



# 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

June 17, 2022

- 1) Call to Order: Vice-Chairman Ryan Brown at 9:08 a.m.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call

Commissioner Name		Commissioner Name	
Christopher Willoughby, MD	Absent	Meghan Marino, MD	Absent
Ryan Brown, Vice Chair	Present	Adam Oliver	Present
Christopher Mixon, Secretary	Absent	Navdeep Samra, MD	Virtual
Tammy Gray	Present	Scott Thames, MD	Present
Toby Henry	Present	Jeffrey Watson	Present
Brandon Lee	Absent	Tracy Wold	Present
		Quorum	Yes

### Bureau of Emergency Medical Services Staff

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

### 4) Approval of Minutes

The April 29, 2022 regular meeting minutes were approved with reading waived. Motion made by Jeff Watson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tracy Wold. Motion carried unanimously.

### 5) Formal Disciplinary Proceedings

Name	Violation (VERIFY VIOLATIONS)	Action
Seth Breaux	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §305 (A)(2) Has a pending criminal charge that involves any violence or danger to another person, or involves a crime which constitutes a threat to patient care.</li> <li>• R.S. 40: 1133.7 (13) Is guilty of moral turpitude.</li> <li>• R.S. 40: 1133.7 (9) Unprofessional conduct.</li> </ul>	Did not appear

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §503 (D)(3)(c) Failure to utilize appropriate judgment.</li> <li>• LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §503 (D)(9) Has violated any provision of Subpart 1. Rules of Procedure of LAC Title 46, Part XXXVIII.</li> <li>• R.S. 40: 1133.7. (3) Is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause.</li> </ul>	
<p>Kayla Livingston</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §503 (D)(3)(r) Failure to cooperate with the commission or bureau by (i) not furnishing in writing a full and complete explanation covering a matter requested in writing by the commission or bureau; or (ii) not responding to subpoenas issued by the commission in connection with any investigation or hearing.</li> <li>• R.S. 40: 1133.7 (9) Unprofessional conduct.</li> <li>• LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §503 (D)(3)(c) Failure to utilize appropriate judgment.</li> <li>• LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §503 (D)(9) Has violated any provision of Subpart 1. Rules of Procedure of LAC Title 46, Part XXXVIII.</li> <li>• R.S. 40: 1133.7. (3) Is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause.</li> </ul>	<p>Did not appear. Revocation of the license</p>
<p>Thomas Hill</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §305 (A)(2) Has a pending criminal charge that involves any violence or danger to another person, or involves a crime which constitutes a threat to patient care.</li> <li>• R.S. 40:1133.7 (2) Conviction of a crime or offense which reflects the inability of an emergency medical services practitioner to provide emergency medical services with due regard for the health and safety of clients or patients or enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a criminal charge regardless of final disposition of the criminal proceeding, including but not limited to expungement or nonadjudication.</li> <li>• LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §303 (A)(1) Knowingly falsifies any documents submitted to the bureau, commission or the EMS educational facility.</li> <li>• R.S. 40: 1133.7 (4) Is habitually intemperate in the use of or abuses alcohol or habit-forming drugs.</li> <li>• R.S. 40: 1133.7 (9) Unprofessional conduct.</li> <li>• R.S. 40: 1133.7 (3) Is unfit or incompetent by reason</li> </ul>	<p>Decision: Fine of \$500 for each falsification offense with \$1400 suspended for a fine of \$100.00. Must upload quarterly reports to the IMS a letter of good standing from drug court and probation until drug court is finished with initial expiration date of March 31, 2025. Cannot drive an ambulance while on probation.</p>

