



State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health

Office of Public Health

Emergency Medical Services Commission

Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2024

1) **Call to Order:** Chair Otha Colbert Shamburg called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

3) **Roll Call**

Commissioner Name		Commissioner Name	
Otha Henry Schamburg, Chair <i>Public EMS Agency</i>	Present	<i>Brandon Lee</i> <i>Professional Firefighters Association</i>	Present
Scott Thames, M.D., Vice Chair <i>Louisiana State Medical Society</i>	Present	<i>Casey McBeath</i> <i>Private EMS Agency</i>	Absent
<i>Carl Flores</i> <i>Paramedic</i>	Present	<i>Meg Marino, M.D.</i> <i>American Academy of Pediatrics</i>	Present
<i>Toby Henry</i> <i>Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association</i>	Absent	<i>Navdeep Samra, M.D.</i> <i>American College of Surgeons</i>	Absent
<i>Kirk LaCour</i> <i>Louisiana Municipal Association</i>	Present	Christopher Willoughby, M.D. <i>American College of Emergency Physicians</i>	Present
<i>Vacant</i> <i>Emergency Medical Technicians</i>		<i>Vacant</i> <i>Louisiana State Nurses Association/</i> <i>Emergency Nurses Association</i>	
		Quorum	Yes

Bureau of Emergency Medical Services Staff

Susan Bailey, Director	Present
Stacy Barbay, Deputy Director, Commission Facilitator	Present
David McKay, Bureau of Legal Services	Present
Carlesia Bibbins, Bureau of Legal Services	Present

4) **Public Comment:** None

5) **Approval of Minutes**

The April 05, 2024 meeting minutes were approved with reading waived. Motion made Carl Flores by and 2nd by Brandon Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

6) **Formal Disciplinary Hearings**

Name	Violations	Action
Mar'quan Culbert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(3) - unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause. • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(9) - unprofessional conduct. • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(13) - guilty of moral turpitude. • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(14) - has violated any rules and regulations of the commission or the bureau or any provision of this Part. • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(15) - intentional falsification of any document related to license, emergency medical services education, or related to the care of the patient. • LAC Tit. 46. XXXVIII §505.D.4 - exhibiting incompetency or unfitness by reason of negligence, habit or other cause • LAC Tit. 46. XXXVIII §505.D.10 – exhibiting unprofessional conduct • LAC Tit. 46. XXXVIII §505.D.14 - being guilty of moral turpitude • LAC Tit. 46. XXXVIII §503.D.15 - violating or failing to conform to any requirement or provision of this Part; and • LAC Tit. 46. XXXVIII §505.D.16 – intentionally falsifying any document related to license, emergency medical 	<p>Kirk Lacour made a motion to move forward in the absence of the respondent. 2nd by Meg Marino. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Motion by: Carl Flores Second by: Meg Marino Abstention: None Passed unanimously</p> <p>Decision: Probation through 3/31/2028, \$50.00 fine to be paid within 90 of letter of determination.</p>

	<p>services education, or related to the care of the patient.</p> <p><u>*Definition of Terms applicable to the above noted violations pursuant to statute and/or rules:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• La. R.S. 40:1131(20): “Moral turpitude” means an act of baseness, vileness, or depravity in the duties which one person owes another, or to society in general, which is contrary to the usual, accepted, and customary rule of right and duty which a person should follow.• LAC Tit. 46. XXXVIII §501 (Definition of Terms):<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Moral Turpitude</i>— an act of baseness, vileness, or depravity in the duties which one person owes to another, or to society in general, which is contrary to the usual, accepted, and customary rule of right and duty which a person should follow.○ <i>Other Causes</i>— includes, but is not limited to (emphasis added):<ul style="list-style-type: none">...c. failure to utilize appropriate judgment;...j. falsifying records or documents, including patient records or any records or documents provided to the commission, the bureau, or any other any governmental or regulatory agency;...p. inappropriate, incomplete or improper documentation;...○ <i>Unfit or Incompetent</i>— unsuitable.	
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<p>Ryan Satterberg</p>		<p>Agreement to a settlement hearing due to lack of quorum</p> <p>Motion by: Brandon Lee Second by: Carl Flores Abstention: Meg Marino</p> <p>Decision: Suspend 60 days then reduction credential from Paramedic to EMT until April 1, 2025 after success completion of required NREMT recertification continuing education and successful competition of the NREMT computer adaptive exam at the paramedic level during the 2023-2025 recertification cycle. Paramedic license will be granted on April 1 2025 and them one cycle of probation until 3/31/2027.</p>
<p>Andrew Landry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(3) - unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause. • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(8) - Professional or medical incompetency. • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(9) - unprofessional conduct. • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(12) - Has had a certification or license to practice as an emergency medical services practitioner or to practice as another health care provider denied, revoked, suspended, or otherwise restricted. • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(13) - guilty of moral turpitude. • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(14) - has violated any rules and regulations of the commission or 	<p>Respondent failed to appear.</p> <p>Motion by: Brandon Lee Second by: Carl Flores Abstention: None</p> <p>Decision: Extend summary suspension, must appear at next meeting.</p>

