconded by Rodger McConnell. Motion passed without opposition.

Moving on to ‘Old Business’, Chairman Porter asked Morrison to update the Commission on the existing vacancies to the LERC. Morrison stated that the Office of Boards and Commissions was working with Commission nominees to complete the appointment process. Morrison introduced Rueben Auter, LMTA nominee, and new LOSCO appointee, Marty Bienvenu, to the Commission. Chairman Porter then asked Auter and Bienvenu to introduce themselves to the Commission.

Next Chairman Porter asked Commission members for volunteers to serve as chairpersons for the standing subcommittees:

Long-Range Planning Committee – LERC Chair and three subcommittee chairs

LEPC Service Committee Chair – Dawson Primes

Public Information Chair – Christopher Adams

Training Committee Chair – Dustin Kleinpeter

The Chair also asked for volunteers to serve on these subcommittees by contacting the subcommittee chairs.

Morrison then provided an update to the Commission regarding the new LERC website and asked members to offer content recommendations.

Under ‘New Business’, Chairman Porter asked the Commission to review the newly revised by-laws and stated that a vote to accept the revisions would take place during the Q3 meeting. He further stated that LOSCO was recently added as a member agency and therefore added to the by-laws. Mark Ward offered a motion to accept the revision to the by-laws. Seconded by Chris Adams. Motion passed without opposition.

Next, Chairman Porter asked the members to review the following new LEPC appointments:

i. Calcasieu

1. Joseph Lewis, (Westlake Police Department)

ii. Rapides

1. Jeff Michiels (Rapides 911)
2. Sherry Ledington (Rapides 911)
3. Greg Timberlake (Rapides Parish SO)
4. James Rougeou (LSP)
5. Craig Smith (Rapides Parish Police Jury)
6. Lizzie Felter (Alexandria City Council)
7. Callie Bates (LA PSC)
8. Jessica Trichel (Pafford EMS)
9. Mary Tarver (Christus St. Francis Cabrini)
10. Patricia White (LA Dept. of Health)
11. Steven Blackwell (Proctor & Gamble)
12. Joey Montalvo (LA DOTD)
13. Nick Mikulas (Cenla Weather)
14. Destini Kirkland (American Red Cross)
15. Dylan Derbonne (Alexandria Fire Dept.)
16. Joe Hamner (Town of Bell)
17. Ryan Spiller (LA State Fire Marshall)
18. Roy Rachal (Rapides Parish School Board)
19. Michele Keys (Hexion)
20. Brian K. Johnson (Boardwalk Pipelines)

21. Berrett Dezendorf (COA Water)
22. Tripp Dungan (Cleco)
23. Bobby Byrd (Roy O Martin)

Robert Moore offered motions to accept the new appointments; seconded by Jerry Lang. Motions passed without opposition.

Next under New Business, the Chair asked the Commission to review the Iberia Parish LEPC by-laws. Dawson Primes made a motion to approve the by-laws. Seconded by Robert Moore. Motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Porter next asked if anyone in attendance had any comments for the Commission. Ronald and Nancy Tower each briefed the Commission regarding concerns about the Calcasieu Parish LEPC and provided documents as supplements to their comments.

Chairman Porter then announced that the next LERC meeting will be held on June 10, 2026. Porter asked for a motion to approve this date. Motion made by Robert Moore and seconded by Mark Ward.

Porter then asked for a motion to adjourn – motion made by Travis Perriloux and seconded by Chris Adams. Motion passed without opposition. Meeting adjourned.