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Mika McCauley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R.S. 40: 1133.7 (13) Is guilty of moral turpitude.</li> <li>• R.S. 40: 1133.7 (9) Unprofessional conduct.</li> <li>• R.S. 40: 1133.10 (8) Knowingly aid or abet another person in the violation of this Part</li> <li>• R.S. 40: 1133.7 (3) Is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause.</li> <li>• LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §503 (D)(9) Has violated any provision of Subpart 1. Rules of Procedure of LAC Title 46, Part XXXVIII.</li> </ul>	Decision: Fine of \$50.00 within 90 days.
Makena Rattan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §503 (D)(3)(g) Performing duties and assuming responsibilities within the scope of the definition of EMS practice when competency has not been achieved or maintained, or where competency has not been achieved or maintained in a particular specialty.</li> <li>• R.S. 40: 1133.10 (8) Knowingly aid or abet another person in the violation of this Part</li> <li>• R.S. 40: 1133.7 (9) Unprofessional conduct.</li> <li>• R.S. 40: 1133.7 (3) Is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause.</li> <li>• LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §503 (D)(9) Has violated any provision of Subpart 1. Rules of Procedure of LAC Title 46, Part XXXVIII.</li> </ul>	Decision: \$50.00 fine within 90 days

6) **Public Comment:** Dr. Elder addressed the Commission and thanked everyone for the work they have done and are continuing to do. He thanked Susan Bailey and Stacy Barbay for their work they for the Commission and the Bureau of EMS. Dr. Kuo also addressed the Commission and was thankful for the opportunity to serve.

7) **Recurring Business**

- a) EMS Practitioner Disciplinary Review of Decisions: Reviewed and approved. Jeff Watson; 2<sup>nd</sup> Toby Henry to approve the decisions.
- b) Scope of Practice: No items discussed.

8) **Old Business**

- a) Public Record Requests for EMS Practitioner Data: No update.
- b) Substance Abuse/PTSD Treatment Programs Work Group Report: Commissioner Watson: No update. Commissioner Sellers term has expired therefore another Commissioner will need to be added to the work group.

- c) Driver to EMT Transition: Director Bailey updated on the passage of HB 505 Ambulance Operator legislation. The Bureau of EMS is awaiting additional information regarding the implementation date of the bill. The Bureau has requested a quote from the IMS vendor to add this certification to its existing licensing system. The opportunity to opt out of the practitioner contact information being included in public requests will also be added at this time.
  - d) Federal and State Criminal Background Checks: No updates
  - e) Commissioner Appointments and Terms:
    - i) Louisiana State Medical Society: Dr. Scott Thames appointed on 05/04/22 for a 3 year term.
    - ii) American College of Surgeons: Dr. Navdeep Samra was appointed on 06/07/22 for a 3 year term.
    - iii) Professional Firefighters Association of Louisiana: Brandon Lee was appointed on 06/07/22 for a 3 year term.
    - iv) American College of Emergency Physicians: Dr. Christopher Willoughby was appointed 06/14/22 for a 3 year term.
    - v) New appointments for the EMT, Paramedic, Public Administrator and Private Administrator seats have not been received yet.
  - f) EMS Task Force Subcommittee: Mobile Integrated Health Regulation: Ryan Brown reported the subcommittee is working on the recommendation to the EMS Task Force as to whether the Bureau of EMS should have oversight and regulation over this market.
  - g) Election of Officers:
    - i) Chair: Ryan Brown (Adam Oliver motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff Watson) motion passed unanimously;
    - ii) Vice-Chair: Scott Thames (Jeff Watson motion , 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam Oliver) motion passed unanimously;
    - iii) Secretary: Adam Oliver (Jeff Watson motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tracy Wold) motion passes unanimously.
- 1) New Business**
- a) Progression for Fine Non-Compliance – After 90 days, the fine is doubled and an additional 30 to pay the fine. If fines are still not paid after additional 30 days, the practitioner license will be suspended. Notification will be sent to the affiliated agency director(s) and medical director(s) as well as the mandatory reporting to NREMT, National Practitioner Data Bank and the National EMS Compact Data Base Jeff Watson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tammy. Motion carried unanimously.
  - b) Reminder: Commissioners need to complete the
- 2) Next Meeting: August 19, 2022**
- 3) Adjournment:** Motion made by Jeff Watson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tracy Wold, carried unanimously to adjourn at 12:40 p.m.