	<p>the bureau or any provision of this Part.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAC Title 46.XXXVIII §505.D.4 - exhibiting incompetency or unfitness by reason of negligence, habit or other cause • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505.D.9 - exhibiting professional or medical incompetence • abandoning a patient; • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505.D.13. - has had a certification or license to practice as an emergency medical services practitioner or to practice as another health care provider denied, revokes, suspended or otherwise restricted; • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505.D.14 - being guilty of moral turpitude • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505.D.15 - violating or failing to conform to any requirement or provision of this Part <p><u>*Definition of Terms applicable to the above noted violations pursuant to statute and/or rules:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §501.A (Definition of Terms): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Moral Turpitude</i>— an act, which is dishonest, or contrary to good morals. ○ <i>Other Causes</i>— includes, but is not limited to (emphasis added): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... c. failure to utilize appropriate judgment; ... ○ <i>Unfit or Incompetent</i>— unsuitable. 	
<p>Graham Porter</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(3) - unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause. 	<p>Respondent failed to appear.</p> <p>Motion by: Brandon Lee</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(9) - unprofessional conduct. • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(13) - guilty of moral turpitude. • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(14) - has violated any rules and regulations of the commission or the bureau or any provision of this Part. • LAC Title 46.XXXVIII §505.D.4 - exhibiting incompetency or unfitness by reason of negligence, habit or other cause. • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505.D.14 - being guilty of moral turpitude. • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505.D.15 - violating or failing to conform to any requirement or provision of this Part. <p><u>*Definition of Terms applicable to the above noted violations pursuant to statute and/or rules:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §501.A (Definition of Terms): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Moral Turpitude</i>— an act, which is dishonest, or contrary to good morals. ○ <i>Other Causes</i>— includes, but is not limited to (emphasis added): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... c. failure to utilize appropriate judgment; ... ○ <i>Unfit or Incompetent</i>— unsuitable. 	<p>Second by: Carl Flores Abstention: None</p> <p>Decision: Extend summary suspension, must appear at next meeting.</p>
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7) **Recurring Business**

a) EMS Practitioner Disciplinary Ratification of Decisions

Rosalinda Augello	Nicholas Leblanc
Adam Ballard	Jacob Linton
Tristan Blackmon	Jeremy Martinzez
Anthony Campbell	Nicholas McAlister
Luther Casner	Jody McMaster

Benjamin Chauvin	Steve Newman
Dan Cotten, Jr	Drew Nichols
Bridget Curtis	Christopher Nicosia
Donovan David	Pricilla Phenix
Jarod Dehner	Kirby Plaisance
Cassandra Elmore	Graham Porter
RJ Eugin, Jr	Brandon Reeves
Daniel Fernandez	Remson, Garrett
Dimitri Frazier	Yolanda Robinson
Brittany Friday	Michael Rush
Tammy Gaudet	Jacob Saizan
Addison Gotte	Patrick Sauls
Lee Gurganious	Stephen Seal
Amanda Hallford	Scottie Seymore
Sylvester Harrison	Michael Sides
Adam Haydel	Shawn Simmons
Dylan Hermann	Cameron Speaks
Latasha Hodges	William Spencer
Ja"Nyah Houston	Keenan Spicer
Jeffery Huffman	Taw Sullivan
Bria Hunt	Edward Sumpter
Dante Iovenitti	Rance Taylor
Marcus Jones	Gage Thibodeaux
Jarred Knight	Brandon Umbarger
Cory Kowarch	James Welch
Arzen Kraemer	Hugh White
Jeffrey Landrum	Tori Worrall
Adam Landry	Theodore Wyshel
Andrew Landry	Graham Young
Lacey Lavespere	

Motion to ratify these determinations made by Kirk Lacour and 2nd by Carl Flores.
 Motion carried unanimously.

b) **Scope of Practice:**

- i) Paramedics Administration of Buprenorphine Sublingually – Request by Richard Belle
 - (1) Meg Marino made a motion to add SL buprenorphine to the Paramedic scope of practice. 2nd by Kirk Lacour. Motion carried unanimously.
- ii) Nurses Precepting Paramedics in In-Hospital Practice – Request by Missy Mollere
 - (1) Only clarification was sought.
- iii) Inhaled Isopropyl Alcohol – Requested by Jeffrey Anderson

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- (1) Requested that this be added to the scope of practice to all levels of EMS Practitioners
- (2) This is not a scope of practice issue. It can be taught and used as a “trick of the trade”

8) Old Business

- a) Substance Abuse/PTSD Treatment Programs Workgroup
 - i) Chad Major willing to assist in any way possible
- b) Critical Care Transport Workgroup
 - i) Working on developing a Scope of Practice

9) Next Meeting: August 23, 2024

10) Adjournment: Motion by: Brandon Lee. Second by: Carl Flores. Passed unanimously.