

Louisiana Emergency Response Commission
September 10, 2025
Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Louisiana Emergency Response Commission (LERC) was called to order at 1005 hours on Wednesday, September 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
Jason Mahfouz – PRESENT
Christopher Adams – PRESENT
Jason Tastet – PRESENT
Dustin Kleinpeter – PRESENT
Philip Taylor – PRESENT
Dawson Primes – ABSENT
Terry Guidry – PRESENT
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 12 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 May 14, 2025, meeting. Once members reviewed the minutes, a motion to approve was made by Terry Guidry and seconded by Jerry Lang. Motion passed without opposition.

Moving on to ‘Old Business’, Chairman Porter discussed existing vacancies to the LERC.

- JML-24-121 erroneously identified the ‘Louisiana Motor Transportation Commission’ – this needs to be amended to the “Louisiana Motor Transport Association’

- ‘Environmental Interests’ and ‘Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association’ – the Chair asked LERC members to help identify individuals who may be willing to serve on the Commission.

Under ‘New Business’, Chairman Porter provided Committee members with a copy of existing LERC bylaws and a set of proposed revisions. The Chair asked members to review these proposed revisions prior to the 4th Quarter meeting. Chairman Porter stated his intention to hold a discussion and vote on the proposed changes at the 4th Quarter meeting. The members were also encouraged to submit additional changes for discussion to Morrison prior to the 4th Quarter meeting.

Chairman Porter then held a discussion regarding the existing standing committees. Morrison proposed reducing the overall number of committees by combining responsibilities. Morrison further offered the need to clearly define the roles and responsibilities of each committee in the bylaws.

Porter then asked Morrison to provide an update regarding the LERC website. Morrison explained that because the website is positioned on an older platform any revisions required action on the part of the Office of Technology Services (OTS). Morrison further explained that a transition was underway that would allow such revisions to be made directly by LERC personnel. A brief discussion followed.

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

Jessica Vincent - Calcasieu LEPC

Eric Jones – Winn LEPC

Jason Tastet made a motion to accept the new appointments; motion was seconded by Travis Perrilloux. Motion passed without opposition.

At the request of Chairman Porter, Chris Adams next provided an update on the hazardous materials incident at Smitty’s Supply in Roseland, LA. A brief discussion among Committee members followed.

Chairman Porter next asked members for any New Business items. None offered for consideration.

Chairman Porter then asked for a motion to hold the next LERC meeting on December 10, 2025. Motion to accept this meeting date made by Jerry Lange and seconded by Chris Adams. Motion passed without opposition.

Finally, Travis Perrilloux made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Robert Moore. Motion passed without opposition. Meeting adjourned.

